



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HEADS UP!

We are HAPPY – HARI

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus
like Saint Mary MacKillop and

"Find happiness in making others happy."

I am thankful for the happiness I feel inside and the gifts God has given me. I choose ways to make others happy. I enjoy my work and play.

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" John 15:11-12
Jesus' Last Supper discourse to his Disciples (John, Chapters 13-17)*

Friday 1st August

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

St Ignatius Feast day

Yesterday we celebrated the feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola who our school is named after. The Junior Joeys led a special liturgy with a focus on, 'Finding God in All Things'.

St Ignatius of Loyola was the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He developed the Examen as part of his "Spiritual Exercises". The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us. Very much a special form of mindfulness from over 400 years ago! Check it out here:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/how-can-i-pray/>



Thinking of Exploring the Catholic Faith?

Our first enquiry session for those who would like to become Catholic is 28th August,
7:15pm at St Ignatius Parish Centre.

For further information and to register please contact our Pastoral Coordinator Gina
at sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

OUR LEARNING

Gymnastics

On Monday our gymnastics teams competed at the Eastern Primary Schools' Artistic Gymnastics Qualifying Competition.

They had an awesome day and congratulations to all who took part who demonstrated beautifully executed skills across all apparatus and amazing team spirit and encouragement for each other as well as fellow competitors from other schools. Every performance is a learning opportunity, and we are proud of the effort, determination, and resilience shown by every single one of our gymnasts.

Big thanks to all the parent helpers, whether that was assisting at trainings, helping with transport or being a team manager at the competition. Extra special thanks to Kimberley Waters for her amazing overall organisation and management skills and making sure the teams were fully prepared to compete to the best of their ability.

PLACINGS

Y3 Boys Individuals

1st Hudson Hyslop

Y3 Girls Individuals

2nd Paige Webb-Higgs

4th Mila McLauchlan

7th Isabelle Burt

Y3 Girls Teams

1st Paige, Mila, Issy & Penny Sullivan

Y4 Boys Individuals

2nd Malyx Cupples

3rd Leon Spoeth-Watson

4th Jake Halla

5th Kingston Hyslop

6th Bastian Putty

7th Tom Sherry

8th Wesley Spence

Y4 Boys Teams

1st Malyx, Leon, Jake & Kingston

2nd Bastian, Tom, Wesley & Leo Sutton

Y5 Boys Individuals

3rd Toby Waters

5th Luca Barden

Y6 Boys Individuals

1st Diego Carrasco

2nd Antoni Spoeth-Watson

3rd Luciano Carrasco

4th Theodoros Compton

5th Cole Swann

Y6 Boys Teams

1st Diego, Antoni, Luciano & Theodoros

Year 6 Girls Individuals

4th Amber Murphy

6th Imogen Howley-Rouse

Year 6 Girls Teams

2nd Amber, Imogen, Sophia Carrasco & Laurel Will.

These children will now go on to the Auckland Primary Schools Gymnastics Champions of Champions held **THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2025** at Tristar.

Cross Country

It was great to come together as a whole school today for our Cross Country. We were blessed with perfect weather for running. Wonderful to see the camaraderie amongst our tamariki, especially the many brothers and sisters across the school. I know students can be nervous and find this day challenging, my own were! There is so much learning going on - how to harness the nerves and enjoy the experience, setting realistic goals for yourself, preparing properly, managing your behaviour outside of the classroom and doing your personal best. This is how tamariki build confidence and resilience by stretching themselves. Thank you for the encouragement offered to all our students, it was heartening - whether to the winner or the finisher!

Thank you to all our fantastic parent helpers for supporting us to make this a memorable school experience for everyone!

Our results are attached. The top 8 Year 4-6 students qualify to run again at Bay Suburbs Cross Country (info sent Monday) and later in the term the top 5 Year 3-6 students qualify to run at the Catholic Schools Cross Country (we are defending Champions!).

Tony Peck - teacher in charge of sport





OUR PLACE

School Board Elections 2025

This is a reminder that nominations are currently open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the St Ignatius School Board.

Schooled ElectionPilot have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election.

You should have already been sent a nomination form by email or by post however, if you need additional nomination forms, or forms in Te Reo Māori or a different language, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Nominations close at noon on **Wednesday 6 August 2025**. Nominations can be submitted by email, through the Election Pilot system at www.electionpilot.nz or by returning the completed nomination form to the school office. You may provide a candidate statement and photograph with your nomination (recommended).

The electoral roll is held at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.



Enrolments for 2026

We are currently processing enrolments for children starting school in 2026. The forms can be downloaded from the website www.stignatius.school.nz or can be collected from the school office at 72 Speight Rd. If you are aware of friends or family whose children turn 5 next year, please encourage them to complete the enrolment and preference forms on time. This assists us with our forward planning for 2026.

Applications close on 31st August and acceptance letters go out in September.

Preference Forms

Fr Bernard is available to sign Preference forms on Friday mornings. Please email office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz first to let him know you're coming.

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome

This week we welcomed Elias and his whānau to our school. Elias has joined Year 1 in Mahaki learning space.

Friends and Family Move-a-thon fundraiser

Only a few more days left to raise funds for our school. The website will stay active until **Monday 4 August, 12pm**.

Well done to all the students who joined a group fitness class for this year's Move-A-Thon. Excellent behaviour, positive attitude to the new skills they were learning and it was great to see a keen interest to this new addition to the fundraiser with over 100 students signing up to each class.

A huge thank you to the students and families who have registered online and made efforts to get as many donations as they can. It is all for a good cause and for the benefit of our tamariki, so thanks heaps!

Key points:

- You can still register online and get a few donations in this weekend. Please refer to past email communications for the link.
 - We have **1x Kookaburra cricket bat set** to giveaway to the student who raises the most money. We have one student in the lead who has raised over \$500!
 - Ohaoha is currently first place on the **Averaged Leaderboard** followed by Rongo and Pai, who has knocked off Atawhai (Mrs Singh) in third place. Will this change by Monday?
 - Last year we raised \$7,607. Can we make it to \$8,000?
- Good luck!

St Ignatius School, Friends & Family

The last group fitness session with the team from the Warriors was a great success. Ngā mihi nui to all involved!



Have a great weekend everyone
Kia pai ō rā whakatā

Jane Penney
Principal – Tumuaki

OUR CALENDAR

**Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website
<https://www.stignatius.school.nz/>**

TERM 3, 2025

Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu - Years 2 & 5

<i>Monday 4th August</i>	Plastic Free lunch day
<i>Monday 4th August</i>	Last day for Move-A-Thon donations
<i>Wednesday 6th August</i>	Nominations for School Board close
<i>Wednesday 6th August</i>	Feast of the Transfiguration
<i>Thursday 7th August</i>	School Board meeting 7pm
<i>Friday 8th August</i>	St Mary MacKillop Feast Day
<i>Friday 8th August</i>	Whole School Assembly 9am

Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0,1 & 4

<i>Monday 11th August</i>	Plastic Free lunch day
<i>Tuesday 12th August</i>	Bay Suburbs Cross Country
<i>Thursday 14th August</i>	School closed from 12pm due to staff attending conference offsite
<i>Friday 15th August</i>	Feast of the Assumption

Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6

Tongan Language Week

<i>Monday 18th August</i>	Plastic Free Monday
<i>Wednesday 20th August</i>	Rangitoto Hapu Mass (Year 2 & 5) 9am
<i>Friday 22nd August</i>	School Discos

Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu - Years 2 & 5

Cultural Week

<i>Monday 25th August</i>	Plastic Free Monday
<i>Wednesday 27th August</i>	Whole School Mass for Cultural Week TBC
<i>Friday 29th August</i>	Waihanga Learning Community Assembly 9am
<i>Friday 29th August</i>	Shared Lunch for Cultural Week

2025 Term dates:

Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4 Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

2026 Term dates:

Term 1 Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April

Term 2 Monday 20 April – Friday July 3rd

Term 3 Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term 4 Monday October 12th -TBC

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2025 St Ignatius Catholic school Cross Country Results: 1st - 10th

to be recorded for Year 4, 5 and 6. Teams of top 8 eligible for Bay Suburbs Cross Country (Tuesday 12/8) & top 5 eligible Catholic schools Cross Country (Wednesday 10/9). More information will be sent separately regarding Bay Suburbs & Catholic schools events.

1st - 5th to be recorded for Year 3. Top 5 eligible for Catholic schools Cross

Country **1st - 3rd** to be recorded for Year 0-2.

Year 6 GIRLS	
1st	Rosie Richardson
2nd	Xanthe Hosford
3rd	Elise Dardis
4th	Olivia Rodriguez
5th	Bella Meng
6th	Amber Murphy
7th	Emily Wright
8th	Nancy Jackson

9th	Esme Dunningham
10th	Zoe Sorenson

Year 6 BOYS	
1st	Cole Swann
2nd	Theodoros Compton
3rd	Antoni Spoeth-Watson
4th	Ben Morris
5th	Diego Carrasco Olea
6th	Luciano Carrasco Olea
7th	Elai Koppens
8th	Louie Brown
9th	Flynn Webb-Higgs
10th	Ethan Ho

Year 5 GIRLS	
1st	Caitlin Gustofsen
2nd	Elodie Mearns
3rd	Penny Dardis
4th	Lulu Paris

5th	Ruby Kate Lynch
6th	Frankie Pagano
7th	Anabella Gutierrez
8th	Abigail Hume
9th	Michelle Thumbawila
10th	Jaīme Campbell

Year 5 BOYS	
1st	Tom Burt
2nd	Dylan Hayden
3rd	Aidan Stewart
4th	Oscar Lynch
5th	Mateus Nidea
6th	George Piper
7th	Jonah Douglas-Jones
8th	Joshua Hibbert
9th	George Dallimore
10th	Toby Waters

Year 4 GIRLS	
1st	Millie Richardson
2nd	Charlotte Verryt
3rd	Sophie Piper
4th	Ruby Jackson
5th	Molly Rhodes
6th	Riley Brown
7th	Chloe Silva Greenwood
8th	Grace McInally
9th	Leah Lee
10th	Seybal Sheikh

Year 4 BOYS	
1st	Kingston Hyslop
2nd	Tomas Rodriguez
3rd	Jake Halla
4th	Daniel Smith Pico
5th	Alfie Cheung
6th	Bastian Putty

7th	Hayden Watson
8th	Wesley Spence
9th	Mihali Compton
10th	Leo Sutton

Year 3 GIRLS	
1st	Paige Webb-Higgs
2nd	Isabelle Burt
3rd	Cameron Taiatini
4th	Penny Sullivan
5th	Tahira Fisher-Harris

Year 3 BOYS	
1st	Hudson Hyslop
2nd	Ollie Tullet
3rd	Theo Dallimore
4th	Ben Sharp
5th	Otto Graaf

Year 2 GIRLS	
1st	Anastasia Coll
2nd	Lucia Bueno Russell
3rd	Juliet Fitzgerald & 4th Holly Fitzgerald

Year 2 BOYS	
1st	Clark Ashby
2nd	Malakai Kamea
3rd	Timaé Jones

Year 1 GIRLS	
1st	Isla Woonton
2nd	Annabelle Watson
3rd	Frankie Hills

Year 1 BOYS	
1st	Karter Blackledge
2nd	Hunter Taumoepeau
3rd	Hugo Boswell

Year 0 GIRLS & BOYS (Boys and Girls run together)	
1st	Patrick Coll
2nd	Sebe Tait
3rd	Isla Simmers