



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 8th August

Kia orana

Happy St Mary MacKillop Feast Day!

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus begins his teaching by warning about the pitfalls of anxiety. Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms." Jesus has been teaching his disciples that they need to live lives completely dependent upon God. He has reminded them that since even the smallest things are beyond their control, they should not be anxious about anything. Their Father knows what they need. His disciples are to seek his kingdom and all these other things will be given to them as well.

Jesus then tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet.

We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like. Watchfulness means living in such a consistent way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived and always being ready to respond to God's coming into our lives.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast day

As a school with a Josephite charism, today is very special for us. Our school culture is shaped by our charism which is drawn from the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred

Heart who were co-founded by Saint Mary MacKillop in 1866. Mary died on 8 August 1909 and her sisters went on to found many schools, including ours in 1927. She is the first Australasian saint and was canonized in 2010.

All our children learn about the life of St Mary MacKillop and some of her enduring quotes which are connected to our school values:

- 'Never see a need without doing something about it' – Generosity
- 'Be gentle and kind to one another' – Respect
- 'Do all we can to assist and love one another' – Responsibility
- 'Find happiness in making others happy' - Happiness

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

Sport

Parental help is still needed for **Bay Suburbs Cross Country** please. Mr Peck has had two volunteers and needs 2-4 more to manage the students please. If you intend to be down there watching, why not supervise a year group and get them to the start please?

Date: Tuesday 12th August 2025

Venue: Churchill Park School, Kinsale Ave, Glendowie

Time: 12.15 - 2:15pm (approximate)

Chess

A group of our chess players represented the school this week at the Central Auckland Interschool Primary chess competition. They each had 6 games and showed good sportsmanship and spirit. They demonstrated that they know the game and displayed good skill in strategy during play. They also enjoyed the interaction with players from other schools too.

A big thank you to Lawrence Goh for managing the teams and supporting them on the day.



Assembly

Today we held a special assembly to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was great to see some of the year 6 students using drama to share their learning about St Mary MacKillop with us all.

Congratulations to all the children who received their Celebration of Learning Certificates.



OUR PEOPLE

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Howley-Rouse family following the recent death of Hamish's dad and Imogen's poppa, Des Rouse.

OUR PLACE

School Board Elections 2025

Nominations have now closed for our School Board elections and as there were more nominations than positions available the election will be continuing to a vote.

The St Ignatius School Board received over 10 nominations for 5 parent representative vacancies when nominations closed at midday on Wednesday 6 August 2025 (We are still awaiting confirmation of final number from Election Pilot).

Thank you to those individuals who have put themselves forward for nomination.

Keep an eye out for voting information as this will be sent to all eligible voters no later than **Wednesday 13 August**. The voting packs will contain all the details on how to vote in the election as well as candidate statements and photos from the candidates that provided them.

The voting will close at **4pm on Wednesday 10 September** and the results will be available on **Tuesday 16 September**. The candidates who receive the most votes

will be elected to the board and the results will be shared with the candidates and our St Ignatius community.

VOTING PAPERS ISSUED Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION CLOSURES 4pm Wednesday 10 September
DECLARE RESULTS Tuesday 16 September
NEW BOARD TAKES OFFICE Wednesday 17 September
NEW BOARD INDUCTION 7pm Thursday 18 September

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Current Policy Reviews

This term we are reviewing the following policies:

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Safety Checking

If you would like to read these and provide feedback please visit www.schooldocs.co.nz or go to schooldocs on the @school app or www.schooldocs.co.nz

- Type in 'St Ignatius' to select the school from the drop down menu
- Enter the username: stignatius
- Enter the password: stheliers

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.

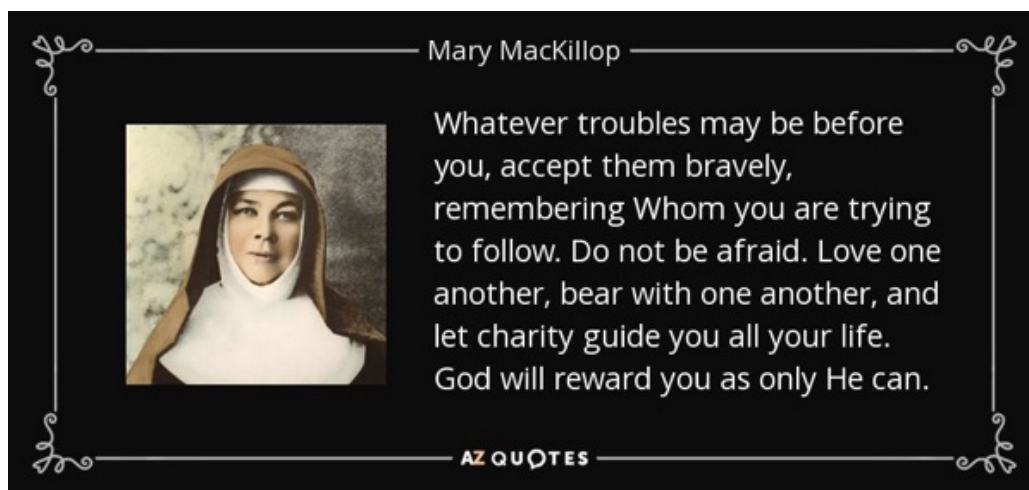
Applications close on 31st August and acceptance letters go out in September.

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.

Have a lovely 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/>

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

Monday 11 th August	Plastic Free lunch day
Tuesday 12 th August	Bay Suburbs Cross Country
Thursday 14 th August	School closed from 12pm due to staff attending conference offsite
Friday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption – Whole School Mass
Friday 15 th August	Friends and Family Pizza

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

Tongan Language Week

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

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

Cultural Week

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

Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0,1 & 4

Monday 1 September	Plastic Free Monday
Tuesday 2 nd September	Bay Suburbs Basketball
Wednesday 3 rd September	Catholic Schools Cross Country
Thursday 4 th September	Auckland Champion of Champions Gymnastics
Thursday 4 th September	School Board meeting
Friday 5 th September	Friends & Family Pizza

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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- 6** See the 'Fundraiser' tab on the website for more info

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FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

YEAR 0 – YEAR 3: 5:30PM to 6:30PM

YEAR 4 – YEAR 6: 7PM to 8PM

**\$15 PER TICKET
VIA MYKINDO APP**



**TUCK SHOP, POLAROID CAMERA STAND,
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Casual On-Call Uniform Shop Assistants at Sacred Heart College

If you are interested in being part of our on-call casual uniform shop assistants pool, we welcome your expression of interest. The “on call” requirement at present is to help in the Uniform Shop at the End of October and throughout November. There will be further opportunities at various times during the year.

Could you be interested be in this position:

Main responsibilities to include:

- Fitting and serving students and families for uniform needs
- Using the “Point of Sale” system
- Unpacking Stock and assisting with a full stock take
- Carrying out general administrative tasks as assigned by the Uniform Shop Manager
- Processing Online Shop Orders

The hours are flexible and can be discussed. We require someone with effective communication skills and the ability to work quickly and under pressure.

Please direct interest to Melody Dalziell on mdalziell@sacredheart.school.nz or pop in to see Mel Dalziell – Uniform Shop Manager.

Local Youth Ministers Wanted!

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland has launched a new initiative in 2025 to support young people on their faith journey. We are looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become full-time and part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Pastoral Coordinator St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral

The Cathedral wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Cathedral Dean to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes and assisting with Sunday morning Masses. Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential.

Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/