



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 22nd August

Mālō e lelei

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells us that we must strive to reach heaven. It is not easy!

Words of the Holy Father:

With these words, Jesus makes it clear that it is not a matter of numbers, there is no "limited number" in Paradise! Rather, it is a case of taking the right way from now, and this right way is *for everyone, but it is narrow*. This is the problem. Jesus does not want to give us false hopes by saying: "Yes, do not worry, it is easy, there is a beautiful highway with a large gate at the end". He does not say this. He tells us things as they truly are: the doorway is narrow. In what sense? In the sense that, in order to save oneself, one has to love God and neighbour, and this is uncomfortable! It is a "narrow doorway" because it is demanding. Love is always demanding. It requires commitment, indeed, "effort", that is, a determined and persevering willingness to live according to the Gospel. Saint Paul calls it "the good fight of the faith" (1 Tim 6:12). It takes a daily, all-day effort to love God and neighbour. (Angelus, 25 August 2019)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2022/08/21.html>

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

Tongan Language week

On Tuesday we were fortunate to have a number of Year 12 Tongan students from St Mary's College come and visit us for their āwhinatanga day. They spent time with the children helping them with their learning and teaching them some Tongan language.



Digital technologies

Please see poster at the end of Heads Up for a presentation by Jo Robertson next Monday evening at St Michael's, Remuera. If you are interested but can't make it check out the website <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.nz/>

Rehu Tai Speech Festival

Congratulations to Rosie Richardson who came 3rd equal place in the Rehu Tai Speech Festival held at St Kentigen School on Thursday. Her speech was on Microplastics and the impact they have on the whenua.



Sport

Reminder for Catholic Cross Country (Wednesday 3/9). Please reply to Mr Peck - tpeck@stignatius.school.nz if you can help as Team Manager or Course Marshal. We must provide 1 course marshal at the very least please.

Cultural Week Shared Lunch

Feedback from the students said this was the absolute highlight of Cultural week. The shared lunch will be in learning communities on **Friday 29th August at midday**. You are invited to either send food when your child comes to school or to deliver it to school around 11:30am. We welcome volunteers to help set up, then join the shared lunch. (if you can come in to help please email Mrs Barrington to let her know dbarrington@stignatius.school.nz)

All food must have an **ingredient list** so we can ensure it is safe to eat for those students with allergies.

Please also ensure your food does not contain any peanuts.

To be more environmentally responsible, instead of plates the children will be using their **own lunch boxes**. So please send in as usual (with perhaps their usual morning tea).

In previous years there's been an abundance of food. Please don't feel you need to make enough to feed a whole kaitiaki!

Children will be in school uniform on Friday as we'll be asking them to wear their cultural dress earlier in the week on Wednesday when we attend Mass and share our cultures in our Saints Teams.

If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you for your continued support.

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome

A big welcome to the following Year 0 children and their whānau who joined our school on Monday: Sophie Rush, Amelia Ramirez-Ingram and Ella Williams.

Staffing Updates

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Hannah Singh is expecting her first child later this year. We are very excited for her and her husband, Sumeet. Hannah is due to go on maternity leave part way through Term 4. When this happens, Ms Nicky De Lacy will step in to take responsibility for Hannah's kaitiaki until the end of the year.

During this time Mrs Megan Alexander will be acting team leader for Waihanga learning community.

We are in the process of interviewing for a new Assistant Principal/ SENCO and should be able to make an announcement about this role in the next couple of weeks.

Due to a large number of Y0 enrolments, we are opening a new entrant class in Manawanui learning space at the beginning of Term 4. Mrs Joan von Detten, who has relieved at our school for a number of years will be teaching this group of children for the term.

School Board Elections 2025 - Parent Representative Vacancies

A reminder to vote in the upcoming elections.

If you have any questions about the election process or have not received the voting information, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Don't leave voting to the last minute, because the parent representative elections close at **4pm on Wednesday 10 September**.

OUR PLACE

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.

Ofa kemou ma'u ha faka'osinga uike lelei
Have a lovely weekend everyone

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 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
<i>Friday 29th August</i>	Waihanga Learning Community Assembly 9am
<i>Friday 29th August</i>	Shared Lunch for Cultural Week
Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0,1 & 4	
<i>Monday 1 September</i>	Plastic Free Monday
<i>Tuesday 2nd September</i>	Bay Suburbs Basketball
<i>Wednesday 3rd September</i>	Catholic Schools Cross Country
<i>Thursday 4th September</i>	Auckland Champion of Champions Gymnastics
<i>Thursday 4th September</i>	Keeping Ourselves Safe parent evening
<i>Thursday 4th September</i>	School Board meeting
<i>Friday 5th September</i>	Friends & Family Pizza
Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6 Social Justice Week	
<i>Monday 8th September</i>	Plastic Free Monday
<i>Monday 8th September</i>	Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Gordon

Wednesday 10 th September	Child Cancer Foundation Wig Wednesday
Wednesday 10 th September	Board Election voting closes
Friday 12 th September	Cans for Christmas to be collected
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 2 nd February – Thursday 2 nd April Term 2 Monday 20 April – Friday July 3 rd Term 3 Monday 20 th July – Friday 25 th September Term 4 Monday October 12 th -TBC	



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Questions?

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St Ignatius School

October 8 - December 10

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info@baysidebaseball.co.nz



YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES



**Ages 4+
Boys and
Girls**



Ages 8-13+

MINORS (8-10)

MAJORS (10-12)

INTERMEDIATE (11-13)

- Suitable for first-timers and experienced
- Play on the real diamond but emphasis on fun and learning
- Interclub season against other Auckland teams + optional pathways for U12/13 to represent Auckland/NZ overseas
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