



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 29th August
Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Cultural Week Mass

On Wednesday we came together at mass to celebrate our diversity and all the different cultures that make up our school and parish.

Some of the children shared the following Prayers of the Faithful in their languages:

Tagalog:

Para sa sanlibutan, gabayan ang mga tinawag upang mamuno. Nawa'y lagi nilang taglayin ang pag-ibig. Kalingain silang nagdadala ng kapayapaan sa ibang bayan. Manalangin tayo sa Panginoon.

For the world, guide all those who are called to lead. May they carry love with them always. Protect those who carry peace to other nations.

French:

Pour les besoins de l'Église, inspire tous ceux qui dirigent et servent, en particulier à l'école Saint-Ignace et tous les prêtres. Qu'ils connaissent ta guidance et ta direction.
For the needs of the Church, inspire all those who lead and serve, especially at St Ignatius school and all priests.
May they know your guidance and direction.

Mandarin:

为 Mandarin 我们学校和牧区的每一位成员祈祷，愿我们欢迎、珍视、尊重并接纳新西兰所有人的传统和文化。

全体：主，请垂听我们的祷告

For everyone in our school and parish community that we welcome, value, respect and embrace all traditions and cultures of everyone in Aotearoa.

Samoan:

Mo latou e mamai, tuulafoaina, falepuipui ma fiaaai. Ia maua le tausiga ma alofaaga mai nisi

For everyone in our school and parish community that we welcome, value, respect and embrace all traditions and cultures of everyone in Aotearoa.

Portuguese:

Oramos pelas crianças de todos os lugares, que suas casas e escolas sejam lugares onde elas saiban que são amadas e cuidadas sempre

For those who are sick, lonely, imprisoned or hungry, that others will have care and compassion for them.

Spanish:

Por los fallecidos para que descansen en paz.
Consuela a quienes viven con dolor, sufren o se sienten solos.
Calma sus temores.

For those who have died, may they rest in peace.
Comfort those who live with grief, who are in pain or feel alone. Calm their fears.

Let us pray to the Lord
Lord, hear our prayer

Cans for Christmas

Thank you for all the cans that have been donated so far. St Vincent De Paul distributes these over the summer break and they help make a difference to those that struggle during this time.

OUR LEARNING

Cultural week highlights

What another wonderful week of celebrations in our school community!

The Mass was beautiful, and it was lovely to see so many children dressed in their cultural clothes with such pride. The students also had the opportunity to share their own heritage in their Saints Teams.

A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who generously gave up their time to share with our students. We're not sure who enjoys it more - the students or the teachers! This year, our students learned about a wide range of cultures, including Chinese, Fijian, Latvian, Malaysian, Māori, Samoan, Scottish, Tongan, Russian, and Welsh. The children absolutely love it when their families come in to share, so please consider joining us next year.

For lots of children the shared cultural lunch is one of the highlights of the year, so again thank you all for contributing.





Lit Quiz

Last week Emily, Rosie, Mateus, Tom, Jones, Ashley and Sophia C represented our school at the Bays Lit Quiz competition. There were 24 teams who competed having to read a range of books and answer questions on them. Our teams placed 5th and 6th. A lot of training and effort went into this. Well done to the children and thanks to Mrs Singh and Mrs Morgan for helping train them.



Assembly

Today at Waihangā assembly Mrs Singh's kaitiaki led prayer and celebrated some of the spiritual aspects of our different cultures.

Rosie Richardson shared her amazing speech on micro plastics.

We also congratulated the children who were placed in the recent Bay Suburbs Cross Country competition and the amazing students pictured below who received their Celebration of Learning Certificates.



OUR PEOPLE

AP/ SENCO Appointment

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Debbie Watson to the position of Assistant Principal/SENCO. Debbie comes to us from Pigeon Mountain School and will start in Week 4 next term. She will take over from Mrs Alana Morgan who we will be farewelling at the end of this 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**.



School Disco 2025

On behalf of Friends & Family, thank you to everyone who volunteered at the event, supported us from near and far and to the students for bringing the electric vibes on the night! Ngā mihi to Jane Penney, Alana Morgan and staff who assisted parent volunteers on the night too, and to Monsignor Bernard Kiely for popping in during the disco.

For those wondering, there were 63 cookies in the jar, so congratulations to Rongo, who guessed the closest with 65 cookies. Ms Lundy will share the cookies among the Rongo students.



myKindo app

We have had a few unfortunate incidents during Pizza Friday lunches this year where students were missing their orders. This was due to their classroom details not being updated on the app, which you can do under settings.

This mainly affects the senior school, so if you have a child/ren in Kia Hari and/or Atawhai, please take a quick moment to double check this now or before the next pizza lunch.

The next pizza run is on **5th September**.

Online survey

Next week we will be sending out a survey via email for you to fill out, to help us better understand what you would like to see from Friends & Family.

We are the PTA of the school with the goal to raise funds for the school community while having a fun, memorable time.

The PTA is purely a voluntary group. We are also a new group this year, made up of six core members (Emily Rush, Louise Tullett, Anna White, Emilie Dick, Bonnie Nunn and Sela Jane Hopgood) and a sub-committee of parent helpers who are connected via a WhatsApp group.

We would appreciate any input on the survey when it is sent out next week.

OUR PLACE

Behaviour after school

There have been several recent incidents of children hurting each other after school in the playground. Please make sure you supervise your children closely if they are playing after school. Sometimes the adventure playgrounds can get overcrowded. If you do not already do so, please collect children from the learning spaces at the end of the day rather than let them run off. It is important that everyone is safe. Teachers are not on duty after school so we expect parents to take up this responsibility.

If you are held up and will be late collecting your child please phone the office to let us know. Thank you for your understanding.

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/	
TERM 3, 2025	
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	Keeping Ourselves Safe parent evening
Thursday 4 th September	School Board meeting
Friday 5 th September	Friends & Family Pizza
Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6	
Social Justice Week	
Monday 8 th September	Plastic Free Monday
Monday 8 th September	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
Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 2 & 5	
Māori Language week	
Monday 15 th September	Plastic Free Monday
Wednesday 17 th September	School Photos
Wednesday 17 th September	Rangitoto Hapu Mass (Yr 5 & Yr 2)
Wednesday 17 th September	New School Board takes office
Thursday 18 th September	School Photos
Friday 19 th September	Whole School Assembly 9am
Friday 19 th September	F & F Pizza lunch
Friday 19 th September	End of Term 3
TERM 4, 2025	
Week 1 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0,1 & 4	

Fijian Language Week	
Monday 6 th October	Term 4 begins
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	

Job Advertisement

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: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ **Applications close at 5pm on 4th September 2025.**





SUBURBS IN SCHOOLS

ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

St Ignatius School is excited to offer an Eastern Suburbs AFC after-school football programme.

A high energy, fun and age appropriate programme designed to improve football skills and promote team work.

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00pm
St Ignatius School
October 8 - December 10

REGISTER ONLINE
FOR TERM FOUR



easternsuburbs.org.nz/community/suburbs-in-schools/



Have a Go Day

Merton Reserve
20 Howard Hunter Ave
St Johns

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7
10AM-12PM
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HAVE A RIDE ON OUR AWESOME TRACK

BRING:

- Whatever bike you have (we also have race bikes you can try)
- Helmet, long sleeve top and pants, covered shoes, gloves
- *Limited full face helmets and gloves are available



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Ages 4-7

KIWIBALL/TEEBALL

- In-house program
- Fun, safe, pressure-free non-competitive introduction to baseball
- All players field, bat and score runs
- Club provides most equipment including bats
- Shorter season Oct-Dec, option for summer league at conclusion

**REGISTER FOR
HAVE-A-GO DAYS
@CROSSFIELD RESERVE:
SAT AUG 30 OR SEP 6 OR SEP 13**



SEASON REGO



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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
- Spring/Summer season Oct-Mar

All home games at:

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