



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 5th September
Kia ora koutou
Nǐ hǎo

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel **Luke 14: 25-33**

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus wants people to know about the cost of being a disciple. "Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Large crowds were travelling with Jesus so he spoke strongly to ensure nobody was just going along with him and the crowd without thinking.

Discipleship is personal. Jesus wants to speak to an individual in particular, not to people in general. Jesus wants us to know the scale of the task ahead of us; when it seems too much for us, what are we to do? To whom can we turn for help? How can we have the humility to ask God for help? We need to ask ourselves the question, are we just "going along" with Jesus or have we become His disciples?

Cans for Christmas

Next week is the last week for bringing in a can for the St Vincent de Paul collection. Thank you to those of you who have already sent one along!



OUR LEARNING

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Thank you to the parents who made it to the meeting last night with Constable Gordon Campbell. A reminder that you can see all the content of the sessions that will be taught online:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/personal-community-safety/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/kos>

Health Curriculum Consultation

Keeping Ourselves safe is part of our Health Curriculum, something we consult on every two years. Please click on the following link to fill out a brief survey for this year: <https://forms.gle/fj1JZid9XLjmpXk5A>

Sing out for Justice

Congratulations to the following students who entered the recent Sing out for Justice competition:

Grace McNally, Charlotte Verryt, Ruby Jackson, Penny Dardis

And an extra congratulations to:

Sophie Piper, Sophie Loughnan and Chloe Silva Greenwood who received highly commended. Well done!

Thank you to Miss Melbourne for her encouragement and training.

Proclaiming the Word

Today Esme Dunningham represented our school in the Proclaiming the Word competition. Esme practiced the Gospel reading then shared it with others in the competition which was hosted by St John the Evangelist school in Otara.



Sport

Bay Suburbs Basketball

Our Year 6 students relished the opportunity to play in the Bay Suburbs Basketball tournament this week. They each had 4-5 games and understandably got better as the day went on! These Bay Suburbs tournaments are wonderful opportunities for students to "try a sport before having to commit to joining a club". Winning at these tournaments, against the bigger schools that have to have trials to pick their team is tough and we didn't place.

There's more to sport than winning and our students gave us so much more - teamwork, doing their best especially when challenged, playing within the rules, behaving well when decisions don't go your way, winning and losing graciously, and being responsible for themselves. The vibe was so supportive and joyful. The picture below shows all the boys supporting the girls game, watching on from above.

A big thank you goes to our parent Team Managers - Calis Ho, Clinton & Elmarie Andrews for volunteering to help.



Catholic Schools Cross Country

We're Champions again! Thanks to the team for doing their personal bests and winning the Catholic Cross Country cup at Monte Cecilia Park on Wednesday. The students were very excited to bring it back on the bus. A massive thank you goes to Jamie Halla, who marshalled on the course. Thank you also to our team managers - Mrs Wright, Theo Graaf, Sarah Simmers and Louise Tullett.

We had some great results below, across all year groups. Congratulations to our individual top 20 placegetters!

Year 6

Rosie Richardson (3rd), Olivia Rodriguez (11th), Xanthe Hosford (12th), Elise Dardis (17th) Theodoros Compton (8th)

Year 5

Tom Burt (2nd), Aiden Stewart (6th), Mateus Nidea (16th)

Year 4

Ruby Jackson (5th), Millie Richardson (6th) Tomas Rodriguez (2nd), Jake Halla (6th), Daniel Smith Pico (7th), Alfie Cheung (13th), Bastian Putty (20th)

Year 3

Paige Webb-Higgs (13th), Isabelle Burt (16th), Cameron Taiatini (17th) Hudson Hyslop (5th), Ollie Tullett (18th)

2025 Catholic Schools Cross Country Event Overall School Scores		
Placing	School	Total Points
1st	St Ignatius, St Heliers	314
2nd	St Mary's, Northcote	323
3rd	St Michael's, Remuera	335
4th	Mt Carmel, Meadowbank	342
5th	St Mary's, Ellerslie	351
6th	Star of the Sea, Howick	364
7th	Marist, Mt Albert	414
8th	Marist, Herne Bay	427
9th	St Joseph's, Otahuhu	482



Gymnastics

Huge congratulations to our Year 3-6 gymnasts who represented St Ignatius at the Auckland Primary Schools' Gymnastics Champs of Champs! Competing against the very best from across Auckland, our students showed fantastic skill, effort and sportsmanship. Special mention to Hudson (Y3) who placed 10th equal and Malyx (Y4) placed in 9th within their year groups. We're so proud of you all.

A big thank you to Kimberley Waters for organising the group and to all the parents who helped transport and supervise.



OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations

Well done to Ethan Ho who recently participated in the Lewis Eady Under 12 Piano Contest and received both a Gold Award and the Robyn Marie Wilson (Most Promising Pianist) Award.



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.

Parent representative elections close at **4pm on Wednesday 10 September**.

Wig Wednesday 10th September

Next week we will be supporting the Child Cancer Foundation with Wig Wednesday. If children wish to, they can wear a wig on the day to help raise funds to support kiwi kids with cancer. We currently have a Year 6 student, Riley Donovan recovering from cancer and this is a great opportunity for us to support the foundation who have been supporting him.

Children may bring a gold coin on the day or you can donate directly by clicking the yellow donate button on their website. childcancer.org.nz

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Douglas-Jones family following the loss of Jonah's Oma, Sabrina's mum Sissi who died peacefully last night in Germany. May she rest in peace.



Friends & Family updates:

Congratulations to Rongo who won the cookie jar from the school disco and got to enjoy it this week.



Precious Labels is one of our ongoing fundraisers that we have each year. They have waterproof lunch box labels, labels for clothing and shoes including iron-on labels. When you purchase with them (make sure to select St Ignatius School), Friends & Family gets a commission, which goes back to the school. See the flyer attached at the end of the newsletter for more information.

The F&F survey form has been sent out this week and we would appreciate any feedback from the wider school community. Ngā mihi to those who have already filled out the form. The responses have been insightful. The last day to submit your thoughts is **Monday 15 September, 3pm**.

OUR PLACE

Behaviour after school reminder

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

Have a great weekend and Happy Fathers' Day to all the dads for this Sunday!

Ngā manaakitanga

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 9 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6

Social Justice Week

Keeping Ourselves Safe with Constable Gordon – all week

<i>Monday 8th September</i>	Plastic Free Monday
<i>Wednesday 10th September</i>	Child Cancer Foundation Wig Wednesday
<i>Wednesday 10th September</i>	Board Election voting closes
<i>Friday 12th September</i>	Cans for Christmas to be collected

Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 2 & 5

Māori Language week

<i>Monday 15th September</i>	Plastic Free Monday
<i>Wednesday 17th September</i>	School Photos
<i>Wednesday 17th September</i>	Rangitoto Hapu Mass (Yr 5 & Yr 2)
<i>Wednesday 17th September</i>	New School Board takes office
<i>Thursday 18th September</i>	School Photos
<i>Friday 19th September</i>	Whole School Assembly 9am
<i>Friday 19th September</i>	F & F Pizza lunch
<i>Friday 19th September</i>	End of Term 3

TERM 4, 2025

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

<i>Monday 6th October</i>	Term 4 begins
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Week 2 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6

<i>Thursday 16th October</i>	Year 4 Kapa Haka Performance 9.30am
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Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 2 & 5

<i>Monday 20th October</i>	CaPT conferences
<i>Tuesday 21st October</i>	CaPT conferences

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

SHC Football Celebration Event

We are pleased to advise that the Football celebration event has been rescheduled to **Thursday, 18 September**. Please [visit our website to purchase your tickets](#).



A poster for a football fundraiser. At the top, a blue banner says 'FOOTBALL' and a red banner says 'FUNDRAISER'. To the right, it says 'SEPTEMBER 18 2025'. In the center is a photo of five football players in white kits with 'SACRED' on the back, walking on a green field. Below the photo, a blue banner says 'ICE CREAM FOOD TRUCK'. At the bottom, text reads 'AUCKLAND FC GUEST SPEAKERS OLD BOY MICHAEL WOOD & FORMER 1ST XI COACH DANNY HAY', 'SILENT AUCTION | GEAR TO PURCHASE', and 'SACRED HEART COLLEGE FOYER | 7PM'. The Sacred Heart College crest is in the top right corner.

FOOTBALL

FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 18 2025

**ICE CREAM
FOOD TRUCK**

AUCKLAND FC GUEST SPEAKERS
OLD BOY MICHAEL WOOD & FORMER 1ST XI COACH DANNY HAY

SILENT AUCTION | GEAR TO PURCHASE

SACRED HEART COLLEGE FOYER | 7PM



A pink poster for Precious Labels fundraising. It features the company logo with two children, the text 'PRECIOUS LABELS', and 'tag 'em all!'. Below this is 'FUNdraising' and 'Cute, Colourful and Durable Labels'. It invites people to join the fundraiser programme and follow six steps to participate. It includes a thank you message, states that 20% of purchases go to schools, and provides contact information for questions.

**PRECIOUS
LABELS**
tag 'em all!

FUNdraising

Cute, Colourful and Durable Labels

Join our Fundraiser Programme

Follow the steps below to participate in our fundraiser

- 1 Go to <https://www.preciouslabels.co.nz/current-fundraisers/>
- 2 Search & Click on your school or daycare
- 3 Choose your label pack
- 4 Go to Checkout
(Enter your School's name in the 'Notes' box on the Checkout page)
- 6 See the 'Fundraiser' tab on the website for more info

Thankyou for your support !

20% of your purchase will go to our school

Don't forget to spread the word!
Foward this website url to your family and friends!

Questions?

Please email us at - info@preciouslabels.co.nz

www.preciouslabels.co.nz 09 3930093



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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