



HEADS UP!

We are GENEROUS – OHAOHA

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

'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

I am generous. I look for opportunities to give and to share.

I take time to think of others. I give freely, fully, and joyfully.

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:15-17)

Jesus feeds the five thousand (Matthew 14:13- 21)

Friday 8th November

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Reshaping Our Future

Please see information following from Mons Bernard which is shared from the Parish newsletter:

On Pentecost Sunday of this year Bishop Stephen invited every parish community in the diocese to enter prayerfully into a process he called **"R_e_s_h_a_p_i_n_g_ O_u_r_ _F_u_t_u_r_e"**. In his pastoral letter he reminded us that the Holy Spirit is always doing something new in the Church, calling us to renew our mission and to respond with faith and courage to the needs of today's world.

Bishop Steve specifically identified six parishes in our region (by and large contained within the Tāmaki electorate) to discern how best we journey into the future. For our two parishes of St Heliers and Glendowie, this request to begin now takes concrete form. I am inviting you to begin a process of discernment with me as we reflect on our vision for the future, the dreams we have for ourselves and future generations and the mission we are called to.

We will hold our **first parish meeting** to begin this process of 'reshaping' on Sunday, November 23 from 2pm-4pm (time to be confirmed) at Glendowie School Hall, Riddell Rd, Glendowie.

This is just a beginning of the journey!

It will be an opportunity for parishioners of both St Ignatius, St Heliers and Mother of Perpetual Help, Glendowie.

First Holy Communion

Several of our students will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend and we wish them all of God's blessings.

OUR LEARNING

Timatanga Assembly

This morning our youngest children from Pai and Manawanui led a lovely prayer at Timatanga team assembly and shared some of their learning about aroha love.

Congratulations to those children who received their Celebration of Learning Certificates.



Swimming

As you will be aware swimming starts on Monday. Please refer to the letter that came home with your child on Wednesday. If you haven't seen it check their homelink bag.

Each day your child will need to bring:

- **Water bottle (Named)**
- **Swimming Togs (Named)**
- **Towel (Named)**
- **Goggles (Named)* *please note this is a non-negotiable for Swimtastic***
- **Swim cap (Named)* *please note this is a non-negotiable for Swimtastic***
- **Ear Plugs if required**

Clearly Named Swim Bag that will hold all this swimming gear.

Sport - Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby

Our St Ignatius Catholic school teams shone brightly this week at the Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby tournament. In bright sunshine our students showed teamwork, determination and displayed the strong connections they develop here at St Ignatius. They were challenged to learn lessons like - playing to the whistle, respecting the Refs decision, and effectively managing their emotions especially under stress.

We saw lots of our tamariki doing their personal best, playing fairly within the spirit of the rules and having fun!

Congratulations to our Year 6 Girls and Year 5 Boys teams who won their grades.

A huge thankyou to Rob Murray, Sophie Webb-Higgs, James MacMillan and Sarah Simmers for managing our teams. Also, Becs Richardson and Pauline Kamea for helping out. Our teams were very well prepared with the help of Dajian Brown from Marist Rugby at our PE sessions the week before.

Letters have been sent regarding the upcoming **Bay Suburbs Athletics - Tuesday 18/11** and we still need help. Please let Mr Peck tpeck@stignatius.school.nz if you can help.

Team Managers: 4 x needed for our team of 26

Shot Put: 2x needed to run this event (Mr Peck is happy to run this but need another person please)

Transport: Parent Transport please (# of students please)



Choir

Miss Melbourne and the choir had a special visit to Grace Joel Retirement village this week where they performed some of the songs they have been learning to a very appreciative audience. Well done to all involved including the parents who helped provide transport.



Save the Date – Celebrate 2025 on Thursday 11th December

We will hold our annual Celebrate concert at 6pm at the Sacred Heart auditorium on Thursday 11th December. All children will be expected to attend as they will all be participating. More details will be sent home in the next couple of weeks

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome

A big welcome to the Miller family and Stephen (Y6) and Aurelia (Y3) who have recently arrived from the US.

Staff changes

It was great to have Mrs Debbie Watson join us last week as Assistant Principal/SENCO and many of you have already had the chance to meet her.

On Friday Mrs Hannah Singh left us to go on maternity leave. Ms Nicky de Lacy will be responsible for Hannah's kaitiaki until the end of the term and Mrs Megan Alexander will be acting team leader.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Marengo family on the recent birth of Olivia, a baby sister for Sofia.

Friends and Family

Second-Hand Uniform Sale – A reminder to please bring us your used uniforms if you no longer require them.

OUR PLACE

Term 4 Policy Reviews

Policies to be reviewed in Term 4 include Bullying and Harassment, Behaviour Management and Minimising Physical Restraint

To provide feedback on these policies

Visit 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 lovely weekend everyone.

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 4, 2025

Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu – Years 2 & 5 SWIMMING ALL WEEK

Wednesday 12 th November	Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition
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Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0, 1 & 4 SWIMMING ALL WEEK

Tuesday 18 th November	Bay Suburbs Athletics
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Friday 21 st November	School Swimming Sports
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Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6

Thursday 27 November	Year 5 parent meeting for 2026 Camp 6pm
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Thursday 27 th November	School Board meeting 7pm
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Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu – Years 2 & 5

Monday 1 st December	End of Year mass for Advent at St Ignatius 9am
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Friday 5 th December	Year 6 Rainbows End trip
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Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0, 1 & 4

Thursday 11 th December	Celebrate at Sacred Heart College 6pm
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Week 11

Tuesday 16 th December	School finishes for the term
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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 -Tuesday December 15th TBC

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As we draw near the end of the Jubilee Year in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for the year “Reflections on Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope” with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies. This webinar is on Wednesday, 26 November 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Fee is \$20. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025



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