

# **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 14<sup>th</sup> November Kia ora koutou

#### **OUR FAITH**

#### Sharing the Gospel Luke 21: 5-19

In the context of Luke, this Sunday's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

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#### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the following children who made their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Chapel last weekend:

Tom Burt, Phoebe MacMillan, Mateus Nidea, Aiden Stewart, Jamie Campbell, Caitlin Gustofson, Hinalei Kamea, Zoe Hall, Michelle Thumbawila, Naiya Prossler, Amelia Dempsy, Penny Dardis, Ivy Duncan, Frankie Pagano, Anabela Gutierrez, Louis Reagan, Elodie Mearns, Lulu Paris, Teddy Hankins, Thomas Radich, Charlie Hall, George Dallimore, Zachary Zumel, Luca Hills, Toby Waters, Eli Moors, Dylan Hayden, Luca Barden, Elai Koppens, Fionn Boyle, Kade Kaukau and Abigail Hume. *May their faith grow as they welcome Jesus into their hearts.* 

#### **OUR LEARNING**

#### **Rhythmic Gymnastics**



Congratulations to the 18 St Ignatius students who competed at the Margaret Woolf Primary and Intermediate Rhythmic Gymnastics competition this week. They did themselves and Mrs Singh very proud. Thank you to Mrs Barrington and the families who transported and supported the students on the day. It was an amazing experience to compete and perform as individuals and the support they gave each other was to be commended.

A special mention to Amber Murphy 5th, Imogen Howley-Rouse 4th and Emily Wright who placed 1st.

#### **Swimming**

The first week of swimming lessons at Swimtastic have gone well with the children enjoying their lessons. A reminder that next Friday there will be Swim Sports for Year 4-6 children in the morning and fun races for Year 0-3 children in the afternoon. You are all welcome to come along to these events.

#### Celebrate 2025 on Thursday 11th December

We will hold our annual Celebrate concert at 6pm at the Sacred Heart auditorium on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All children will be expected to attend as they will all be participating. An invitation has been sent out and teachers will communicate additional information via Seesaw.

#### **OUR PEOPLE**

#### Welcome

A big welcome to Charles Cartwright, Oscar Hornal and Poppy Sherry and their families who joined the school on Monday. The children will be learning with other Y0 students in Manawanui learning space.

#### Friends and Family

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

#### **OUR PLACE**

#### Library

We will be starting our library stocktake next week so please make sure all library books are returned as soon as possible.

If you are available to help with the library stocktake even for an hour or two please email Mrs Debbie Watson <a href="mailto:dwatson@stignatius.school.nz">dwatson@stignatius.school.nz</a> and let her know your availability.

No prior skills are necessary and we appreciate any offer of help.

#### **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/

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TERM 4, 2025	
Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0, 1 & 4	
SWIMMING ALL WEEK	
Bay Suburbs Athletics	
School Swimming Sports	
Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6	
Year 5 parent meeting for 2026 Camp 6pm	
School Board meeting 7pm	
on Rangitoto Hapu – Years 2 & 5	
End of Year mass for Advent at St Ignatius 9am	
Year 6 Rainbows End trip	
Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0, 1 & 4	
Celebrate at Sacred Heart College 6pm	

School finishes for the term

#### 2026 Term dates:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Week 11

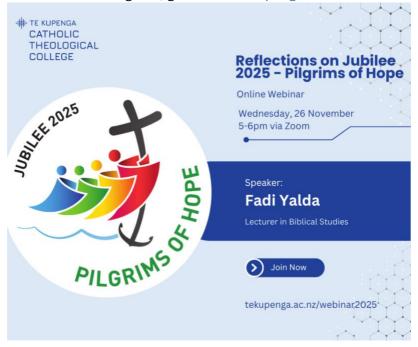
Term 1 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Term 2 Monday 20 April – Friday July 3rd

Term 3 Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4 Monday October 12th -TBC

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 <a href="https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025">www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025</a>



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#### **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Every Thursday at 6:30pm, through to **Thursday 11th December** 

#### What's On:

- TAG games for all ages everyone can join in!
- Free weekly community activity fun, fitness & connection.
- Kitchen & Bar open dinner, drinks & snacks available.
- Parents can relax upstairs enjoy panoramic views while the kids play.

#### Why Come?

- It's completely free-just turn up and play.
- A perfect way for families to stay active together.
- Builds community and creates lasting connections at your local family club.

## **Looking Ahead - 2026 Junior Ruby at Marist - FREE SUBS**

That's right – we're making sport more accessible. Playing junior rugby at Marist will be FREE in 2026!

Mount Wellington War Memorial Park 50 Dunkirk Road, Panmure, Auckland 1072