



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 28th November

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.



In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son will catch many people unprepared. He tells them that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

School Advent Mass

You are all invited to attend our whole school mass this Monday, **December 1st, at 9:15 am at St Ignatius Church**. This will be our last mass of the year. Come join us as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent.

OUR LEARNING

Writing Enrichment



Some of our Year 5 & 6 students, Jones, Mateus, Fionn, Indi, Emily, Xanthe and Rosie recently finished their writing extension programme and their stories were published into a booklet which they will be sharing with some of the younger students. The booklet is also available in our office and the library. Thank you once again to Rebecca Sullivan for giving up her time to work with these students and, to Amy Hills for helping publish the book.

Swimming Sports

Last Friday, our Year 4–6 students took part in Swimming Sports at Swimtastic, a wonderful celebration of the progress they've made during their two weeks of daily lessons. A huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers—Gabby Sharp, Kathleen Nidea, Sophie Webb-Higgs, Tash Pagano, Elizabeth Miller, Shally Goh, Kimberley Waters, and Becs Richardson. Your support helped make the day run smoothly, and we are so grateful for your time and enthusiasm.

Our Year 0–3 tamariki also had their time to shine with a fun and joyful showcase in the junior pool. Learning to swim and being confident in the water is such an important life skill here in Aotearoa, and it was fantastic to see our students embracing the challenge.

Throughout the day, our tamariki showed courage, determination, and plenty of team spirit. It was inspiring to see so many keen swimmers giving it their best, including the 40 students who signed up for the relay. There were countless heartwarming moments, students pushing themselves to complete a length, others taking on challenging events, and lots of encouragement from our students for others.

Full results are at the end of this Heads Up.

Congratulations to our overall Year champions:

OVERALL Year Champions	
Girls	Boys
Y6 Olivia Rodriguez	Y6 Elliott Coles
Y5 Ivy Duncan	Y5 Tom Burt
Y4 Millie Richardson	Y4 Kingston Hyslop

Congratulations to our Relay winners:

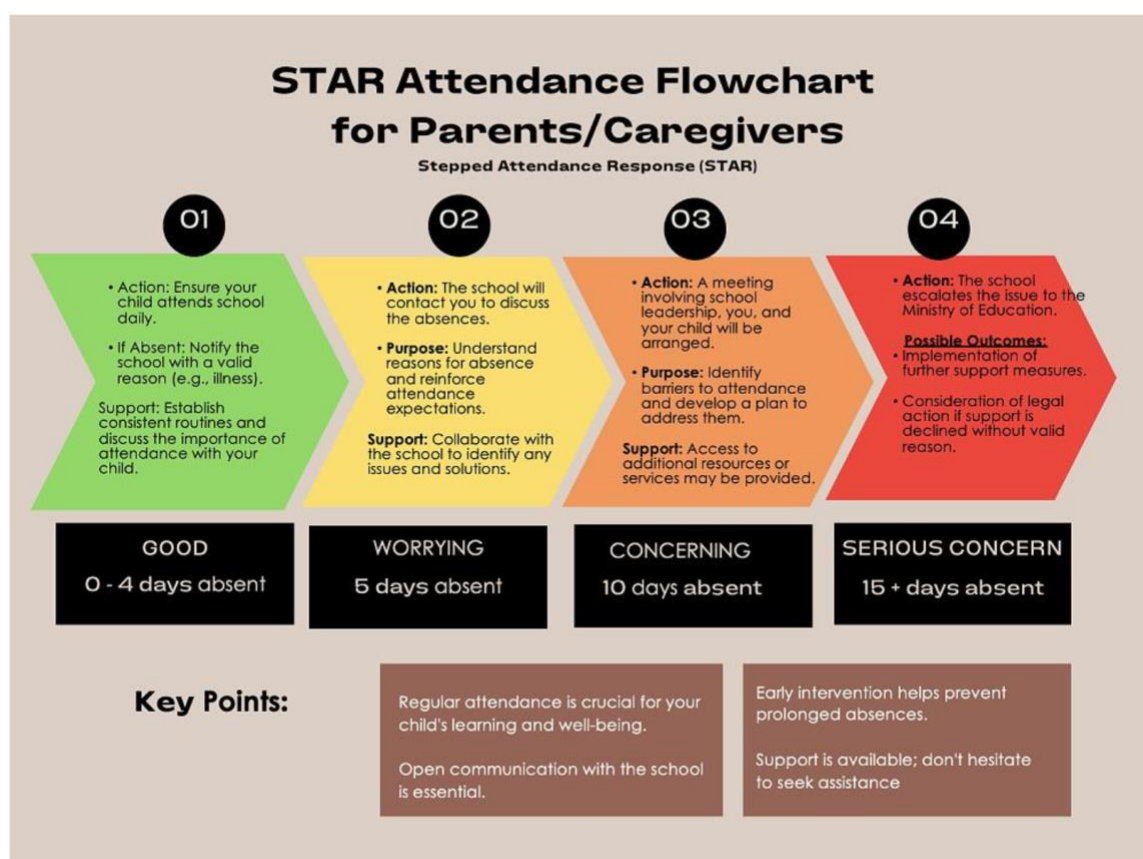
Amelia Dempsey, Ivy Duncan, Emily Wright and Sophia Carrasco Olea

Attendance

Many of you will already be aware of the Ministry of Education's current focus on attendance. This focus stems from strong evidence linking regular attendance to better academic achievement, improved wellbeing, and positive lifelong outcomes for students.

All schools are required to have an Attendance Management plan and you can find a copy of ours on the school website.

The Stepped Attendance Responses (STAR) flowchart below outlines the steps that the school will take should your children be away for extended periods of time.



OUR PEOPLE



Friends and Family

NEW and SECONG HAND Uniform Sale

We will be holding a uniform sale on 22nd January from 4 – 6pm. There will be both new and second hand items for sale so come along and support the school by purchasing your uniform items here.

We are continuing to accept second hand uniforms in the school office between now and the end of the year.

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 9 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu – Years 2 & 5

<i>Monday 1st December</i>	End of Year mass for Advent at St Ignatius 9:15am
<i>Friday 5th December</i>	Year 6 Rainbows End trip

Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0, 1 & 4

<i>Thursday 11th December</i>	Celebrate at Sacred Heart College 6pm
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Week 11

<i>Tuesday 16th December</i>	School finishes for the term
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In the Holidays

<i>Thursday 22nd January</i>	New & Second Hand Uniform sale at school 4pm
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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 – December 15th

Win the Ultimate Australian Open Experience!

Your child could win the tennis trip of a lifetime with Tennis Hot Shots and Tennis New Zealand, plus win tennis equipment for our school!

The prize includes:

- Return flights from your nearest international airport to Melbourne for one child and one adult
- Australian Open tickets
- Two nights' accommodation
- The chance to perform the official coin toss before a big match on Rod Laver Arena and grab a photo with the star players
- A \$500 tennis equipment pack for the winner's school

The competition is open to all children aged 8–13 across New Zealand — no tennis experience required!

👉 Enter now at www.tennis.kiwi/win

Entries close **8 December**.

2025 St Ignatius Swimming Results						
NB: Highlighted in yellow are eligible for entry to Bay Suburbs Swimming in March 2026						
	25m FREESTYLE (3 to BS)					
	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
FIRST	Amelia Dempsey	Elliott Coles	Ivy Duncan	Tom Burt	Molly Rhodes	Kinston Hyslop
SECOND	Olivia Rodriguez	Antoni Spoeth-Watson	Frankie Pagano	Toby Waters	Millie Richardson	Tomas Rodriguez
THIRD	Elise Dardis	Cole Swann	Penny Dardis	Fionn Boyle	Riley Brown	Jake Halla
	25m FREESTYLE RELAY TEAMS					
	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys		
	Ivy Duncan	Tom Burt	Molly Rhodes	Kinston Hyslop		
	Frankie Pagano	Toby Waters	Millie Richardson	Tomas Rodriguez		
	Penny Dardis	Fionn Boyle	Riley Brown	Jake Halla		
Announce 1	Lulu Paris	Louis Regan	Charlotte Verryll	Leo Sutton		
	25m BACKSTROKE (3 to BS)					
	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
FIRST	Olivia Rodriguez	Elliott Coles	Caitlin Gustofson	Tom Burt	Millie Richardson	Tomas Rodriguez
SECOND	Amelia Dempsey	Cole Swann	Ivy Duncan	Toby Waters	Molly Rhodes	Leo Sutton
THIRD	Amber Murphy	Stephen Miller	Frankie Pagano	Timmy Sharp	Sophie Piper	Kingston Hyslop
	OPEN 25m FLY (2 to BS)					
	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Open Girls	Open Boys		
FIRST	Olivia Rodriguez	Elliott Coles	Ivy Duncan	Kingston Hyslop		
SECOND	Amelia Dempsey	Cole Swann	Millie Richardson	Tomas Rodriguez		
Announce 2						
	25m BREASTSTROKE (3 to BS)					
	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
FIRST	Olivia Rodriguez	Elliott Coles	Ivy Duncan	Toby Waters	Millie Richardson	Kingston Hyslop
SECOND	Rosie Richardson	Antoni Spoeth-Watson	Abigail Hume	Tom Burt	Ruby Jackson	Tomas Rodriguez
THIRD	Amelia Dempsey	Stephen Miller	Caitlin Gustofson	Dylan Hayden	Sophie Loughnan	Jake Halla
	50m FREESTYLE (2 to BS)			INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (4x 25m, 2 to BS)		
FIRST	Y6 Olivia Rodriguez	Y6 Elliott Coles	FIRST	Y6 Olivia Rodriguez	Y6 Elliott Coles	
	OPEN Girls (Y5 or Y4)	OPEN Boys (Y5 or Y4)		OPEN Girls (Y5 or Y4)	OPEN Boys (Y5 or Y4)	
FIRST	Ivy Duncan	Kingston Hyslop	FIRST	Ivy Duncan	Kingston Hyslop	
SECOND	Frankie Pagano	Tomas Rodriguez	SECOND	Millie Richardson	Toby Waters	
	OVERALL Year Champions					
	Girls		Boys			
	Y6 Olivia Rodriguez		Y6 Elliott Coles			
	Y5 Ivy Duncan		Y5 Tom Burt			
Announce 3	Y4 Millie Richardson		Y4 Kingston Hyslop			
	RELAY Team Champions					
	Amelia Dempsey, Ivy Duncan, Emily Wright and Sophia Carrasco Olea					