



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 5th December

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Advent

On the second Sunday of Advent we light the second purple candle, referred to as the Bethlehem Candle. The second week of Advent represents peace and preparation.



It is a time to reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

OUR LEARNING

Robot Dog

On Tuesday one of our parents, Victor Marengo, came into Mahaki to introduce the children to GO 2 robot dog. They have been learning about robots and how they help us.



Celebrate 2025

We are looking forward to seeing you and your whānau at Celebrate and Graduation 2025 next Thursday evening. See invite at the end of Heads Up for more details. The doors will open at 5.30pm. There will be reserved seating for parents of our Year 6 students. For everyone else there is plenty of seating in the auditorium.

We respectfully ask that you don't take your children out before the end of the evening which should finish before 8pm. Our Year 6 students look forward to their Graduation and it is special for them to have the whole school there to farewell them. They have their graduation supper in the foyer afterwards and this is just for the Y6 students and their family.

Year 6 Flippaball



Well done to the Year 6 Flippaball team who placed second on the weekend. More importantly, they supported one another, worked together, and gave their best in every game of the season.

For several of the players, this was their first time playing Flippaball, and their confidence, skills, and teamwork have grown over the season. They truly did St Ignatius proud with the way they played and carried themselves.

OUR PEOPLE

Teaching Staff for 2026

Next year we will continue to have two learning communities in our school with the following teachers:

Year 0-3 Timatanga Learning Community:

- Mrs Debra Wells (Learning Community Leader)
- Mrs Olivia Jones (Miss Melbourne is getting married in the holidays!)
- Miss Hayley Webb
- Mrs Deahna Barrington
- Mrs Penny Lundy

Year 4-6 Waihunaga Learning Community

- Mrs Megan Alexander (Learning Community Leader & DRS)
- Mrs Thamarai Pillay
- Mr Tony Peck
- Mrs Andrea Wright

Mrs Kate O'Brien will be teaching across the school mainly as a literacy support and classroom release teacher and Mrs Bernadette Jackson will be working two days a week as a classroom release teacher. Due to roll growth, we will also be employing a new teacher to begin in Term 2.

Farewells

At the end of this year we are farewelling the following staff; Mrs Catherine Marusich who is leaving to take up a position as a STEM teacher at Diocesan School for Girls, Mrs Nicky de Lacy who is finishing her fixed term contract and expecting her second baby and, Mrs Lian De Chamoy who has had a long association with our school, firstly as a parent and then as a Learning Assistant for over 20 years.

We thank Catherine, Nicky and Lian for all they have done for our school and children and wish them all the very best for the future .

Learning Space Placements for 2026

I wanted to reassure you of the process for your child's kaitiaki group placement at St Ignatius for 2026. When we choose groups for students, we are mindful of both the individual student needs and the overall group composition. Numbers of students in each year level mean that we do have to have some composite classes.

Teachers have a transition meeting at school so that the current teacher can hand over information to next year's teacher. This important information includes things such as any emotional support that may be needed, behaviour or learning support and anything else that is relevant. Children will have the opportunity to visit their next year's spaces in the last week of school.

At the beginning of the year you will be invited to Parent Sharing meetings where you can meet your child's teacher and share information with them. We will also have a Parent Information Session where more information about the school and the curriculum is provided.

OUR PLACE

Yummy Sports Promotion Results 2025 - AWESOME WORK TEAM!

Thanks to your amazing efforts this year, we've recently placed an order for \$769 worth of free sports equipment for St Ignatius school! After an awesome effort by the school community, we ate through 6,420 apples in 2025! Thanks to all the Yummy fruit stickers and labels collected. The children will no doubt enjoy lots of brand new sports equipment at school in 2026.

Please keep up this great work and keep on collecting stickers and labels for next year's collection. Sticker or label sheets can be collected from the office if required. Thanks again!



Friends and Family

End of Year Thank you

The Friends and Family would like to thank everyone in the school community for their generosity and support of the Friends & Family fundraisers this year.

The funds raised go towards providing additional learning support for students and extra resources in our school.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Christmas raffle. The prizes are available for you to view in the school office.

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 10 Te Waipuna Collection – All Hapu groups	
<i>Thursday 11th December</i>	Celebrate at Sacred Heart College 6pm
Week 11	
<i>Tuesday 16th December</i>	Last day of term. School finishes at 12pm.
In the Holidays	
<i>Thursday 22nd January</i>	New & Second Hand Uniform sale at school 4pm
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 – December 15 th	



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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3X GIFT HAMPER TO WIN!

DETAILS

RAFFLE

\$2 per ticket



Purchase via myKindo



Winners will be drawn
on 8/12/2025



JOIN US FOR

Celebrate

OUR CHANCE TO SHARE WITH YOU AND
CELEBRATE A GREAT YEAR OF LEARNING



DECEMBER

11

6:00-8:00PM

SACRED HEART COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
250 WEST TAMAKI RD, GLENDOWIE

(ENTRY OFF CROSSFIELD RD - VERY LIMITED PARKING IN
THE GROUNDS; POSSIBLE PARKING THROUGH OTHER GATES
OPEN ON WEST TAMAKI RD, OR ON STREETS)

LET'S CELEBRATE!

