



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)

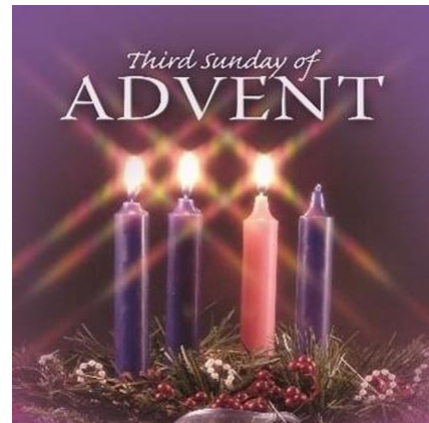
Friday 12th December

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Advent

On the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday we light the rose coloured candle, a symbol of joy. It reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent



OUR LEARNING

Resources for next year – Lego and Duplo

We are setting up a lego room for students next year and would welcome any donations of lego or duplo that you may have at home and no longer need. Please just bring them into the office on Monday or Tuesday.

Visit from Kim Sinclair

The year 3-6 students were very lucky to have a visit from Kim Sinclair today. Kim lives in Kohimarama, is the Art Director for Avatar and an Oscar winner. The children learnt all about what the art department does on a movie and had lots of questions. They also enjoyed seeing Kim's Oscar!



Celebrate and Graduation 2025

Congratulations to the teachers and children for all the hard work they put into preparing for an amazing Celebrate concert last night. The performances were exciting and it was wonderful to see each child have the opportunity to shine on the stage.

The graduation of our Year 6 students is always a very special and important occasion for us. We wish them all the best as they prepare to move on to their next schools. Thank you and farewell to the following families whose youngest or only child leaves our school this year; Andrahennedy, Andrews, Carrasco-Olea, Coles, Donovan, Dunningham, Friedrich, Hill, Hosford, Howley-Rouse, Izquierdo, Koppens, Meng, Moors, Morris, Murphy, Murray, Prasad, Prossler, Swann, Will & Wright. We know we will continue to see many of you and your children in the future!

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations

Well done to Alfie, Benjie, Bastian, and Freddie who recently competed in the National Jiu-Jitsu Championships. Alfie achieved an excellent result, receiving a gold and a silver medal, while Benjie earned two bronze medals. Competing for the first time at a national level, Bastian and Freddie did an amazing job—Bastian received a gold and a silver medal, and Freddie was awarded a silver medal.



Friends and Family Christmas Raffle Winners

A big thank you to everyone who supported the school with our festive raffle to end 2025. Along with the gift hampers, we had a donated prize from Jake Shaw's (Ohaoa) whānau - thank you - which gave us a total of 4x winners to randomly pick. Congratulations to:

1. *Grand Christmas gift hamper:* Tenille Lawrence (Oliver's mum from Pai)
2. *Festive gift hamper with the Archie Brothers Arcade gift card:* Zoe Sorenson - Atawhai
3. *White festive gift hamper:* Angela Keenan (One of our relief teachers)
4. *Finne hair care gift set* donated by the Shaw family - Moeka Yamamoto (Learning Assistant)

Soccer Fundraiser 2025-2026

Stuck on a Christmas gift this year? Send your loved ones to an AFC home game. There are a couple of matches in the new year still available to buy on myKindo:

- 2x double passes to **AFC vs Newcastle Jets FC**
- 1x double pass to **AFC vs Central Coast Mariners FC**

Please contact Kristen Ashby for e-tickets once you have purchased: kristen.ashby@asb.co.nz

Enchanted Christmas

If you haven't already and have plans to go visit the new immersive Christmas experience in Newmarket this month, use the school discount code to get 10% off your ticket order at the check-out online.

Code: St Ignatius Catholic School

10% donation goes back to our school for every booking made with the code.

Book online: www.enchantedchristmas.co.nz

Kia pai ngā hararei - Wishing you all a happy holiday, from Friends & 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.

This will be the last Heads Up for 2025. Merry Christmas and all the best for safe and happy summer holidays!

Meri Kirihimete me nga mihi o te tau hou

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 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	