



## 2026 Sport Calendar at St Ignatius

The purpose of this message is to give you early visibility of important sporting dates this year and to help you understand how we do sport here at St Ignatius Catholic school. Our sports events will also be included in our online school calendar.

- St Ignatius whole school events - Swimming, Athletics, and Cross Country running.
- Bay Suburbs interschool tournaments involving nine local primary schools. St Ignatius teams are sent to compete in one day tournaments in the following sports - Swimming, Softball, Football, Rugby (Rippa), Netball, Cross Country Running, Basketball, Hockey, Touch Rugby and Athletics. These Bay Suburbs events are mainly targeted at year 5 & 6 tamariki and something younger students can look forward to.
- Sport taster sessions, provided by various providers.
- Outside school teams are organised by parents in various sports like the Weetbix TRYathlon, Netball, Touch Rugby, Basketball, Flippaball and Gymnastics.

We are dependent on support from our community to enable these sporting opportunities to happen. Mainly we need your help with supervising teams, transporting tamariki and sometimes running the event. If you are able to coach, that is a bonus, so please let me know if you are willing. It's a wonderful way to have an enjoyable shared experience with your children. We take buses to our whole school events but rely on parents to transport our students to all other sporting events. If we don't receive enough help we may be forced to withdraw. **If you can help out with any of the dates coming up, please let me know as we'd love to have you along.** I'll always send an email message to those participating before all of these events.

We will expect all children who represent our school to be responsible, respectful, and demonstrate excellent sportsmanship. These sporting opportunities present many learning opportunities for them i.e. teamwork, playing within the rules, learning how to behave when decisions don't go your way, winning and losing graciously, and being responsible for themselves. At St Ignatius Catholic school we emphasise doing your personal best, playing fairly within the spirit of the rules and having fun!

Some sporting events students need to qualify for - ie Bay Suburbs Swimming/Athletics/Cross Country. Mostly we ask students if they want to participate and can usually cater for everyone. If space on teams is limited, Year 6 students will be prioritised before others are selected randomly to be fair to everyone. We appreciate your support.

Kind regards,

**Tony Peck**

Teacher - Kia Hari (Year 4)

Sport Coordinator

[tpeck@stignatius.school.nz](mailto:tpeck@stignatius.school.nz)



## TERM 1

### **St Ignatius Athletics** - Whole school

#### **Week 6 - Thursday 12 March at Mt Smart (Arena 2)**

All students participate in a running race, field events and some will have the opportunity to be part of a fun Saints team relay race. Our year 5 & 6 students choose competitive (competing to win) or non-competitive (give it a go) participation in field events. The top year 5 & 6 athletes go on to compete in the Bay Suburbs interschool event in term 4. Parent help needed running the event. Students travel by bus.

### **Bay Suburbs Softball** - Year 5 & 6 (up to 4 teams)

#### **Week 7 - Tuesday 17 March at Madills park**

9-a-side (max 12 in a team) mixed boy/girl

Parent help needed with team managers. Students walk to Madills.

### **Bay Suburbs Swimming** - Year 5 & 6

#### **Week 8 - Friday 27 March at Sacred Heart College pool**

Entries are made based on 2024 St Ignatius Swimming Sports placings last year. The first three in each stroke are eligible, so we have a team of about 20.

Parent help needed with team managers and transport. Mr Peck helps out with Marshalling the event.



## TERM 2

### **Bay Suburbs Football** - Year 5 & 6 (4 teams)

#### **Week 4 - Tuesday 12 May at Glover park**

7-a-side (10 in a team). Shin-pads and sports shoes/boots are compulsory.

St Ignatius is responsible for organising this Bay Suburbs tournament, involving nearly 400 students. Parent help needed with team managers and transport. Mr Peck needs some students to arrive early at 8am to help with setup.

### **Bay Suburbs Rugby** - Year 5 & 6 Rippa (4 teams)

#### **Week 8 - Tuesday 9 June at Colin Maiden park**

7-a-side Rippa (10 in a team). There is also an option of a 10-a-side Tackle <45kg (12 in a team) if enough players already play at a club to ensure they are safe to play.

Parent help needed with team managers and transport.

### **Bay Suburbs Netball** - Year 5 & 6 (several teams)

#### **Week 10 - Tuesday 23 June at Auckland Netball Centre**

6-a-side (8 in a team)

Parent help needed with team managers and transport.



## **TERM 3**

### **Eastern Suburbs Artistic Gymnastics - Year 3-6**

#### **TBC - Week 3 If like last year Monday 3 August at Eastern Suburbs Gymnastics GI**

Parent - Kimberley Waters in charge. Top 8 individual place getters and the top 3 teams qualify for the Auckland Champions of Champions Gymnastics competition (TBC - Week 8 - Thursday 10 September).

Parent help needed with team managers and transport.

### **St Ignatius Cross Country - Whole school**

#### **Week 3 - Friday 7 August at Glover park**

The top year 4-6 runners go on to compete in the Bay Suburbs interschool event later in term 3. Parent help needed running the event. Students travel by bus.

### **Bay Suburbs Cross Country - Year 4-6**

#### **Week 6 - Monday 24 August at Churchill Park school**

Entries are made based on top 8 placings at the St Ignatius Cross Country.

Parent help needed with team managers and transport.

### **Catholic Schools Cross Country - Year 3-6**

#### **TBC - Week 7 If like last year Wednesday 2 September at Monte Cecilia park**

Entries are made based on top 5 placings at the St Ignatius school Cross Country

Parent help needed with team managers. Students travel by bus.

### **Bay Suburbs Basketball - Only two teams per school. Y5 & 6 Boys and Y5 & 6 Girls**

#### **Week 8 - Tuesday 8 September at Panmure YMCA**

5-a-side (8 in a team). Parent help needed with team managers and transport.

### **Bay Suburbs Hockey - Year 5 & 6**

#### **Week 10 - Monday 21 September at Auckland Hockey Lloyd Elsmore park**

7-a-side (10 in a team) - 3 teams max, either competitive or development teams. Mixed teams. Mouthguards & shin-pads are compulsory.

Parent help needed with team managers and transport.



## TERM 4

### **St Ignatius Swimming Sports** - Whole school

#### **TBC - Week 4 Friday 6 November at Swimbastic.**

At the end of two weeks daily swimming lessons with a swim coach, year 4-6 students compete in swimming races in the morning and year 0-3 students showcase their swimming learning in the afternoon. Our year 4-6 students choose to sign up for **competitive** races or they **participate** in swimming freestyle and backstroke. The top year 4 & 5 students in each stroke are eligible to compete in next year's Bay Suburbs interschool event.

Parent help needed running the event. Students travel by bus.

### **Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby** - Year 5 & 6 (only 4 teams)

#### **Week 5 - Wednesday 11 November at Madills park**

6-a-side (12 in a team)

Parent help needed with team managers. Students walk to Madills.

### **Bay Suburbs Athletics** - Year 5 & 6

#### **Week 7 - Tuesday 24 November at Glover park**

Entries are made based on the top placings at the St Ignatius Athletics this year. The first two in field events, first three in sprints and relays are usually eligible, so we have a team of about 25.

Parent help needed with team managers and transport.