



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)*

Thursday 5th February
Kia ora koutou – Welcome to Term 1, 2026

OUR FAITH

Jubilee Year of St Francis

2026 is the Jubilee Year of St Francis marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

Mons Bernard led the staff in a special reflection on this during our recent Teacher Only Day and we prayed together the Prayer of St Francis.

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.*

A Special Ordination

Congratulations to Father Ryan Pepito Sy on his ordination to the priesthood last Saturday. It was a wonderful celebration and we are very happy that Fr Ryan will be a part of our school community as he moves onto this next stage of his devotion to the vocation of priesthood.



2026-2027 Sacramental Programme - Information Evening

Wednesday 4th March, St Ignatius Parish Centre, 7:15pm

If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like them to receive their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion, please come along.

Attending the Information Session is a requirement for Enrolment.

Any questions, please Email Gina - sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

OUR LEARNING

Parent Sharing meetings

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to book in a time to meet with your child's teacher next week. Please refer to the email that was sent out on Tuesday.

The purpose of these meetings is for parents to share with the teacher any relevant information about their child. This could include things such as how your child learns best, what they are interested in or any specific needs they may have.

Term 1 Overviews

Early next week, we will send out the learning overviews for the term so you can see what is coming up.

School Organisation for 2026

Jane Penney

Principal

Debbie Watson

Assistant Principal and SENCO

Timatanga Learning Community Years 1-3

Debra Wells	Team leader and Y1 teacher in Mahaki
Olivia Melbourne	Y1 teacher in Pai
Hayley Webb	Y2 teacher in Whakappono
Deahna Barrington	Y2/Y3 teacher in Ohaoha
Penny Lundy	Y3 teacher in Rongo

Waihanga Learning Community Years 4-6

Megan Alexander	Team leader, DRS and Y5/6 teacher in Atawhai
Tony Peck	Y4 teacher in Kia Hari
Thamarai Pillay	Y5 teacher in Kia Hari
Andrea Wright	Y6 teacher in Atawhai

School wide support

Kate O'Brien	Literacy Support and release teacher
Fiona Holmes	Part time release teacher
Bernadette Jackson	Part time release teacher
Karen John	Learning Assistant
Jill Hickey	Part time Learning Assistant
Sarah Bugden	Learning Assistant
Moeka Yamamoto	Learning Assistant
Ingrid Giertz	Part time Learning Assistant
Ana Cooper	Learning Assistant
Hilary Murphy	Office and Enrolments
Sonia Wyngaard	Office and Accounts

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome

This week we welcomed the following new children and their whānau to our school:

Year 1: Emilia Derejian, Alice Smith Pico, Colten Forsyth, Olivia de Souza Rensendes, Luna Romero, Caleb Cheung, Humphrey Hartstone, Cyrus Palanas, Taylor Barr, Archer Rogal & Heath Peh

Year 2: Dylan McDonald

Year 3: Benjamin Ramalho, Max Le Bos

Year 4: Darcy McDonald

Year 5: Havea Fonua

We also welcomed Miss Hayley Webb and Mrs Andrea Wright to the teaching staff and two new learning assistants, Miss Ana Cooper and Ms Ingrid Giertz.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Melbourne who celebrated her wedding in the holidays and is now Mrs Jones.

Also congratulations to Mrs. Pillay and her husband who recently celebrated a stunning traditional Hindu ceremony in South Africa's 'Mother City' Cape Town.



Friends and Family

Thank you to those of you who donated uniforms and anyone who was able to come to the uniform sale in the holidays. The Friends and Family worked hard to organise the sale and were very happy with the number of parents whom came along.

Condolences

Our prayers are with the Regan family following the loss of Louis' grandfather in France earlier in January. May he rest in peace.

OUR PLACE

School Bus

Auckland Transport have messaged reminding us of the following:

- Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip. Tagging data is used by their team to know how many students are onboard each bus so they can make adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up. Children ages 5 to 15 years are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card.

IMPORTANT There is an updated Bus Code of Conduct that parents and students using the bus will need to read and sign. This should come home with your child today if they are on the bus or, you may pick up a copy from the office. Please make sure they are all returned signed to the school office by the end of next week.

Vacancy for Groundsman

Our groundsman, Noel retired at the end of last year so if you know of anyone who is interested in a few hours of work a week to help keep our school looking great please contact me jpenney@stignatius.school.nz

Have a blessed Waitangi Day tomorrow 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 2 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6

Tuesday 10th February Parent Sharing meetings 3pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 10th February & Wednesday 11th February Year 5 & 6 Bike Skills

Wednesday 11th February 1 & 4 Tamaki Hapu Hapu Mass 9am St Ignatius

<i>Thursday 12th February</i>	Parent Sharing meetings 3pm -4.30pm
Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu – Years 2 & 5	
<i>Tuesday 17th February</i>	Shrove Tuesday
<i>Wednesday 18th February</i>	Ash Wednesday
<i>Wednesday 18th February</i>	Year 6 students leave for Camp
Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 1 & 4	
<i>Tuesday 24th February</i>	Parent Information meeting TBC
<i>Wednesday 25th February</i>	Y 5 & 2 Rangitoto Hapu Mass 9am St Ignatius Church

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 -Tuesday December 15th TBC

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS – Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th March 2026

BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (bookings open 9.00am Monday 23 February)

Tour times: 9am and 10am each day

Book at www.baradene.school.nz – 2026 Open Day Tours

Please refer to the website for booking closing times for each day.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2027 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 13 March, 2026.



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TERM 1 SCHEDULE

Monday

AVAILABLE

Step-by-step painting guidance from the teacher, students will gain confidence & explore new techniques in acrylic painting.

Tuesday

1 SPOT LEFT

Step-by-step painting guidance from the teacher, students will gain confidence & explore new techniques in acrylic painting.

FULLY BOOKED!

Wednesday

AVAILABLE

Step-by-step painting guidance from the teacher, students will gain confidence & explore new techniques in acrylic painting.

Thursday

2 SPOTS LEFT

Manga Inking Dojo focuses on learning how to use a G nib pen used by manga artists. It strengthens hand control & pressure sensitivity, skills that transfer well to digital inking.

Friday

AVAILABLE

Creative session focusing on exploring ideas & developing drawing & storytelling skills in a supportive, workshop-style environment.

BOOKING ENQUIRIES, CONTACT EMILLY : STHELIERSATELIER@GMAIL.COM / 021335807

SUMMER NETBALL

Starts 18 February - 26 March 2026



Get a group of friends, your school or work mates together and join our fun summer netball. Register as a team, or an individual player.

Seniors: (Snr-Ladies & Open, College-Girls & Open)
\$325 per team, or
\$60 for individual entries

Juniors: (Year 1-8)
\$295 per team, or
\$45 for individual entries

Walking Netball: (Ladies & Open)
\$325 per team, or
\$60 for individual entries

Venues:
St Johns - Thursday nights, starts 19 Feb or
Mt Eden - Wednesday nights, starts 18 Feb

Runs for 6 weeks

Entries close: 13 February 2026

Register online:

Scan the QR code carefully and ensure it directs to Auckland Netball's official website
www.aucklandnetball.co.nz
Beware of scams - Auckland Netball will never request sensitive information or payments via unofficial links.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Anne Nicholson, Games Liaison
T: 09 280 4131
E: games@aucklandnetball.co.nz



Weekend & After School NETBALL SKILLS CLINICS



Looking for opportunities for your child to play netball outside of school? Join our 6 week programme with netball skills and match play. Individual registrations, open to boys & girls.

After-School Clinics:

St Johns
Wednesday afternoons
Years 1-8
18 Feb-25 Mar 2026

Windmill Park
Monday afternoons
Years 1-8
16 Feb-23 Mar 2026



Weekend Clinics:

St Johns
Sunday afternoons
Years 1-8
22 Feb-29 Mar 2026

Windmill Park
Saturday mornings
Years 1-8
21 Feb-28 Mar 2026



For more information please contact:

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ST MARY'S COLLEGE 2027 Enrolments are now OPEN

Join our Mercy Family

Enrolments for 2027 are now OPEN for Year 7 and Year 9 students
and a limited number of places at other year levels

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

We invite you to submit an online application



2026 OPEN DAY

Thursday 26 March 2026

Two sessions available, commencing 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Both sessions deliver the same information

No need to rsvp - just come along to your preferred session

www.stmaryak.school.nz

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Fiona is an experienced and enthusiastic educator and a performer who loves teaching speech and drama. She trained at a drama school in France and has an LTCL (performance) and ATCL (speech and drama teaching) from Trinity College, paired with a Master's of International Business and Commerce Degree from the University of Auckland. She has worked professionally in the performing arts since her 20s in TV and film and many theatre productions acting, producing and more recently directing theatre. Fiona is an ICF accredited executive coach and managing trustee of Active Arts.

Register [here](#) for term 1 lessons, beginning **Thursday 12th February 2026** *Now taking place before school 8.00-8.50am*. Term fees are \$278 for group lessons with 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Sibling discount of 10% for any siblings enrolling.

Any questions please don't hesitate to call Nina on 021-160 9197.

