



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 27th February

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. A voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a visible sign of the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality and power of God and the glory, which is Jesus Christ. The disciples were very afraid but Jesus tells them not to be and everything looked normal again. But the disciples' lives were changed by what happened on the mountain.

Our lives are changed by Jesus too as Jesus lives in all of us. Jesus showed us how we should live our lives. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday



Te Waipuna Puawai

We are looking for one extra volunteer to help collect the weekly food and clothing collection from the office and deliver to Te Waipuna Puawai drop off location on Waddell Ave, Point England, on a four weekly basis. If you are interested in doing this please contact Sophie Webb-Higgs on 021 848406.

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

Devices at school

Year 4-6 students may bring a device to use for learning at school.

We use Linewize and Classwise as tools to help keep student's safe online.

Online Safety Hub

All parents may be interested in the site that Linewize have created for caregivers. It includes a lot of useful information, such as advice on parental controls, social media etc. Check it out here:

<https://stignatius.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

If you go into this website you can then see information about the Qustodio Parent App which can be downloaded for free through the site. Many parents use it to provide additional safety for their children by setting up parental controls.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students had an exciting and successful Camp at Camp Adair in Hunua last week.

They had many opportunities to challenge themselves outdoors and learn how to work together as a team.

Thanks so much to Mrs Watson, Mrs Alexander, Mrs Wright and all the amazing parent helpers who gave up their time to be there and support the students.



Learning Support – Reading help needed

We are looking for volunteers to support with our Pause, Prompt, Praise programme.

In the past we have had a number of parents, grandparents and parishioners who help out with this.

Pause Prompt Praise will run twice a week and supports some students with additional reading. It takes approximately an hour. You will be given full training and be working with one child for 10-15 minutes at a time. Over each session you would work with 4-5 children one at a time in the library,

If you are interested in volunteering your time or want to know more please contact Mrs Debbie Watson dwatson@stignatius.school.nz

OUR PEOPLE

Condolences

We pray for the following:

- Mila McLaughlan's great nana who passed away last week at the age of 99.
- Jonah Douglas-Jones's Opa, Norbert Marzi who recently passed away in Germany.
- Mrs Pillay's mother who passed away in South Africa earlier this week.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Friends and Family – AFC Tickets

There are more AFC football tickets loaded up on MyKindo for the current round of games. By purchasing these you will be supporting our Friends and Family. The atmosphere at the games is great and they have all sorts of activities for the kids, with plenty of food stalls and drinks. It really is a great sporting event to take a young ones to.

Friends and Family AGM next Thursday 5th March at 7pm

Please come along to our AGM if you would like to join or even just find out more about our Friends and Family and how you can help make a difference in our school.

Congratulations

Hudson Hyslop and family travelled to Australia recently, where Hudson won the Oceania BMX championship and then the Australian National BMX series round. Well done!



OUR PLACE

Policies for review

This term we are reviewing the following policies:

- Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
- Sun Protection
- Digital Technology and Online Safety
- Cellphones and Other Personal Devices

If you would like to read these policies or contribute to the review please go to: www.schooldocs.co.nz or go to schooldocs on the @school app

- Type in 'St Ignatius' to select the school from the drop down menu
- Enter the username: stignatius
- Enter the password: stheliars

Annual Implementation Plan

The Annual Implementation plan which outlines this year's goals under each of our Strategic Plan headings; Our Faith, Our Learning and Our Hauora is now available to read on the school's website: <https://stignatius.school.nz/our-place/strategic-plan>

Parking around school

Please avoid parking in the bus stop on Speight Rd or over any of the driveways around the school. They need to be kept clear at all times.

Also, please do not park or drive into the staff carpark behind the church to drop children off. They should never be walking through this carpark as it is not safe to do so at any time.

Children can enter and exit school through the Speight Rd entrance or the Hanene St entrance where the gates are usually opened around 8.10am. Alternatively they can come through the office or through the gate by the sports shed if they walk between the church and the Parish Centre from Kotiri St.

School Tax Receipts 2025

With the financial year ending on the 31st of March, all Tax receipts will be sent out in April. You are also able to view your tax receipt on your school app by downloading it from the accounts tab.

Our Centenary

Next year St Ignatius Catholic School will be 100 years old!

If you or any one you know would like to be on our initial organising committee for the Centenary please email me on principal@stignatius.school.nz

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 5 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu – Mrs Alexander and Mrs Lundy's kaitiaki

<i>Wednesday 4th March</i>	Waitemata Hapu Mass 9am Miss Webb and Mrs Wright's kaitiaki groups
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<i>Thursday 5th March</i>	Friends and Family AGM 7pm – all welcome
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<i>Friday 6th March</i>	Whole School Assembly TBC
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Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu – Mrs Wright and Miss Webb's kaitiaki

<i>Wednesday 11th March</i>	Kohimarama Hapu Mass – Mrs Lundy and Mrs Alexander's kaitiaki groups
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<i>Wednesday 11th March</i>	Year 6 Puberty Sessions
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<i>Thursday 12th March</i>	Whole School Athletics day at Mt Smart Stadium
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<i>Friday 13th March</i>	Year 6 Puberty Sessions – Day 2
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Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection - Rangitoto Hapu for Mr Peck, Mrs Pillay and Mrs Barrington's kaitiaki

<i>Tuesday 17th March</i>	Year 5 & 6 Bays Suburbs Softball
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<i>Tuesday 17th March</i>	St Patricks Day – wear green and bring a gold coin
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<i>Wednesday 18th March</i>	Tamaki Hapu Mass- Mrs Wells, Mrs Jones and Mr Peck's kaitiaki groups
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<i>Thursday 19th March</i>	St Joseph's Feast day
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Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu – Mrs Alexander and Mrs Lundy's kaitiaki

<i>Monday 23 March</i>	Children can bring back koha boxes to school this week
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<i>Wednesday 25 March</i>	The Annunciation Feast day
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<i>Wednesday 25 March</i>	Rangitoto Hapu Mass – Mrs Pillay and Mrs Barrington's kaitiaki groups
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<i>Thursday 26 March</i>	School Board meeting 7pm
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<i>Friday 27 March</i>	Bay Suburbs Swimming
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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 -Tuesday December 15th



Steigerman upright Piano and stool available free to good home.

Older but in good condition and in tune. Can be collected in Auckland. Contact Barry Larsen 0292976539

CHESS PROGRAMME

Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at **St Ignatius School** and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

WHY CHESS?

- Improve concentration and focus
- Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- Tactical & Strategic thinking
- Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAM?

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way. Throughout the program, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the program we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

Q Where can I learn more?

A Visit our [Parents Centre](#)

CLASS DETAILS

Sessions are held **before school** on Mondays from **7:40am - 8:40am**. **Please note the change of time. This is to allow students to get ready for a clean start of school at 8.50am.**

Classes start on **Monday 16 February 2026**. The last session will be held on Monday 30 March 2026. There are a total of 7 sessions.

Class Fee: \$193 for the term/student.

REGISTRATION

[Register Now!](#)

NETBALL IS BACK

Come along to our Junior Netball
'Give it a Go' days. Everyone welcome!



Learn new skills, play netball, and have fun! Free sessions - no registration required. Guest appearances from GoSweetSpot Mystics & Stars players!

ST JOHNS VENUE

7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns

Date: 21st March 2026

Time: 1pm - 3:30pm

Years: 1-8 (Boys & Girls)



WINDMILL PARK VENUE

48 Windmill Road, Mt Eden

Date: 7th March 2026

Time: 1pm - 3:30pm

Years: 1-8 (Boys & Girls)



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

Caitlin Smardon, Development Program Officer

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E: development@aucklandnetball.co.nz



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ST HELIERS ATELIER

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

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[@ST_HELIERS_ATELIER](https://www.instagram.com/ST_HELIERS_ATELIER)

- *Easy step by step guidance
- *Small class - max 6 students per class
- *Create your own take home masterpiece
- *Snacks & good vibes provided!



3PM - 5:30PM | \$40 PER SESSION.



27 LONG DRIVE, ST HELIERS.

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.

Wednesday

FULLY BOOKED!

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

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 - 3** Go to Checkout
(Enter your School's name in the 'Notes' box on the Checkout page)
 - 4** See the 'Fundraiser' tab on the website for more info
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Thankyou for your support !

20% of your purchase will go to our school

**Don't forget to spread the word!
Foward this website url to your family and friends!**

Questions?

Please email us at - info@preciouslabels.co.nz

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A fantastic opportunity for your child!

Shine Speech & Drama classes inspire confidence and imagination, helping students communicate effectively and build self-belief that helps them succeed in life.

Here's what people are saying about Shine's lessons ...

"He got up and spoke in front of the school. He would never have done that before"
— James' Mum

"...the best speech and drama teacher working in New Zealand today." NZ Herald

SHINE SPEECH & DRAMA covers:

- public speaking
- acting skills
- voice (projection and articulation)
- reading aloud skills
- positive body language
- storytelling
- relationship skills
- option to enter exams through Speech NZ and Trinity.
- Shine Achievement Awards available for all students.



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.





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