



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)

Monday 30th March

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Holy Week

This week we began our daily reenactments with the Year 1 dramatization of Palm Sunday. The children used their performing arts and singing skills to share the story with the audience.





Parents are warmly invited to join us each day at 9.15am.

Tuesday 31st March: The Last Supper – Year 2

Wednesday 1st April: The Stations of the Cross Part 1 – Year 3 & 4

Thursday 2nd April: The Stations of the Cross Part 2 – Year 5 & 6

On Thursday after the final Stations of the Cross you are all invited to visit the learning spaces where children will share some more of the RE learning that has taken place this term.

St Patricks Day

On 17th March the children enjoyed dressing up in green and finding out more about St Patrick. The Friends and Family are grateful for the donations received.



St Joseph's Day

We also celebrated St Joseph's day on 19th March and the Catholic Special Character student leaders, the 'Mini Macs' visited each learning space to share prayer and an activity with the children.

OUR LEARNING

Year 4 Circus Showcase

With a focus on Drama this term, Year 4s recently performed for an audience of whanau and other students. They had created the content for the show and, with Mr Peck's help, brought it all together. Lots of learning happened including working together and remembering instructions/cues, the building of self-confidence and overcoming nerves!



Bay Suburbs Softball

Last week, we maximised the opportunity for St Ignatius students to play softball in the Bay Suburbs tournament, by taking 4 teams (36 Year 5 & 6 students). A big thank you to our parent helpers - Kimberley Waters, James MacMillan, Sampson Greenwood, Kate Lily and Becs Richardson. Our students represented St Ignatius with pride, good sportsmanship, learnt some new skills and enjoyed cheering on their friends. The wonderful thing about these tournaments is some already play but for so many it is a chance to try out new sports. No results to report, we had a mix of wins and losses.



Weetbix triathlon

Congratulations to the team who competed in the Kiwi kids Tryathlon last Sunday!



Bay Suburbs Swimming

Last week we took 22 Year 5 & 6 swimmers to compete with other schools up at Sacred Heart College pool. Thank you to our parent helpers - Louise Hyslop, Kimberley Waters, Sarah Simmers and Tash Pagano for making this possible.

It was so joyful seeing our students cheering each other on, especially when it was relay time! The noise was lifting the roof off and we tasted some success - 2nd in the Y5 Boys Relay (Kingston Hyslop, Tomas Rodriguez, Wes Spence and Leo Sutton) and 3rd in the Y6 Girls Relay (Ivy Duncan, Frankie Pagano, Penny Dardis and Lulu Paris). We also saw plenty of courageous moments from our students, like slipping at the start and getting back up again to do it for the team.

Congratulations to Ivy Duncan and Toby Waters who qualified for finals and to Kingston Hyslop, Tom Burt and Tomas Rodriguez on their placings below:

Y5 Boys 25m Backstroke Final	Kingston Hyslop	2
Y5 Boys 25m Breastroke Final	Kingston Hyslop	1
Y5/6 Boys 25m Butterfly Final	Kingston Hyslop	2
Y5/6 Boys 50m Freestyle Final	Kingston Hyslop	2
Y5/6 Boys 4 x 25m Medley Final	Kingston Hyslop	2
Y5 Boys 25m Freestyle Final	Kinston Hyslop	1
Y5 Boys Relay	St Ignatius	2
Y6 Girls Relay	St Ignatius	3
Y6 Boys 25m Freestyle Final	Tom Burt	3
Y5 Boys 25m Backstroke Final	Tomas Rodriguez	3
Y5 Boys 25m Breastroke Final	Tomas Rodriguez	2=
Y5/6 Boys 25m Butterfly Final	Tomas Rodriguez	3

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jen and Tony Simmers on the recent birth of their little girl Josie, a baby sister for Isla.

Staffing

This week we farewell Mrs Megan Alexander and thank her for the many contributions she has made over the last six years. She has been a dedicated teacher and enthusiastic DRS. We wish her well as she relocates to the South Island and takes up a new position at St Joseph's School, Queenstown.

We also say goodbye to Miss Moeka Yamamoto who has worked as a learning assistant for the last few terms and is heading back to Japan. We have been lucky to have her expertise in our school.

Next term we will be welcoming Mr Lance Pope who will start teaching in Atawhai and Mr Orlando Lima who will join us as a Learning Assistant.

OUR PLACE

Yummy fruit sticker Promotion for Sports Equipment 2026



Dear Whanau

Thanks to all your awesome apple eating & sticker collecting last year, St Ignatius has recently received \$769 worth of balls & sports equipment for the sports shed. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

In addition to Yummy Apples, the sticker collection includes Yummy stone fruit such as Nectarines, Peaches & Plums.

How to Play

Purchase Yummy fruit, either bags with cut-out labels or individual fruit with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 fruit stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on Sticker Collection Sheets and the cut-out labels on Cut-Out Label Collection Sheets.

There are two options for Yummy Fruit sticker collection. If you're collecting individual stickers, print out this collection sheet.

https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Sticker-Collection-Sheet-2024_NEW_upload.pdf

If you're collecting the Yummy apple bag labels, print out this collection sheet.

https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf_Cut_Out_Label_Collection_Sheet_compressed.pdf

Once completed, please return them to the school office. We'll collect the sheets in Term 3.

David Regan is the co-ordinator for this year. Please contact David on 021 285 4222 or email dwregan15@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Easter everyone and we will see you all next term.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Penney
Principal – Tumuaki

OUR CALENDAR	
<i>Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website https://www.stignatius.school.nz/</i>	
TERM 2, 2026	
Week 1 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu – Mrs Wright and Miss Webb's kaitiaki	
<i>Monday 20th April</i>	Term 2 begins
<i>Wednesday 22nd April</i>	Whole School Easter Alleluia Mass
<i>Saturday 25th April</i>	Anzac Day
Week 2 Te Waipuna Collection – Rangitoto Hapu – Mrs Barrington and Mrs Pillay's kaitiaki	
<i>Monday 27th April</i>	Public Holiday for Anzac Day
<i>Thursday 30th April</i>	Ladies Night F & F fundraiser TBC
<i>Friday 1st May</i>	F & F Pizza Lunch
Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection – Tamaki Hapu – Mr Peck, Mrs Wells and Mrs Jones' kaitiaki	
<i>Friday 8th May</i>	Whole School Assembly
<i>Sunday 10th May</i>	Mothers Day

Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu – Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy's kaitiaki

Health Education week – Life Education

Tuesday 12th May Bay Suburbs Football – Glover Park

Thursday 14th May School Board meeting

Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu – Mrs Wright and Miss Webb's kaitiaki

Friday 22nd May F & F Pizza lunch

Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday

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



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- 4** See the 'Fundraiser' tab on the website for more info

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HAVE YOU HEARD??

Opening Early 2026

**NEW HOCKEY TURFS ARE NEARING
COMPLETION AT COLIN MAIDEN PARK!**

**WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO FINALLY HAVE OUR OWN HOME TURF!
JOIN US FOR THIS VERY EXCITING NEW CHAPTER IN OUR HISTORY.**

Keep in the loop - Team Reach Group
Code: hockeyjuniors26

Junior Club Captain: juniors@auhc.org (Years 1-8)
Youth Club Captain: youth@auhc.org (Years 9-12)
Senior Club: president@auhc.org or secretary@auhc.org

Orakei Junior Volleyball

Volleyball for Years 5 to 10

Coaching & Games

✓ Fun
✓ Movement
✓ Teamwork
✓ Skills

Enjoy learning and playing one of the fastest growing sports in New Zealand schools.

For more information and to register please go to:
www.sporty.co.nz/orakeijuniorvolleyball

Term 2 Registrations for Orakei Junior Volleyball are now open. The program includes:

- A focus on fun, movement and being engaged
- The game is adapted so all players enjoy success
- Sessions are balanced between improving skills and playing games
- Players get to rotate around the court so play every position and get to serve, set, dig and spike!
- Quality coaching - in fact 4 of the coaches have played for New Zealand!
- A low coach to player ratio (typically 1:6) so we can work on all players technique every week
- And the head coach is Grant Hill, an internationally qualified coach and an ex-St Ignatius Dad.