



# HEADS UP!

## We are Happy – Hari

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus like Saint Mary MacKillop and

*"Find happiness in making others happy."*

*I am thankful for the happiness I feel inside and the gifts God has given me. I choose ways to make others happy. I enjoy my work and play.*

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"*

*John 15:11-12*

*Jesus' Last Supper discourse to his Disciples (John, Chapters 13-17)*

**Friday 8th May**

**Kia ora koutou**

## OUR FAITH

### Sharing the Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

*And I will ask the Father,*

*and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,*

*the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,*

*because it neither sees nor knows him.*

*But you know him, because he remains with you,*

*and will be in you.*

*I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

*In a little while the world will no longer see me,*

*but you will see me, because I live and you will live.*

*On that day you will realize that I am in my Father*

*and you are in me and I in you.*

*Whoever has my commandments and observes them*

*is the one who loves me.*

*And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,*

*and I will love him and reveal myself to him."*

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, the 'Advocate', to be with the disciples always, emphasizing that love for Him is shown through keeping His commandments

## OUR LEARNING

### Assembly

Today we held our first assembly of the term and Year 1 learners led us in prayer. Congratulations to all the students who were awarded their Celebration of Learning Certificates and the winners of the lunchtime touch competition.



## Chess

Well done to the following chess children who represented our school last week at the Junior Auckland Central Regionals held at Epsom Normal School:

Tomas Rodriguez, Benji Cheung, Alfie Cheung, Isaac Goh, Timmy Sharp, Leo Sutton, Bastian Putty, Michelle Thumbawila.



## Inventionator

Some Year 6 students took part in the Inventionator challenge this week. This is the first time our school has been involved in Inventionator and the students worked online in teams with other Year 6 – Year 9 students from all over the country to design solutions to real world problems using a wide range of skills. They collaborated, brainstormed, used a structured idea generation model, researched and created prototypes by drawing, modelling and mapping ideas. Each team then pitched their ideas to a panel and received feedback.

Well done to Ivy Duncan, Phoebe MacMillan, Teddy Hankins, Jones Sullivan and Timmy Sharp who were fully involved in their respective teams, had fun and learnt lots!

Jones and Ivy from the 'Native Sip' team and Timmy and Teddy from the 'Pollutionators' team worked hard to reach the finals which were held on Thursday night and consisted of the top 6 teams. The Native Sip team then won the award for best description in their pitch. Amazing!



## **Life Education**

The children were very excited to see the Life Education van arrive at school today. Next week they will all be attending Life Education sessions which are part of the Health curriculum. Some of the curriculum strands covered include:

- Personal Health & Physical Development
- Personal growth and development
- Relationships with other people
- Identity, sensitivity and respect
- Interpersonal skills

## **OUR PEOPLE**

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Hunter family on the recent birth of a baby brother for Leila.

### **Letter from Friends and Family.**



Kia ora e te whānau,

With a new Core Group leading Friends & Family for 2026, we are pleased to connect with you, our awesome school families and update you with our plans for 2026.

The Ignatius Friends & Family Committee exists to support our school by raising funds that go directly back into enhancing the learning experience and wellbeing of our children. Through a range of fundraising and social activities, we aim not only to benefit our kids, but also to build strong connections between families, staff and the wider school community. By coming together, we help create a welcoming, supportive environment where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Friends & Family has had a great start to the year with the Easter raffle, Friday Freeze, Pizza Friday and the really fun Ladies Night Movie Event last week! Thank you for your generous support.

### **Meet your 2026 Core Committee**

We're incredibly grateful to the parents who have stepped into these roles—bringing energy, ideas, and a real heart for our school community:

- Chair: Anna White
- Secretary: Emily Rush
- Treasurer: Emilie Dick
- Board Representative: Jane Penney
- Teacher Representative: Penny Lundy
- Members: Kim Clark, Ainsley O'Connell and Kate Robertson

### **What's coming up in 2026**

We are pleased to share the events we have planned for the year. The events are designed to bring our community together, create special moments for our children, and support the school financially:

- **Term 2:**
  - Pizza Fridays: 22 May, 5 June, 19 June
  - Eastern Suburbs Football Tournament Sausage Sizzle: 12 May
  - Moreton's Quiz Night: 24 June
- **Term 3:**
  - Pizza Fridays: dates TBC
  - School Discos
  - Art Exhibition
  - Uniform sale
- **Term 4:**
  - Friday Freezes
  - Sushi Fridays
  - Dudes Night

There will be something for everyone—whether it's nailing some quiz questions, a day off making sandwiches for lunch boxes, or a chance to get involved behind the scenes.

This group thrives on the generous spirit of our community. Every smile, every helping hand, and every event attended helps make our school an even more connected and supportive place for our kids.

If you'd like to be part of the sub-committee this year (in any way, big or small), we'd absolutely love to have you involved. Please let one of the Core Committee know or email us on [friendsfamilystigs@gmail.com](mailto:friendsfamilystigs@gmail.com) and we can add you to the WhatsApp group.

Here's to a fun, welcoming, and memorable 2026 together 

Friends & Family Committee

## OUR PLACE

### Term 2 Policy Reviews

This term we are reviewing the following policies:

- Daily School Bus
- School Swimming Pool\* / Swimming Off Site\*
- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

If you would like to read these policies or contribute to the review please go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://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: stheliers

Have a lovely weekend everyone and Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Penney  
Principal – Tumuaki

<b>OUR CALENDAR</b>	
<i>Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website <a href="https://www.stignatius.school.nz/">https://www.stignatius.school.nz/</a></i>	
<b>TERM 2, 2026</b>	
<b>Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu – Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy's kaitiaki</b>	
Health Education week – Life Education	
<i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</i>	Māori whānau hui 5.30pm
<i>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</i>	Bay Suburbs Football – Glover Park
<i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</i>	School Board meeting
<b>Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu – Mrs Wright, Ms Selby and Miss Webb's kaitiaki</b>	
<i>Wednesday 20 May</i>	Tamaki Hapu Mass (Mr Peck, Mrs Wells & Mrs Jones' kaitiaki groups)
<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</i>	F & F Pizza lunch
<i>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	Pentecost Sunday
<b>Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection – Rangitoto Hapu</b>	
<i>Friday 29 May</i>	Friends and Family meeting 2pm
<i>Friday 29 May</i>	Whole School Assembly 9am in PC. Year 3 to lead prayer
<b>Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection – Tamaki Hapu – Mr Peck, Mrs Wells, Ms Selby and Miss Webb's kaitiaki</b>	
<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</i>	Kings Birthday Weekend – Public Holiday
<i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i>	All students to be in winter uniform by today
<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	School Photos
<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	School Photos
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Whole School Assembly
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i>	F & F Pizza lunch

**Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu – Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy's Kaitiaki**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	BOOK WEEK this week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	School Board meeting 7pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Character Parade

**2026 Term dates:**

**Term 1** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Term 2** Monday 20 April – Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Term 3** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>



**PRECIOUS  
LABELS**  
tag 'em all!

# FUNdraising

**Cute, Colourful and Durable Labels**

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**Follow the steps below to participate in our fundraiser**

- 1** Go to <https://preciouslabels.co.nz/?ref=STIGNATIUSCATHOLIC SCHOOL>
- 2** Choose your label pack
- 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

**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?**

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COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION

# GLENDOWIE PUMP TRACK

*Local riders we need  
you!  
show up on your  
bikes and show  
support!*

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR A LOCAL PUMP TRACK

**SATURDAY 16 MAY**

**1:00-2:30PM**

**GLENDOWIE PARK, OPPOSITE GLENDOWIE SCHOOL**

**BE  
THERE**



**COME ALONG. BE  
COUNTED.**

Meet Ōrākei Local Board members  
on-site, see the proposed location,  
and have your say.

**SAFE, ACTIVE FUN FOR  
KIDS, TEENS AND  
FAMILIES**

**A FREE LOCAL RIDING  
SPACE FOR ALL SKILL  
LEVELS**

**YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP  
MAKE IT HAPPEN**

*Scan for more info  
from the council website*



# 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**  
Monday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
11 May - 22 Jun 2026

*\*No programme 1st June due to King's Birthday*

**Windmill Park**  
Tuesday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
19 May - 23 Jun 2026



### Weekend Clinics:

**St Johns**  
Sunday afternoons  
Years 1-8  
17 May - 28 Jun 2026



For more information please contact:

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# Umpiring Courses



## Junior Netball 6v6 Umpiring courses!

### DATES:

#### St Johns

Wednesday 29th April

4pm - 7pm

Monday 25th May

4pm - 7pm

#### Windmill Park

Tuesday 12th May

4pm - 7pm

## 7v7 Umpiring courses

### DATES:

#### St Johns

Monday 18th May

4pm - 7pm

#### Windmill Park

Thursday 7th May

4pm - 7pm

Visit our website for more information and to register

Scan the QR code carefully and ensure it directs to Auckland Netball's official website

[www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)

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