



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 22 May
Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: John 20:19-23.

Pentecost Sunday

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was descended upon the disciples so they could spread the Gospel.

We also recognise it as the birthday of the Church and will celebrate with a liturgy and cupcakes for students on Monday.

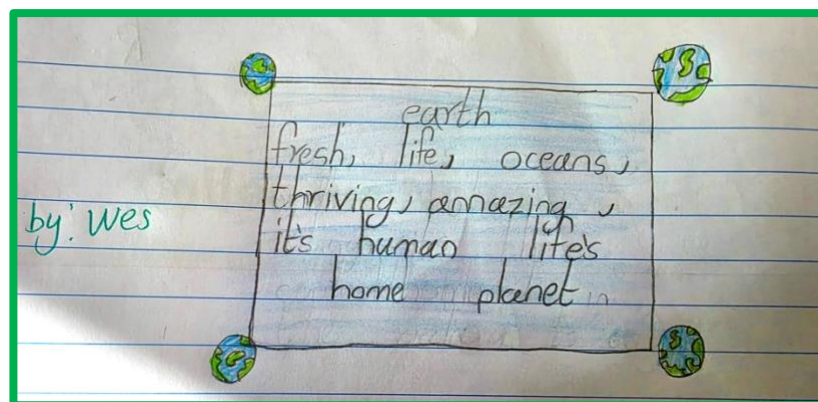
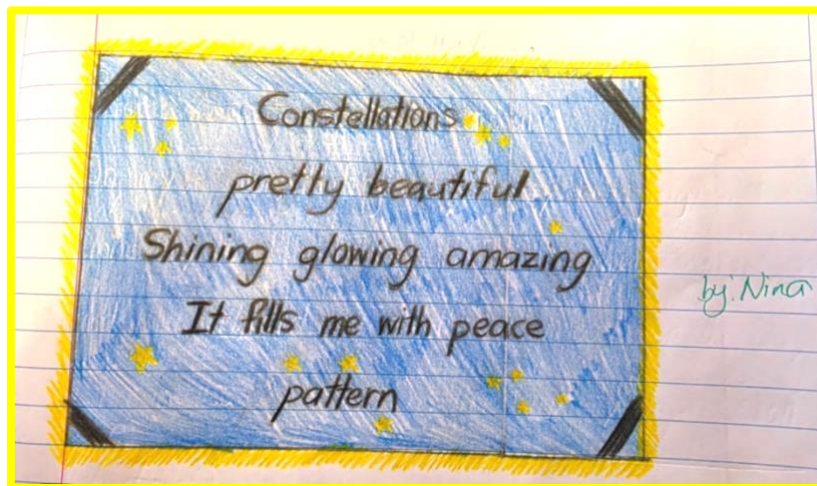
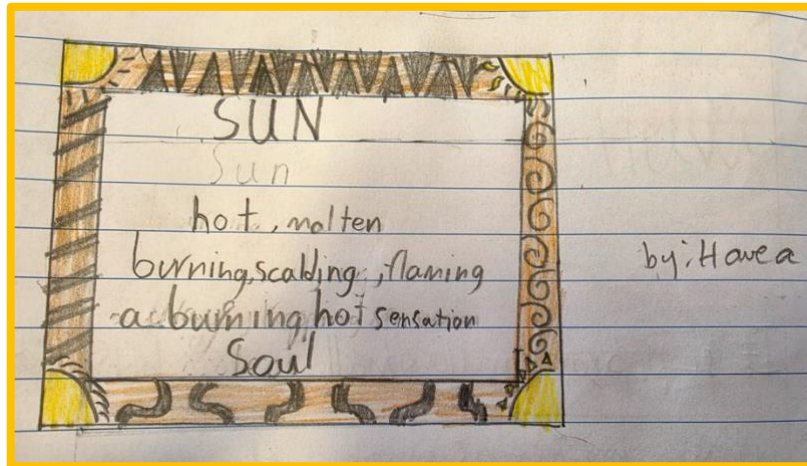
The Holy Spirit as the bearer of grace, tapu, holiness and mana, power to all God's people.

OUR LEARNING

English

This week, some Year 5 students have been learning about Cinquain poems for writing. A cinquain poem is a five line poem that is non-rhyming and the lines follow a specific pattern.

The theme was "Space" which aligns with the inquiry unit for the term.



Bay Suburbs Football

Wow! What a great day our students had at Bay Suburbs Football. We took our maximum 6 teams and 54 students, even managing to help out 4 St Joseph's students by including them in our teams. It's a big day with 9 schools, 34 teams, 91 games and about 350 students. For some it is a highlight of the year and they remember it for a long time!

Our students represented themselves and our school with exemplary behaviour, especially helping to set up and pack up as the organising school. Jane, Debbie and Lance were at the BBQ fundraising up a storm selling sausages. Great job team!

Thank you to Kevin Burt, David Cheung, Chris Lynch, Shaun Hall, Stacey Duncan, Mandy Coombs, Andrew Spence, Becs Richardson and Kathleen Nidea for managing our teams and enabling so many students to play.

Here's the results:

Y6 Girls

1= St Ignatius and St Thomas's
3 Kohimarama

Y6 Boys

1 St Ignatius
2 Churchill Park
3 St Heliers

Y5 Girls

1 Parnell
2 St Heliers
3 St Ignatius

Y5 Boys

1 Churchill Park
2 Glendowie
3 St Heliers



Senior Sports day

Last Friday, Waihanga Learning Community made the most of the sunny weather and walked to Madills Farm for their sports. The afternoon started off with a fun game of touch rugby with teachers and parents vs students. Thanks very much to the parents who were involved in the game and those who provided supervision on the sidelines and the walk down.



Life Education

Students and teachers enjoyed their visits to the Life Education van and the lessons received lots of positive feedback.

Teacher Only Days – advance notice

The government has approved four curriculum half days for each of 2026 and 2027 to engage in professional learning and planning focussed on new curriculum content and smarter assessment. We will be holding two Teacher Only Days next term on 17th August and 4th September.

OUR PEOPLE

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hills family following the recent loss of Evan and Alba's great grandmother.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Martin Guptill on recently being appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in the 2026 New Year Honours for his outstanding service to cricket.

F & Family Update

The Friends and Family held a successful sausage sizzle at the recent Bay Suburbs Football tournament. We appreciate the help provided by parents and teachers at this event and send a big thank you to Sanitarium for the donation of Up & Go.

OUR PLACE

School Uniform

The change over date for all students to be in winter uniform is Tuesday 2nd June after Kings Birthday weekend. We understand that there have been some supply issues at the School Uniform Centre and if this is the case for your child, please just let their kaitiaki teacher know.

Term 2 Policy Reviews

This term we are reviewing the following policies:

- Daily School Bus
- 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 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
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Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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	
<i>Sunday 24th May</i>	Pentecost Sunday
Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection – Rangitoto Hapu – Mrs Pillay & Mrs Barrington's kaitiaki	
<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
<i>Sunday 31st May</i>	Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection – Tamaki Hapu – Mr Peck, Mrs Wells, Ms Selby and Miss Webb's kaitiaki	
<i>Monday 1st June</i>	Kings Birthday Weekend – Public Holiday
<i>Tuesday 2nd June</i>	All students to be in winter uniform by today
<i>Tuesday 2nd June</i>	CaPT conferences 1.15-5pm
<i>Wednesday 3rd June</i>	School Photos
<i>Thursday 4th June</i>	School Photos
<i>Thursday 4th June</i>	CaPT conferences 3.15-6.30pm
<i>Friday 5th June</i>	Whole School Assembly. Waihanga to lead prayer
<i>Friday 5th June</i>	F & F Pizza lunch
Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu – Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy's Kaitiaki	
<i>Monday 8th June</i>	BOOK WEEK this week
<i>Tuesday 9th June</i>	Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby
<i>Wednesday 10th June</i>	Rangitoto Hapu Mass, Mrs Pillay and Mrs Barrington's kaitiaki
<i>Thursday 11th June</i>	School Board meeting 7pm

Friday 12th June

Book Character Parade

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



CALLING ALL BUDDING GYMNASTS!

We're looking for expressions of interest for the **Eastern Zone Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition** – a fun and inclusive opportunity for our students to get involved and represent St Ignatius.



Competition date: Monday, 3 August (Term 3, Week 3)



Location: Eastern Suburbs Gymnastics Club (ESGC), Apirana Ave

Open to **boys and girls in Years 3–6**, this competition is suitable for all skill levels – no experience needed. It's all about giving it a go, building confidence, and having fun.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Simple routines including floor and vault, with bars (boys) and beam (girls)
- Students compete individually, with the option to form teams (minimum of 4 per year group)
- Four one-hour training sessions in June/July (dates confirmed once numbers are known)

COSTS

- The school will cover the competition entry fee and first training session
- Families will need to cover the remaining three sessions
- Approx. \$10 per session, which goes towards professional coaching

KEEN TO TAKE PART?

Please email Kimberley Waters (Year 6 mum) at kimberleywaters@gmail.com. Please include your child's name, year level, parent/caregiver name and mobile number (to be added to WhatsApp group). Once registered, Kimberley will share further details, including training dates & times (likely two before July school holidays and two after).

Expressions of interest close: Friday, 5 June.



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27 LONG DRIVE, ST HELIERS.

TERM 2 SCHEDULE

* CLASS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS AGED 8 AND UP

Monday

2 SPOTS LEFT

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

Tuesday

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Thursday

1 SPOT 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

2 SPOTS LEFT

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

FULLY BOOKED!

BOOKING ENQUIRIES, CONTACT EMILLY : STHELIERSATELIER@GMAIL.COM

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