



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 3rd July
Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This Sunday's gospel reading is not just a reminder to Jesus' disciples but for all of us today. When we follow Jesus, we must dedicate ourselves to following His footsteps. We can't do this alone but can become like Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Following Jesus does not guarantee that there will be no more suffering, pain, and injustice. The following is described in the Gospel as taking one's yoke and expecting that life will be burdensome but trusting that we will be given rest and inspiration so we can carry on with life in a meaningful way.



Eastern Bays Parishes Reshaping

Is anyone keen to have a say on the Eastern Bays Parishes reshaping? If it hasn't been on your radar yet, the Eastern Bays Parishes are starting on the journey of "reshaping".

The parishes being brought together to plan the future are St Ignatius, Glendowie, Orakei, Meadowbank, Panmure, Glen Innes ... a big area!

This is likely to impact our school in some way but we can't be sure how.

It would be great to have some parents sharing about our interests in how things will look going forward. At the moment all the feedback is being gathered and added to a report for Bishop Steve.

If you are interested in having your say how parishes should be structured and how it connects with schools but couldn't make it to the last Synodal Listening meeting please email Anna White.

mrsannoulisewhite@gmail.com

OUR LEARNING

Assembly

Year 5 students led us in prayer at last week's assembly and shared all their wonderful learning about psalms.

Well done to the students who were awarded their learning certificates.



Art Gallery trip

The Year 6 Arts leaders took the winners of the St Francis of Assisi art competition on a special trip to the Auckland Art Gallery last week. They had a good look around and contributed to the collaborative art work by Do Ha Suh.



Sport - Bay Suburbs Netball

Last week we took six St Ignatius teams (47 students) to the Bay Suburbs netball tournament. It was great to take 3 Boys and 3 Girls teams and we got very lucky with the weather! Netball is all about teamwork and we saw our tamariki grow in confidence throughout the day, doing their personal best for each other.

Congratulations to our teams who placed in their grade:

First - Y5 Girls B Diamonds, Y6 Girls B Saints

Second - Y6 Boys A Warriors

Third - Y5 Boys B Power, Y6 Boys B Hurricanes

A huge thank you to our parents managing teams and transporting students. We could not provide these opportunities without your help. That's it for sport this term.



Matariki Gathering- Māori New Year (Te Tau Hou Māori) 2026

This morning we celebrated the beginning of Matariki at St Heliers beach and with breakfast back at school. Thanks to all the whānau who were able to attend and those who helped prepare the breakfast back at school.

The children had lots of fun and also enjoyed sharing some of their matariki learning. A big shout out to 4 Square St Heliers, Adam O'Connor and Sanitarium for the donations of food for breakfast.



OUR PEOPLE

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Webb following the recent loss of her beloved Nan in the UK and also to the Hawke family following the loss of Harry's grandfather.

Congratulations

Last week Mrs O'Brien and her husband welcomed their lovely new baby boy, George who weighed in at 4kg. A special brother for Harvey.



Friends and Family

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - a big thank you!

What an incredible night we had at Moreton's last week! A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Friends & Family Quiz Night at Moreton's Bar. Thanks to the amazing support of our school community, we raised **over \$5,000** for our children.

With more than **80 tickets sold**, a room buzzing with laughter and friendly rivalry, and some wonderfully generous and competitive bidding in the silent auctions, the evening was a fantastic success from start to finish.

These events simply don't happen without the generosity and support of so many people. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, gathered a team, donated auction and raffle items, placed bids (or encouraged bids!), volunteered their time, or helped organise the event. Every contribution, big or small, played an important part in making the evening such a success.

We would also like to lift up and thank our wonderful sponsors. Your generosity helped make this event possible, and we are incredibly grateful for your support of our school community.

A special thank you to:

House of Travel – \$500 voucher

Teesha and Balin Cupples – Signed Warriors Jersey

Wardrobes Direct – Freestanding Wardrobe (value \$500)

Crisp Home + Ware – \$100 voucher x2

Saint Beauty - Glow Facial Voucher (value \$140)

Roommate Cabins (Smith family) - \$100 Waterboy voucher

Emilie and Chris Dick - Triumph and Disaster Starter Kit (value \$200)

Hartstone family - Dog Dental Biscuits

Heather Vette Nails - voucher and cuticle oil

Colls Electrical - Raffles sponsor

Williams family - Igloo Roller Cooler

We would also like to thank the team at **Moreton's Bar** for hosting us and helping create such a welcoming venue for the evening.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a fun night. It was wonderful to see so many parents, staff, friends and supporters enjoying themselves while raising valuable funds for our school. Special mention goes to the two competitive staff tables, and Mons Bernard and Seminarian Bob for joining a team!

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community. Together, we have raised funds that will directly benefit our students, and we couldn't have done it without you!



OUR PLACE

Parking around school

A reminder to please be respectful to our neighbours by not parking in or over driveways. Also please do not drive into the car park behind the church in Hanene St which is for staff cars and needs to be kept clear.

Yummy Fruit stickers

This is just a quick reminder about the awesome Yummy fruit sticker Promotion for Sports Equipment. It's a great (& healthy) way to help St Ignatius school to get a share of \$200,000 worth of excellent sports equipment!

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 at the end of 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 lovely school holiday break and we will see you all next term.

Nga manaakitanga katoa a te Atua

Mānawatia a Matariki!

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 3, 2026	
Week 1 Te Waipuna Collection -Kohimarama Hapu for kaitiaki of Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy	
<i>Monday 20th July</i>	Term 3 begins
<i>Wednesday 22nd July</i>	Tamaki Hapu Mass
Week 2 Te Waipuna Collection -Waitematā Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb & Ms Selby	
<i>Wednesday 29th July</i>	Rangitoto Hapu Mass
<i>Thursday 30th July</i>	Friends and Family meeting 7pm

Friday 31 st July	Feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola
Friday 31 st July	Whole School Assembly – Year 6 to lead prayer
Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection -Rangitoto Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Pillay, Mrs Barrington & Ms Ryan	
Monday 3 rd August	Eastern Zone Gymnastics Competition
Monday 3 rd August	Inter schools chess tournament
Wednesday 5 th August	Whole School Mass at St Ignatius Church
Friday 7 th August	School Cross Country at Glover Park
Saturday 8 th August	St Mary MacKillop's feast day
Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection -Tamaki Hapu for kaitiaki of Mr Peck, Mrs Wells, Mrs Jones	
Wednesday 12 th August	Waitematā Hapu Mass
Thursday 13 th August	School Board meeting 7pm
Friday 15 th August	Whole School Assembly – Year 5 to lead prayer
Friday 15 th August	School Discos
2026 Term dates: Term 3 Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September Teacher Only Days: Monday 17th August, Friday 14th July Term 4 Monday October 12th – Tuesday December 15th	



Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

\$200,000

SPORTS Gear

Download extra sticker sheets at yummyfruit.co.nz

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!



**"He spoke in front of the whole school!
He never would have done that before."**

James' (9) Mum

Shine Speech & Drama classes build spoken excellence and inspire confidence and imagination.



Now available at St Ignatius School, Shine Speech & Drama lessons teach:

public speaking
voice projection and articulation
reading aloud
acting

positive body language
storytelling
relationship building
self belief

St Ignatius School begin in term 3 on Thursday 30 July

- Thursday before school 8.00-8.50am

8 lessons in the term. 10% Sibling discount available.

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Term fees are \$278 for group class and \$335 for the exam class.

If you have any question please email shine@shine.school.nz.

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New Zealand Herald

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SCHOOL OF
CONFIDENCE

Chess Power



Enrolments are open

CHESS IS BACK AT ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Places are limited, so it is worth registering early to secure your child's spot.

[Register Now](#)

CLASS DETAILS

School: St Ignatius Catholic School	
When: Mondays	7:40
Room: Library	-
Start date: Monday	20 July 2026
Final session: Monday	21 September 2026
Sessions: 10	
Class fee: \$239.00 for the term/student	

YOUR COACH

Chess Power coaches teach new skills each week and support students as they practise through games.



Kushal Patel

WHY CHESS?

Playing chess helps children practise concentration, patience, fair play, problem-solving, decision-making and strategic thinking.

- Improve concentration and focus
- Develop confidence through challenge and achievement
- Learn fair play, resilience and decision-making
- Prepare for chess tournaments against other schools
- Build a love of chess, learning and thinking

WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER CLASS?

Each session starts with a formal lesson where students learn a new strategy, idea or skill. They then practise through activities and tournament-style games. Games are monitored by the coach, who gives feedback and encouragement along the way.

At the end of the programme, students are recognised with certificates based on their performance and progress.

REGISTRATION

Register online through the Chess Power class registration page. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via Stripe.

If the class has already started, please follow the instructions on the registration page under **“Joining after the class has started or can’t make all the classes in a term?”**

[Go to Registration Page](#)

Kind
The Chess Power Team

regards,



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(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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Questions?

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