



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HEADS UP!

We are Respectful – Whakanui

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus like Saint Mary MacKillop and
'Be gentle and kind to one another'

I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated.

I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of others.

"Dear children let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" 1 John
3:18

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, Chapters 5-7)

Friday 24th August
Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: *Matthew 13:44-52*

This Sunday's Gospel offers three significant messages:

- The new reign of God is the greatest treasure one can possess.
- Jesus' probing question: "Do you understand all these things?" is also meant for us today.
- God's kingdom invites us to desire more than material satisfactions.

The Gospel is about people discovering precious things and giving up anything to obtain them. It includes three parables where Jesus tries to help the disciples understand the kingdom of heaven: the hidden treasure, the merchant in search of fine pearls, and the net that caught fish of every kind. Each of the objects, the thing found or caught, is something of great value.

These parables show how important it was to Jesus to repeatedly explain the mystery of the Kingdom. The question asked by Jesus of the disciples is also asked of us today: "Do you understand all these things?" If our answer is "Yes," then we know what is valuable, even priceless.

Celebrate Grandparents and the Elderly in Our Lives

Marriage & Family Life warmly invites you to a special **Grandparents Mass** as we give thanks for the love, wisdom, and faith that grandparents and older people share with our families and communities.

We especially encourage **grandchildren to bring their grandparents**, and everyone is welcome to bring an elderly person in their life whom they would like to honour.

📍 **St Patrick's Cathedral**

43 Wyndham Street (corner of Federal Street), Auckland

📅 **Sunday, 26 July**

🕒 **4:30 pm**

🚗 Reduced parking fees apply.

Come and celebrate together as one family in faith. We look forward to welcoming you!

Evening Vigil

Celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

All are invited to a time of prayer to honour Mary MacKillop; a woman who practised inclusion by actively seeking out and serving those on the fringes of society, ensuring that no one was excluded from dignity or education based on their background or status.

She lived by the motto, "Never see a need without doing something about it."



Date: Friday 7 August

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Chapel at Mary MacKillop Centre
56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

Led by: Sisters and Josephite Affiliates and Companions

Light tea will be served after this time of reflection

RSVP by Monday 2 August
for catering purposes to Sr Julian Langton
Ph 09 528 1801
email: marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au

OUR LEARNING

Term Overviews

These were sent home today and give you an overview of the learning that will be happening this term. If you have any questions please feel free to email your child's kaitiaki teacher.

As usual it is a very busy term and we have a big focus on the arts. This includes:

- Dance is happening in week 8. We are lucky to have Manuel from Dance Curriculum coming to run daily lessons which will culminate in performances and sharing with whānau on Friday 11th September.
- Art Exhibition. Teachers and children are already working towards this exciting event which will be held on the last day of the term from 7.30am. Mrs Debbie Watson is helping create some collaborative art pieces for the Year 4-6 students. If you have a love of art and some free time during the day to help please email her on dwatson@stignatius.school.nz

Cross Country training & footwear

This week everyone has begun training for our school Cross Country which is at the end of Week 3.

It is good if they have a pair of sports shoes for this and, if it is easier, they may wear these to and from school until after the Cross Country. From week 4 the expectation is all students return to wearing their black regulation shoes.

OUR PEOPLE

Staffing

This term we welcome Ms Michelle Ryan who is teaching new Year 0 students in Humarika learning space. She was relieving in Mahaki at the end of Term 2 so she already knows our school and some of the children well.

Mr Tony Peck has resigned and will be leaving us at the end of Week 6 to take up a position as a dedicated PE and Health teacher at St Heliers School. Tony will have been teaching at St Ignatius for 3 years and during that time has held leadership responsibility for sport. We wish him all the best for the next step in his career.

Welcome to our new students

Today we had a special whakatau to welcome Ms Ryan and the following new entrant students and their whānau to our school:

Emmie Hutchison, Harry Wilson, Jack & Nora Butchard, Darcy McLauchlan and Benjamin Kirrane who are in Manawanui learning space.

Julieta Besen Eling, Daniel Lindsay, Ella Crossman, Sebastian Smith, Zelda Putty and Oliva Peterson who are in Humarika learning space.

We also welcomed the Kavanagh family who have relocated from Bangkok and have Verity in Year 6 and Rory in Year 4.



Friends and Family

School Discos save the date - Friday 14th August. More information to come.

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 weekend everyone

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 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
<i>Friday 31st July</i>	Feast day of St Ignatius of Loyola
<i>Friday 31st July</i>	Whole School Assembly – Year 6 to lead prayer

Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection -Rangitoto Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Pillay, Mrs Barrington & Ms Ryan

<i>Monday 3rd August</i>	Eastern Zone Gymnastics Competition
<i>Monday 3rd August</i>	Inter schools chess tournament
<i>Wednesday 5th August</i>	Whole School Mass at St Ignatius Church
<i>Friday 7th August</i>	School Cross Country at Glover Park
<i>Saturday 8th August</i>	St Mary MacKillop's feast day

Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection -Tamaki Hapu for kaitiaki of Mr Peck, Mrs Wells, Mrs Jones

<i>Wednesday 12th August</i>	Waitematā Hapu Mass
<i>Thursday 13th August</i>	School Board meeting 7pm
<i>Friday 15th August</i>	Whole School Assembly – Year 5 to lead prayer
<i>Friday 15th August</i>	School Discos

Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu for kaitiaki of Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy

<i>Monday 17th August</i>	Teacher Only Day – school closed
<i>Wednesday 19th August</i>	Kohimarama Hapu mass

Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection -Waitematā Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb & Ms Selby

<i>Monday 24th August</i>	Bay Suburbs Cross Country
<i>Wednesday 26th August</i>	Cultural Day whole school mass followed by shared morning tea
<i>Thursday 27th August</i>	Friends and Family meeting 7pm

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

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He never would have done that before."**

James' (9) Mum

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- Thursday before school 8.00-8.50am

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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	-	8:40am
Room: Library			
Start	date: Monday	20	July
Final	session: Monday	21	September
Sessions: 10			2026
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,

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

\$200,000

SPORTS Gear

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- *Create your own take home masterpiece
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\$40 PER DRAWING CLASS



27 LONG DRIVE, ST HELIERS.



TERM 3 SCHEDULE

MONDAY
PAINTING CLASS

TUESDAY
PAINTING CLASS

WEDNESDAY
PAINTING CLASS

THURSDAY
DRAWING CLASS

17/7 FRIDAY
DRAWING CLASS



*STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE
HELPS STUDENTS BUILD CONFIDENCE
WHILE EXPLORING NEW ACRYLIC
PAINTING TECHNIQUES.*

*LEARN SKETCHING & EXPLORE TECHNIQUES
WITH A VARIETY OF DRAWING PENS. OUR LESSONS
HELP STUDENTS TRANSFORM THEIR IDEAS
& IMAGINATION INTO CONFIDENT ARTWORK.*

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Questions?

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