



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 7th August

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Mary MacKillop Feast day

We celebrated a beautiful mass on Wednesday to recognise the feast day of St Mary MacKillop which is tomorrow.



**Feast of St Mary
of the Cross
Mackillop
8th of August**



Ever generous God,

You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the
Gospel of Jesus Christ, and
constant in bringing hope and
encouragement to those who were
disheartened, lonely or needy.
We ask that our faith and hope be
fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so
that we too, like Mary MacKillop,
may live with courage, trust and
openness.

Ever generous God hear our
prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop,
pray for us!*

OUR LEARNING

Art

We are excited to welcome Auckland artist **Bruce Rule** to our school as he works alongside a group of our students to create a special mural for the back wall of our junior playground.

Bruce is collaborating with students throughout the design process, encouraging them to share ideas and helping bring their creativity to life.

This project is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience working with a professional artist while developing a sense of pride and ownership in their school environment.



The mural will transform the space and you will all get to view it during our Art Exhibition in Week 10 of this term.

If you want to check Bruce out, he will have some work on display for us during our Art Exhibition, with some work you can purchase if you like. His website is brucerule-artist.com and he is available for commissions.

Gymnastics

What an incredible achievement by our St Ignatius gymnasts! 38 students from Years 3–6 proudly represented our school at the Eastern Zone Primary School Gymnastics Competition on Monday 3 August.

For many of our students, this was their first experience of gymnastics, let alone performing routines in a competitive environment. They embraced the challenge with courage, commitment and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. Competing against students from schools across the Eastern Suburbs - many of whom train in gymnastics regularly - made their efforts all the more impressive.

While we had some great results, what stood out most wasn't the placings, but the way our students encouraged one another, showed resilience when things didn't go to plan, celebrated each other's successes, and represented St Ignatius with humility and pride. These are the qualities that matter most, and they were on display throughout the day.

A huge thank you also goes to Kimberley Waters for her organisation and the families who supported training sessions, transport and the competition itself. Your encouragement helped make this opportunity possible for our students.

While participation and personal growth were the greatest successes of the day, we are also delighted to celebrate those students who have qualified to represent St Ignatius at the Auckland Primary School Gymnastics Champions of Champions competition in September.

Year 3 Girls

Lucia Bueno Russell – 1st

Juliet Fitzgerald – 5th

Holly Fitzgerald and Ruby McLaughlin contributed to the Year 3 Girls team placing 2nd.

Year 3 Boys

Clark Ashby – 2nd

Max Le Bos – 3rd

Freddie Putty and Leo Mearns contributed to the Year 3 Boys team placing 2nd.

Year 4 Girls

Paige Webb-Higgs – 4th

Isabelle Burt – 6th

Mila McLauchlan and Aurelia Miller contributed to the Year 4 Girls team placing 2nd.

Year 4 Boys

Hudson Hyslop – 1st

Year 5 Boys

Malyx Cupples – 1st

Leon Spoeth-Watson – 3rd

Mihali Compton – 7th

These boys placed 1st overall as a team.

Year 6 Boys

Luca Barden – 2nd

Toby Waters – 6th

Congratulations to every student who had the courage to step onto the competition floor and give their very best. You have done yourselves, your families and St Ignatius proud. We wish our Champions of Champions qualifiers every success as they compete at the Auckland Championships.



Resilience Show

Everyone enjoyed the NED show this morning. NED is a character whose name is an acronym for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best and was a fun way to reinforce our school values.



Assembly

Last week Year 6 learners led prayer with a focus on St Ignatius and his Daily Examen. It was a special day as we celebrated the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Well done to all the children who received their Celebration of Learning certificates.



Cross Country

Today was a great day for Cross Country and everyone participated well. More information will be sent out next week.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day. If your child is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you either phone us, send us an email or message us on @school app to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.

We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may occasionally be absent. However, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress.

If your child is absent regularly, or for extended periods, we will reach out to you to discuss the situation. If you're having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for support by speaking with your child's teacher or sending us a message. We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance.

More information on attendance, including your rights and responsibilities as parents or caregivers is available on the Ministry of Education's webpage <https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/attendance>

OUR PEOPLE

Appointment

We are happy to announce the appointment of Miss Pearl James to the position of Director of Religious Studies (DRS) starting in Term 1, 2027. Pearl will be coming to us from Marian School in Hamilton.

In the meantime Mrs Deahna Barrington will be the acting DRS.

The DRS is an important position in a Catholic School and is responsible for supporting the Catholic Special Character, implementation of the RE curriculum and all the special events, masses and liturgies that we have throughout the year.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Sharp family following the recent loss of Ben and Timmy's grandmother in Whanganui.

Congratulations

Well done to Hudson Hyslop who recently competed at the BMX world championships in Brisbane. Hudson finished in 3rd place and so is now ranked world number 3.



OUR PLACE

Accounts

Term 3 account statements will be sent out by the 14th of August. You can also view your statement at any time using your school app and downloading it from the accounts tab. Should you have any account queries, please email accounts@stignatius.school.nz

Policy Review

This term we are reviewing the following school policies:

- School Community Engagement Policy
- Inclusive School Culture
- Enrolment
- Student Attendance
- Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Student Uniform/Student Dress

If you would like to provide feedback on any of these policies please go to School Docs <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/login>

Choose our school from the dropdown menu and add:

- Username: stignatius
- Password: stheliars

Then click on Current Review to read the policies and click on the review button to add your feedback.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

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>	
<i>TERM 3, 2026</i>	
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 14th August</i>	Whole School Assembly – Year 5 to lead prayer
<i>Friday 14th 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 20 th July – Friday 25 th September	
Teacher Only Days: Monday 17 th August, Friday 4 th September	
Term 4 Monday October 12 th – Tuesday December 15 th	



COLLEGE RIFLES TOUCH

2026/27 summer season

**ALL GRADES
WELCOME**

**WEDNESDAYS,
THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS
STARTING 14TH OCTOBER**

- SECONDARY SCHOOL
- YEAR 1-8
- YEAR 9-13
- SOCIAL MIXED
- OVER 40'S
- FAMILY GRADE

**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!
WWW.COLLEGERIFLES.CO.NZ**



PASSPORT to play

Launching 5th Aug

TERM 3 WEDNESDAYS



Wed 5th August

Culture Quest

Discover the colours, traditions and celebrations that make each country unique through hands-on exploration and creative play.



Wed 12th August

Global Games & Dances

Play children's games from around the world and learn how movement sport and fun connect kids everywhere.



Wed 19th August

World Flavours

We're getting stuck into the world of international food, global flavours and food traditions.



Wed 26th August

Science Explorers

Tamariki will investigate global science discoveries through hands on experiments, inventions and challenges inspired by world-famous scientists.



Book
TERM 3
now!



Where play *meets* potential



INVENTORS LAB

Launching 2nd Sept

TERM 3 WEDNESDAYS



Wed 2 September

Mini Machines

Hands-on STEM fun! Kids will learn about forces and physics whilst creating and building real working machines.



Wed 9 September

Power Up

Experiment with energy, motion and propulsion to create inventions that fly, move and launch.



Wed 16 September

Mystery Box Makers

Kids are challenged to design an invention that solves a problem, using materials from the "mystery box".



Wed 23 September

Brainwave Builders

We're getting inspired and sparking imaginations through creative design and exciting challenges.



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Join our Fundraiser Programme

Follow the steps below to participate in our fundraiser

- 1** Go to <https://preciouslabels.co.nz/?ref=STIGNATIUSCATHOLICSCHOOL>
- 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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