



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 my 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 21st August
Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: *Matthew 16: 13-20*

This Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus founding a Church and Peter as the leader. Jesus is handing over the task of continuing his mission. He asks "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter's answer and commission marked a turning point in the life of Jesus and his followers. From this point forward, Jesus was on the road to Jerusalem, to his death and his resurrection.

The Greek word for *Peter* means *rock*. Jesus stresses that Peter's and the people's faith is a gift from the Father and the rock on which Jesus will build His church.

Cultural Day Mass – 9am on Wednesday 26th August – All Welcome!

There will be morning tea afterwards at around 10.30am. Please see email that went home earlier this week for details.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who made their First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Chapel last Sunday:

Gabriel Bird, Riley Brown, McKayla Cabato, Alfie Cheung, Clark Coakley, Kace Culpan, Malyx Cupples, Nina do Amaral Osorio, Jake Halla, Soren Lawrence, Sophie Loughnan, Archie Lynch, Ruby-Kate Lynch, Grace McNally, Seamus Murry, Dillon O'Connor, Sophie Piper, Bastian Putty, Molly Rhodes, Millie Richardson, Tomas Rodriguez, Darcy Salter, Seybal Sheikh, Tom Sherry, Chloe Silva Greenwood, Daniel Smith Pico, Wesley Spence, Leo Sutton, Gethin Thompson, Charlotte Verryt, Hayden Watson & Sophie Williams.

Also to two of our mums, Marianna and Nara.



Cans for Christmas

We will be supporting St Vincent de Paul's annual can drive again this year. Children can start bringing cans to donate to their learning spaces from next week.

OUR LEARNING

Waihanga trip to Bastion Point

Last week Year 4-6 students visited Bastion Point where they were hosted by Te Aroha Alec Hawke from Ngāti Whātua Ōrakei. Alec shared some of the history of the Ngāti Whātua village at Ōkahu Bay and Bastion Point. The trip helped bring alive the team's Inquiry learning regarding connection to Land and Identity (Tūrangawaewae).





Assembly

Year 2 learners led us with beautiful prayers and song on the theme of the Assumption of Mary at last Friday's assembly.

Well done to those children who received their Celebration of Learning Certificates.



Also congratulations to Ivy Duncan for receiving the Mary MacKillop award for consistently demonstrating respectful leadership and genuine attitude of gratitude.



Our Centenary celebrations 2027

Our History

St Heliers Bay was originally part of St Michael's Remuera. On 1 January 1927, Father Bradley, parish priest of Remuera wrote to Mother Laurence as follows:

Dear Rev Mother,

I have been requested by his Lordship Bishop Cleary to write to you in regard to obtaining two sisters for a new school in St Heliers at the end of next month, there are some 50 children of school age in the district. Two sisters therefore would be sufficient for the present.

The matter of their place of residence has been discussed with the sisters and they are quite agreeable to their residing at the convent in Beatrice Road.

They could go by bus.

As the schools reopen next month after the Christmas holidays, I should be pleased to receive a reply at your earliest convenience.

With every good wish and blessing for the new year,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

John J Bradley

And so our journey begins, the journey of St Ignatius school through time.

To be continued.....

OUR PEOPLE

Staffing

Next week we will be farewelling Mr Tony Peck who has been teaching at our school for the last 3 years and wishing him all the best as he begins his new position as the sports lead at St Heliers School.

The year 4 students will be taught by Mrs Bernadette Jackson and Mrs Judi Greenham for the rest of this term and then by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Fiona Holmes in Term 4.

Mrs Anna Wall has been appointed to teach full time in the Waihanga team from the beginning of 2027. Anna is currently teaching at Manurewa Central School but has recently shifted to the St Heliers area so she is excited to be coming to work at St Ignatius where her son is enrolled to start next year.

Riley Donovan Update

Some of you will remember Riley who was a Year 6 student at our school last year. After a prolonged absence for treatment, he was well enough to come back and graduate from St Ignatius at the end of the year.

Sadly his cancer is now back. Our thoughts and prayers are with Riley and his family as they navigate this stage of the journey.

If you would like to help they have set up a Give a Little page.

[Riley Give a Little](#)

OUR PLACE

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: stheliers

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

*Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website
<https://www.stignatius.school.nz/>*

TERM 3, 2026

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

Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection - Rangitoto Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Pillay, Mrs Barrington & Ms Ryan

<i>Thursday 3rd September</i>	F & F Pizza lunch
<i>Friday 4th September</i>	Teacher Only Day
<i>Sunday 6th September</i>	Fathers' Day

Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection - Tāmaki Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Jackson Mrs Wells & Mrs Jones

Social Justice Week & Dance Curriculum Week

<i>Tuesday 8th September</i>	Bay Suburbs Basketball
<i>Thursday 10th September</i>	Catholic Schools Cross Country
<i>Thursday 10th September</i>	Auckland Gymnastics Champion of Champions

Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection -Kohimarama Hapu for kaitiaki of Mr Pope and Mrs Lundy

Māori Language Week

<i>Wednesday 16th September</i>	Tamaki Hapu Mass
<i>Thursday 17th September</i>	Year 4 Kapa Haka sharing
<i>Friday 18th September</i>	Assembly Y3 to lead prayer
<i>Friday 18th September</i>	Cans for Christmas Collection
<i>Friday 18th September</i>	Friends and Family Pizza Lunch

Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection -Waitematā Hapu for kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb & Ms Selby

<i>Monday 21st September</i>	Bay Suburbs Hockey
<i>Friday 25th September</i>	Art Exhibition from 7.30am
<i>Friday 25th September</i>	Last day of Term 3

2026 Term dates:

Term 3 Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Teacher Only Days: Monday 17th August, Friday 4th September

Term 4 Monday October 12th – Tuesday December 15th

Volleyball

Over the last 2 Friday's Orakei Junior Volleyball (OJV) has run introduction to volleyball sessions for our Year 4s and above.

Our Tamariki have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and there's been no shortage of fun and movement.

If your child has enjoyed the experience and would be keen to continue learning the sport, please check out OJVs programs at www.sporty.co.nz/orakeijuniorvolleyball



The poster features a large, colorful, multi-colored title 'Orakei Junior Volleyball' in the center. To the right, a blue circle contains the text 'Volleyball for Years 5 to 10'. Below this, an orange circle says 'Coaching & Games'. On the left, a white circle lists four benefits: '✓ Fun', '✓ Movement', '✓ Teamwork', and '✓ Skills'. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of five children in various volleyball poses (jumping, bumping, setting) with colorful balls. The background is dark blue with a large white circle behind the title.

Orakei Junior Volleyball

Volleyball for Years 5 to 10

Coaching & Games

✓ Fun
✓ Movement
✓ Teamwork
✓ Skills

Enjoy learning and playing one of the fastest growing sports in New Zealand schools.

For more information and to register please go to:
www.sporty.co.nz/orakeijuniorvolleyball



Administration Assistant Wanted

Marriage & Family Life Ministry is seeking a part-time Administration Assistant (16 hours per week) to support its work serving marriage and family life. Based at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre. For details and to apply, visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies. Applications close **Friday 4 September**.



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