



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 18th September

Kia ora koutou katoa

OUR FAITH

Social Justice Week

Last week was Social Justice week with the theme of You Belong/ Nō Konei Anō Koe. As part of their RE learning during the week children explored this theme.

This is the beginning of a three-year journey exploring what it means to truly belong — to God, to one another, and to creation. It started with the first and most important thread: we belong to God, made on purpose, fully known, and unconditionally loved.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every person carries a dignity that is not earned and not given by others but woven into us by the God who made us. In Aotearoa New Zealand, this truth echoes in the idea of *tūrangawaewae* — a place to stand, a place to belong. Wherever we come from, whoever we are, we are held by a God who knows our name and calls us home.

Cans for Christmas – Thank you!

St Vincent de Paul thank you for your generosity. Our school donated a total of 803 cans to their Cans for Christmas appeal, the highest number of cans ever!

OUR LEARNING

Māori Language week

There was lots of amazing learning this week for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and Tamariki shared this with each other in a gathering this morning.

During the week teachers looked out for students who demonstrated one of the following values:

Manaakitanga (Care and Respect): The practice of showing respect, kindness, and hospitality to others, uplifting the mana (prestige or spiritual authority) of everyone involved. Our School Value of Respect.

Whanaungatanga (Relationships and Kinship): The principle of building and maintaining strong, meaningful connections and a sense of belonging to a collective. Our School Value of Respect.

Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship and Stewardship): The duty to protect, care for, and sustain the natural environment (land, sea, and resources) for future generations. Our School Value of Responsibility.

Rangatiratanga (Self-Determination): The right to self-management, self-governance, and having autonomy and control over one's own destiny and resources. Our School Value of being Happy.

Kotahitanga (Unity and Collaboration): The concept of moving together as one, emphasizing consensus building, teamwork, and collaboration. Our School Value of Generosity.

Well done to those children who received certificates for showing these values:



Art Exhibition

Everyone has been working hard to prepare for the Art Exhibition next Friday morning. We hope you can all come along from 7.30am - 9.30am. There will be breakfast available and lots to see!

If you are able to help the Friends and Family on this day please click the sign up sheet here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/D8B48>



Some of our art extension year 6 students painting a new mural on the fence and some of the Year 0s prepping stones for their stone art.

A big thank you to the team at Resene, Lunn Ave for providing some paint for our fence mural.

Lit Quiz

On Friday 4th September, 2 teams of Year 6 students competed in the annual Bays and Remuera Literature Quiz. Hosted by St Michael's Catholic School, the event saw 26 teams go head-to-head. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the quiz, which is wonderfully organised and run each year by New Zealand author Leonie Agnew. To prepare for the competition, the students had to read a list of 14 books by New Zealand authors. Demonstrating dedication, both teams gave up lunchtimes to practice quiz questions and discuss the texts. This was on top of the extensive reading and note-taking they managed at home.

On the day, the teams faced three questions per book and had to correctly match quotes to their titles- both teams placed in the middle of the field.

During the break, the students enjoyed an inspiring talk from special guest author Graci Kim, who graciously signed books and bookmarks for the avid readers.

Well done to Anabela Gutierrez, Ruby-Kate Lynch, Ivy Duncan, Mateus Nidea, Jones Sullivan, Timmy Sharp and Tom Burt for all their hard work and to Mrs Barrington and Mrs Wells for training the team. Also thank you to the parents who helped transport and supervise on the day.



Catholic Schools Cross Country

What a fantastic day out at Monte Cecilia for the Catholic Schools Cross Country! Our 36 students ran exceptionally well, showing determination, resilience and our school values from start to finish, even with some rain. While we didn't quite manage to defend the cup this year, **second place is an excellent achievement and one that was thoroughly deserved!** A huge well done to all our runners for their effort, sportsmanship and commitment — you represented our school with great pride. Ka pai, everyone!

A huge thank you to Mr Pope and our amazing parent helpers who supported us throughout the day, taking on roles such as course marshal, helping to manage teams, and supporting our students.

For context, there were 36 runners in total. Congratulations to all our students, many gaining top 20 finishes as well.

Here are some of the top finishing results below:

Year 3 Girls -

1st – Anastasia Coll

Year 3 Boys -

1st – Clark Ashby

Year 4 Girls

4th Isabelle Burt

Year 5 Boys -

1st – Jake Halla

Year 6 Boys -

2nd – Tom Burt

Bay Suburbs Basketball

Exhilarating! What a tremendous day last Tuesday was for Bay Suburbs Basketball. Our two teams gave it their all in every match, competing against some very talented and competitive schools. They played with heart, supported one another, and showed great determination throughout the tournament through their passing, movement, positioning and shooting.

Most importantly, they demonstrated **resilience, teamwork, respect and perseverance**. Win or lose, our students represented our school with pride, encouraged one another and never gave up. What a fantastic effort from both teams — you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!

Thank you to our amazing parent helpers that stepped in to support. Thank you to James Macmillan, team manager for the girls, Gareth Waters and Anna White for the boys team, Amando Nidea for working with the boys team, as well as Bronnie Hankins and Stacey Duncan for helping transport students to the courts and back. This wouldn't have been possible without you.

We would also like to acknowledge Mr Lima, one of our amazing Learning Assistants who helped train the teams.

We had some great results below.

Boys

2nd - St Ignatius

Girls

4th - St Ignatius

Dance Curriculum

As part of our Arts focus this year, we had Manny from Dance Curriculum teaching all the students dance every day last week. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and had great fun sharing what they learnt on Friday with lots of whānau in attendance.





Auckland Primary Schools Gymnastics Champions of Champions

On Thursday 10 September, 11 St Ignatius students represented our school at the Auckland Primary Schools Gymnastics Champions of Champions competition, after qualifying through the Eastern Zone competition.

While 18 students had qualified, the competition clashed with the Catholic Schools Cross Country, meaning some of our gymnasts were unable to attend. Those who did compete did an outstanding job, taking on the best gymnasts from across Auckland, with around 200 students competing in each of the Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 sessions.

We were delighted to see several St Ignatius students finish among the top gymnasts in their age groups. In Year 3, Max Le Bos placed 5th equal while Lucia Bueno Russell finished 11th. In the Year 5 boys, Mihali Compton placed 11th equal, Leon Spoeth-Watson 9th equal, and Malyx Cupples 5th. The three Year 5 boys combined to finish **2nd in the team competition** - a fantastic achievement. Luca Barden also finished 12th in the Year 6 boys.

Most importantly, we are incredibly proud of all 11 students for stepping up, giving it their best and representing St Ignatius with such enthusiasm. For many of our students, gymnastics is a relatively new experience, making their willingness to compete alongside some of Auckland's strongest gymnasts all the more impressive.

A huge congratulations to all our gymnasts and thank you to the parents and whānau who supported them along the way. Special thanks to Kimberley Waters who has managed gymnastics over the last few years and done an amazing job. This will be Kimberley's last year so if anyone is keen to help coordinate next year please let us know.



OUR PEOPLE

Staff

Next week we will be farewelling Ms Selby as she leaves us to return to Australia. We thank you for all she has done for the children in Manawanui. Mrs Cramer will take over in the space for Term 4.

Mrs Catherine Manton will join the staff full time as a Limited Authority to teach (LAT). As a LAT she can relieve in classes and support learning across the whole school.

Condolences

Our prayers are with the Peh family following the recent death of Heath's great grandmother in Malaysia.

Congratulations

Molly and Grace Rhodes' mum, Katie welcomed the safe arrival of a little brother for the girls, William John Elliott born on Tuesday 25 August 2026.

OUR PLACE

ERO visit

In week two of next term our ERO evaluation partners will be visiting the school. They will spend time focusing on understanding the progress our learners are making and how well we have been supporting improvement since the last evaluation which was in 2022.

Yummy Fruit Stickers

A reminder that we claim free sports equipment with the Yummy fruit stickers at the end of Term 3. If you have stickers at home please bring them to the school office by the end of the term.

Please continue to collect stickers as this promotion keeps running.

It's a great (& healthy) way to help St Ignatius school to get some excellent sports equipment!

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 or get a sheet from the school office.

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.

Uniform

After the school holidays children can transition into summer uniform up until Labour Weekend. From 27th October everyone is expected to be in summer uniform.

The summer uniform is the same as winter but with black sandals instead of shoes.

Alternatively active wear with sandals can also be worn.

Hats are compulsory in Term 4 and can be purchased from the office for \$20.

Kia pai ō rā whakatā

Have a great 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 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 7.30am – 9.30am
<i>Friday 25th September</i>	Last day of Term 3

TERM 4, 2026

Week 1 Te Waipuna Collection - Rangitoto Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Pillay, Mrs Barrington & Ms Ryan

<i>Wednesday 14th October</i>	Rangitoto Hapu Mass
<i>Thursday 15 October</i>	EPro8 Tournament

Week 2 Te Waipuna Collection - Tamaki Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Wells, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Jones

<i>Sunday 18th October</i>	Mission Sunday
<i>Monday 19th October</i>	ERO Evaluation partners visiting
<i>Thursday 22nd October</i>	Friends and Family meeting 7pm

Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection - Kohimarama Hapu- kaitiaki of Mr Pope, Mrs Lundy

<i>Monday 26 October</i>	Labour Day holiday
<i>Tuesday 27 October</i>	Swimming at Swimtastic begins for the week

Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb and Mrs Cramer

<i>Sunday 1st November</i>	All Saints Day
<i>Monday 2nd November</i>	All Souls Day
<i>Monday 2nd November</i>	Swimming at Swimtastic
<i>Thursday 5th November</i>	Strategic Plan consultation meeting 6pm – all welcome
<i>Thursday 5th November</i>	School Board meeting 7pm

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

Christmas Hampers Project 2026

Now is the time for our Parishes to commence our project of Christmas Food Hampers for local families in need. This project helps us share our gifts and teaches our children the value of helping others. We'd love your help to make this a special Christmas for families in our community.

Please mark your calendars –

**The Hamper packing day will be
Sunday 29 November after
9.00am Mass at St Ignatius**

We are now welcoming donations.
Each hamper costs around \$120, and
donations can be made to:

Account Name: St Ignatius St Heliers Bay

Account Number: 02-0108-0707227-003

Reference: Xmas Hampers Donation

We also need **Christmas wrapping paper** to wrap each of the hampers. If you have leftover rolls from previous years or would be able to donate a roll or two, it would be greatly appreciated.

Gift wrap can be left at the back of the church and will be collected after Mass over the coming weeks.

Cricket came to St Ignatius School!

Auckland University Cricket Club (AUCC) visited St. Ignatius School to run a fun and engaging cricket session for our students.

Students had the opportunity to take part in a range of cricket activities, including batting, bowling, catching, and fielding, delivered by our friendly AUCC coaches.

If your child enjoyed the sessions and would like to continue playing cricket, registrations for the upcoming summer season are now open.

The club is located at:

Colin Maiden Park
71-73 Merton Road
Saint Johns

Students received an AUCC flyer to take home with more information about the club.

Find out more and register:

www.aucc.co.nz

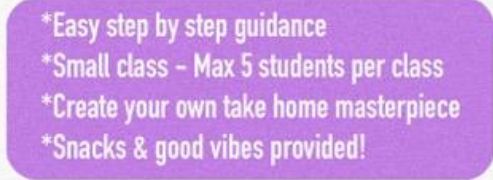


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