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ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026

KIA ORA KOUTOU KATOA

OUR VALUES - TERM 4 FOCUS

We are RESPONSIBLE - TAKOHANGA

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus like Saint Mary MacKillop and…

'Do all we can to assist and love one another.'

'Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another'

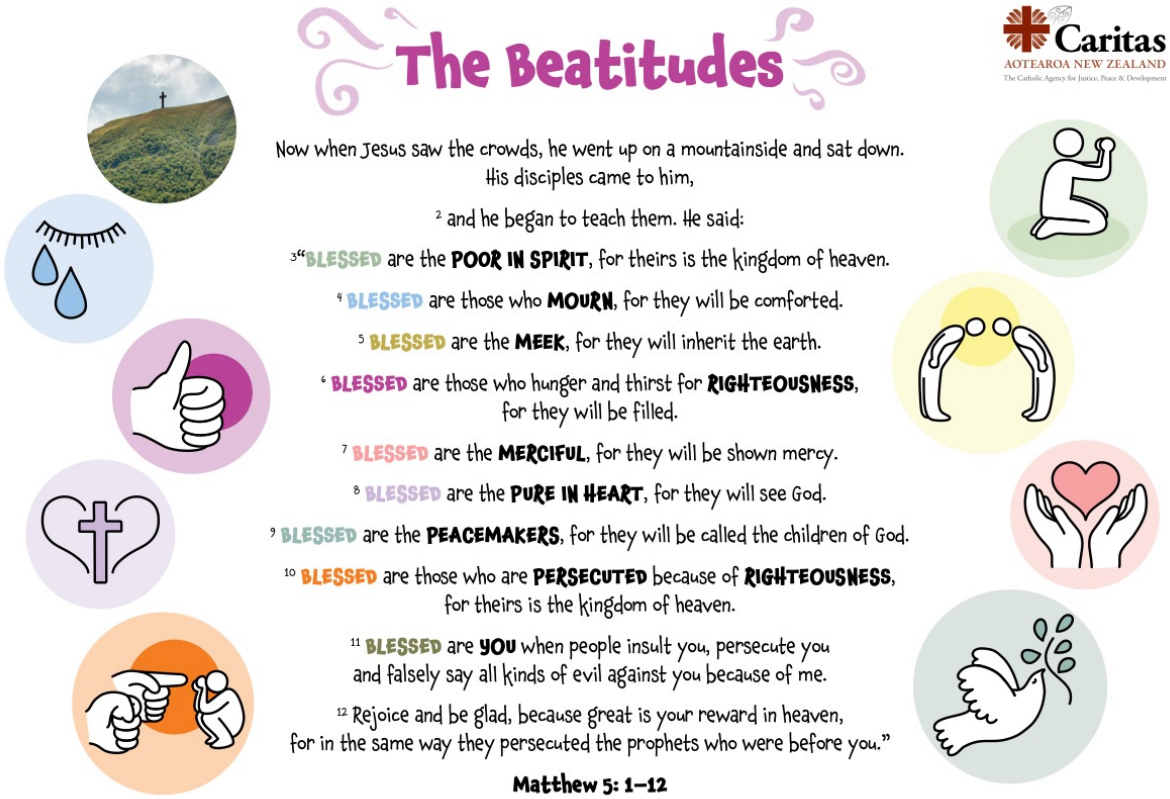
John 13: 34-35 • The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

OUR FAITH

All Saints Day

This Sunday we will celebrate All Saints Day and the Gospel is Matthew 5:1-12, The Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes are the "how to" of Sainthood. They get to the heart of holiness and express the values to which Christians are called at their baptism. When we meet someone whose life expresses these values we recognise a saint.



OUR LEARNING

ERO visit

Last week our ERO evaluators were in the school for three days and were very positive about all the amazing learning that was happening. They met with the Board, leadership, teachers and a group of students and also visited most of the classes to see learning in action. We should receive our report before the end of term.

Timatanga Inquiry

This term Timatanga children are inquiring into how people use creativity and innovation to develop solutions to needs and opportunities. They began their learning by spending time exploring all the products on display in the library and looking at how they have changed over time.





Tuakana Teina

In October, the Month of the Rosary, buddy classes joined together to learn more about the Rosary and share the praying of it together.





Swimming

Children have been enjoying their lessons at Swimtastic this week and it has been great from them to be available to practise their skills on a daily basis.

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations

Alice Richardson and Sophie Spence, St Ignatius alumnae, now at Baradene College recently competed in the National Secondary Schools' Duathlon event and won the under 14 girls team event. Well done girls!



Also congratulations to Sophie on being Baradene's Junior Sports Woman of the Year!



OUR PLACE

Centenary Celebrations 2027

Planning is underway for our Centenary events next year! It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the last 100 years in our school, all of our history and the connections that we have to the past.

We're excited to bring our school community together both past and present to celebrate this very special milestone together.
If you or anyone you know would like to find out more and are keen to be kept in the loop of the Centenary celebrations and events, please click here or jump onto our website

Uniform

A reminder that Friends and Family are now collecting donations of used uniforms for their next uniform sale. These may be sent to the school office.

Kia pai ō rā whakatā

Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Penney

Principal - Tumuaki

CALENDAR

TERM 4, 2026

For the most up to date information click here.

Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb and Mrs Cramer	
Sunday 1st November	All Saints Day
Monday 2nd November	All Souls Day
Monday 2nd November	Swimming at Swimtastic
Tuesday 3rd November	Swimming at Swimtastic
Wednesday 4th November	Swimming at Swimtastic
Thursday 5th November	Swimming at Swimtastic
Thursday 5th November	Strategic Plan consultation meeting 6pm – all welcome
Thursday 5th November	School Board meeting 7pm
Friday 6th November	Swimming Sports and Swim Carnival
Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection - Rangitoto Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Pillay, Mrs Barrington and Ms Ryan	
Wednesday 11th November	Tamaki Hapu Mass
Wednesday 11th November	Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby
Wednesday 11th November	2027 Camp Meeting for Year 5 parents 6.30pm
Friday 13th November	Timatanga team Assembly 9am
Saturday 14th November	Kapa Haka festival at Ruapōtaka Marae
Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection - Tamaki Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Wells, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Jones	
Tuesday 17th November	Bay Suburbs Athletics
Wednesday 18th November	Waitematā Hapu Mass
Friday 20th November	Waihanga team Assembly 9am
Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection – Kohimarama Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Lundy, Mr Pope	
Sunday 22nd November	Feast of Christ the King
Wednesday 25th November	Kohimarama Hapu Mass

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Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb and Mrs Cramer	
Sunday 29th November	Advent Sunday
Thursday 3rd December	School Board meeting 7pm

TERM DATES

2026 Term Dates

Monday October 12th - Tuesday December 15th (School finishes at 12pm)

2027 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 2nd February – Friday 9th April

School closed for the following public & school holidays:

- Waitangi Day observation - Monday 8 February
- Good Friday - 26th March
- Easter Monday - 29th March
- Easter Tuesday - 30th March

Term 2: Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2nd July

- Monday 7th June - Kings Birthday
- Friday 25th June - Matariki

Term 3: Monday 19 July - Friday 24th September

Term 4: Monday 11th October - TBC

- Monday 25th October - Labour Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Ignatius Parish Christmas Hamper Project 2026

St Ignatius Parish's annual Christmas Hamper Project helps support families in our community at Christmas. It's also a wonderful opportunity to share our blessings and show our children the value of helping others.

Truck needed for grocery collection

We're looking for someone with access to a truck fitted with a tail lift to help collect groceries from Glen Innes Pak'nSave and deliver them to the Parish Centre on the morning of **Saturday 28 November**. If you can help, please email **annamradich@gmail.com**.

Hamper packing day – Sunday 29 November

We'll be packing hampers after 9.00am Mass at St Ignatius. Please save the date if you'd like to lend a hand.

Donations welcome

Each hamper costs approximately $120. Donations can be made to:

Account name: St Ignatius St Heliers Bay
Account number: 02-0108-0707227-003
Reference: Xmas Hampers Donation

Christmas wrapping paper needed

We're still collecting Christmas wrapping paper to wrap the hampers. Donations can be left at the back of St Ignatius Church.

Thank you for supporting this important parish initiative and helping bring a little extra Christmas joy to families in our community.

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James' (9) Mum

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