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ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CENTENARY 1927 100 YEARS 2027 CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 14th November 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

Sharing the Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30 - The Parable of the Talents

Like the three servants in this Sunday's Gospel, we do not all have gifts to the same degree. The return God expects of us is commensurate with the gifts we have been given. The servant who received one talent was not condemned for failing to reach the five-talent goal; he was condemned because he did nothing with what he was given. We are called to use God's gifts for His glory, to be grateful for them and to ask God for the grace to know how to be respectful of the talents of others.



OUR LEARNING

Spelling

Congratulations to the following Year 5 & 6 students on their recent outstanding CAM Kiwi Competition Spelling results. This recognises them for being amongst the top students in the country:

Excellence: Jones Sullivan, Dylan Hayden & Allison Goh

Merit: Clark Coakley

Mathex

Well done to the following Y5 and 6 mathematicians who participated in the MathEx competition last week at St Kentigen School:

Year 5 - Bastian Putty, Gabriel Bird, Allison Goh, Zachary Kabysh, Gethin Thompson, Gabriel Supan and Grace McInally.

Year 6 - Penny Dardis, Ruby-Kate Lynch, Tom Burt, Toby Waters, Jones Sullivan, Fionn Boyle, Timmy Sharp and Thomas Radich.

All the students did exceptionally well and showed great teamwork. A big thank you to Mrs Pillay for preparing them well for the event.





Swimming Sports and Carnival

Over the past two weeks, all children have been enjoying swimming lessons, developing their skills, building confidence and challenging themselves in the water. It was fantastic to see so many working hard to improve, stepping outside their comfort zones and striving to be better than before. The teachers were incredibly proud of the effort, courage and progress shown by the children throughout the two weeks.

This all came together on Friday 6 November with our Years 5 and 6 Swimming Sports and Years 3 and 4 Swim Carnival. It was a really enjoyable day, with lots of children pushing themselves to give things a go, including stepping into the squad pool to challenge themselves in new ways. Just as special was the encouragement and support shown between students, with plenty of cheering and celebrating each other's efforts along the way.

There were some lovely examples of our school values in action – being **Responsible** by giving things a go and doing their best, showing **Respect** through encouraging and supporting others, and being **Generous** with their praise and celebration of their peers. And, of course, plenty of **Happy** faces!

A big well done to all our swimmers and thank you to Mrs Watson and all the parent helpers for helping the day run smoothly.

Please see link for results:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16ZIp_A4OMWfOrgfMSs6vIq8vJQlj1sDkPVBmqy3U1sA/edit?gid=0#gid=0

Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby

Last Wednesday St Ignatius had five teams participate in the Bay Suburbs touch rugby tournament at Madills Farm.

Everyone did really well, working together and trying their best. Well done to the Y5 and Y6 boys' teams who both placed second and to the Y5 girls team who placed 3rd equal.

Thank you to the parents who helped by walking with the students to and from the venue and also to those who were managers on the day. Thank you to Mr Pope for his overall organisation.





OUR PEOPLE

Welcome

On Monday next week we welcome Fleur Ashby, our last Year 0 student starting this year in Humarika learning space.

OUR PLACE

Celebrate 2026

Every year we celebrate the year's learning at a 'Celebrate' concert which is held at Sacred Heart College. You will receive an invitation closer to the time but please make sure you save the date for Thursday 10th December at 6pm. All students are expected to attend and they all will have a part to play. On the same evening we also farewell our Year 6 students as they graduate from St Ignatius.

School Uniform

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our school uniform survey and share their feedback. The Board is now working through the responses and will consider the feedback as we look at any potential changes or additions to our uniform. Any changes arising from the feedback will be communicated to our school community in due course. We really appreciate the time, thought and care that has gone into your responses.

Timatanga Assembly

Whakapono children led prayer in Assembly this morning and shared their learning about our school values. Congratulations to all those students who received their Celebration of Learning Certificates.



Organisation for 2027

We have begun planning for staff and learning space allocation for 2027.

Children will be informed of their new class teacher for 2027 in the last week of school and will get to visit their new learning spaces and meet their teacher on Monday 14th December.

Term 4 Policies for Review

This term we are reviewing the following policies:

- Curriculum & Student Achievement
- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement
- Learning Support
- Health Curriculum
- Privacy Policy

Please note the School Docs website has changed and you can now access all our policies by using the following link. You can then follow the login instructions for parents and community.

https://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/stignatius

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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

Kia pai ō rā whakatā

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Jane Penney

Principal - Tumuaki

CALENDAR

TERM 4, 2026

For the most up to date information click here.

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
Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection – Waitematā Hapu - kaitiaki of Mrs Wright, Miss Webb and Mrs Cramer	
Sunday 29th November	Advent Sunday – First Sunday of Advent
Monday 30th November	Whole school end of year Advent mass 9am at St Ignatius Church
Monday 30th November	Child and Parent Conferences 3pm – 5pm
Thursday 3rd December	School Board meeting 7pm
Friday 4th December	Year 6 visit to Rainbow's End
Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection – Rangitoto Hapu – kaitiaki of Mrs Pillay, Mrs Barrington and Mrs Ryan	
Sunday 6th December	Second Sunday of Advent
Thursday 10th December	Celebrate and Graduation at Sacred Heart College Auditorium at 6pm
Week 10	
Sunday 13th December	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday 14th December	Reports go home
Tuesday 15th December	Last day of Term 4. School finishes at 12pm

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

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ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

Launching 18th Nov

Festive COUNTDOWN

TERM 4 PROGRAMME



Wed 18 Nov

Jingle Jamboree

A musical and performance-focused week with festive songs, rhythm games, dance, and a mini play.



Wed 25 Nov

Global Festivities

Explore global celebrations, food and traditions, discovering how different cultures celebrate.



Wed 2 Dec

Sparkle & Shine

Glittering crafts, festive decorations and cheerful activities that create magical memories.



Wed 9 Dec

Festive Makers

Create, decorate, and design festive food inspired by seasonal traditions.

GLOBAL KIDS

Book TERM 4 now!

Where play *meets* potential

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