

## **St Ignatius Catholic School 1490 KIWISPORT 2018**

### **Kiwisport is a Government funding initiative to support students' participation in organised sport.**

The Kiwi Sport Fund has enabled children from all year levels at St Ignatius to benefit from a range of opportunities in a wide variety of sports.

Participation and enjoyment of sport continues to be a positive aspect of our school culture and is highly valued by our parent community. We enter our children from Years 4, 5, and 6 in available organised sports tournaments and championships.

Whilst we often have successful outcomes when competing with larger schools, our philosophy of inclusion and participation, and team work leads to as many children as possible being involved in interschool events.

In 2018 Kiwisport funding was again spent on employment of a part-time sports co-ordinator to assist in organising teams and taking an increased number of children to sports tournaments organised by our local Bay Suburbs Sports Cluster and other organisations – rugby: rippa, tackle & touch, (incl continuing Marist tournaments) soccer/football, swimming, athletics, netball, cricket, softball, hockey, basketball, gymnastics, and cross country.

A very successful school cross country, at which every child from Year 0 to 6 participated, was held at Glover Park. The entire school went to Mt Smart for 'Hauora Games' and participated and competed in a range of athletics activities and events. Every child participated in track and field events, experiencing running on an oval track and, for the older children, using regulation high jump and long jump equipment.

School competitive Swimming sports were held for Years 4, 5, 6 at Sacred Heart Aquatic Centre. Friendly fun races were held for Years 0/1, 2, and 3 and this demonstrated their swimming progress to their families. Swimming sessions incorporated a focus on water safety.

The Lead Teacher of sports was supported by the Sports Coordinator and, together they attended Bay Suburbs cluster meetings for our local schools. They ensured sports skills were delivered and quality coaching was sourced and organized; assistance of willing parents to manage, coach, umpire, and transport, and also to coach at weekly sports sessions was enlisted – all time consuming.

The sports co-ordinator took full advantage of any freely offered sports coaching e.g. cricket, hockey, rippa rugby, rugby and soccer.

Children participate in organised weekly sport/PE and daily fitness (exception - genuine illness/injury.) Children continue to be eager to participate and explore sports new to them e.g. hockey, boys netball, girls touch rugby.

The size of our school grounds is restrictive for practice however local amenities e.g. Madills Park can also be used. Our school grounds were used before and after school for a range of sports coaching for our children.

Kiwisport is part of our children's 'whole' development and incorporated naturally into our curriculum delivery; children are encouraged and given equal opportunities.

Sports equipment was purchased and well used.

The funding assisted us to meet our goals of the enjoyment of physical activity, importance of the health benefits of fitness, a 'have a go' attitude, learning the codes, fair play, and keenness to participate and contribute as team members.