



ST IGNATIUS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# HEADS UP!

## We are RESPONSIBLE – TAKOHANGA

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and like Saint Mary MacKillop  
*'Do all we can to assist and love one another.'*

**September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!**

### OUR FAITH

#### **Sharing the Gospel *Luke 15: 1-32***

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. These three parables constitute Jesus' response to the Pharisees and scribes, who were grumbling amongst themselves about Jesus eating (repeatedly) with *those people*, "tax collectors and sinners" We are all sinners in one way or another.

In conjunction with the two parables that lead up to it, the parable of the Prodigal Son is not just a good story about family dynamics. It is an illustration of God's love for those who have remained faithful *and also* for those who have not. It is one of the most memorable parables in the Gospels.

The loving father is at the centre of this parable. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

The lessons that these stories have for us is clearly one of hope and confidence in the infinite mercy of God in His dealings with us.

#### **First Eucharist**

Our prayers and love go out to all the children who are making their First Eucharist at St Ignatius and Mother of Perpetual Help churches this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### OUR LEARNING

#### **Assembly**

Today Year 3 children led our prayer at Assembly. Congratulations to Chris Hoy who received a St Mary MacKillop award and the many children who received their learning certificates.

Miss Zoe Wasley did an admirable job as 'principal of the day' and helped make the presentations.



### **Garden to Table**

Last week the Year 2 children enjoyed a cooking session using lemons and made delicious muffins.



### **Maori Language week - Te wiki o te reo Maori**

Children have been busy learning lots of te reo Maori in their learning spaces this week.

The year 4 kapa haka group who only started learning this year performed to their parents and the rest of the school, showing what amazing progress they have made.





Today we were also treated to a performance by the Year 7 & 8 Kapa Haka group from Sacred Heart College which was outstanding.

### **Health: Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme**

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along last night to learn more about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. Constable Gordon Campbell was very informative and entertaining! For those of you who were unable to make it there is information about the programme on the following website:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

### **Gymnastics**

Congratulations to Maddie Dywer who came 4<sup>th</sup> in her year group at the recent Champs of Champs gymnastics competition.

### **Mathex**

Last night 2 teams of Yr 6 children and 1 team of Year 5 Children competed in the Mathex competition competing against a number of different schools. Thank you to Mrs Lundy and Miss O'Herlihy for supporting the teams.



Y5 Chloe Liao, Dimitri Bade, Sam Fraser, Zac Goddard. Y6 Chris Hoy, Hamish Redmore, Joss Bulmer, Brooke Culpan, Niamh Hoare, Lachlan Dwyer, Bernardo Monaco Tofono, Ava Ryall.

## **OUR PLACE**

### **Environmental Club Swap Shop**

The St Ignatius Environmental Club will run a swap shop in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** (during school hours). This will be a fun event where children can recycle what they already have and get something new (pre-loved)!

Those children that want to be involved can bring in an excellent condition pre-loved item of clothing or a toy that they want to exchange for something “new”.

The “shops” will be run in three sessions and accordingly we will collect items in these groups: Year 0-2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6  
There are 3 boxes in the office and children can put their item in the appropriate year group box and take a token – the token will be their currency in the shop.

We ask that parents please check what their child is bringing in to swap to ensure it is of a good pre-loved quality (& if it is a clothing item please let it be able to fit a child in their year group).

## **PTA UPDATE**





<b>OUR CALENDAR</b>	
<i>Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website <a href="https://www.stignatius.school.nz/">https://www.stignatius.school.nz/</a></i>	
<b>Term 3</b>	
<b>WEEK 9 Te Waipuna Collection Years 4 &amp; 5</b>	
<i>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</i>	PTA meeting 7pm
<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Tamaki Hapu mass Yr 4, 3 & Pai
<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Catholic Schools Cross Country
<b>Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Years 2 &amp; 3</b>	
<i>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Environmental club swap shop for children
<i>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Waitemata Hapu Mass Year 5 & Mahaki
<i>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Y 5/6 Bay Suburbs Hockey
<i>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</i>	Assembly Year 2 to lead prayer
<i>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</i>	PTA Mufti Day. Last day of term 3. School finishes at the usual time.
<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>WEEK 1</b>	
<i>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</i>	BOT meeting

*Have a wonderful weekend!*

Jane Penney  
PRINCIPAL

## Auckland Girls' Choir Opportunities

### Auditions OPEN NOW - September 14, 21 and 28

***"The Auckland Girls' Choir isn't just about teaching girls how to sing; it's also about empowering them to be strong leaders"***

Leonie Lawson, Founder



The Auckland Girls' Choir is now looking for more young women ages 9 and up to be part of the Choir and will be starting its first round of auditions in September for its 24<sup>th</sup> season.

Auditions are 10-15 minutes and prospective choristers will be asked to sing a song of their own choosing without

accompaniment, sing scales, repeat rhythms, match pitch, and do other age-appropriate musical exercises. There is no need for an extensive preparation. The selection will consider each student's tonal quality and her ability to focus and follow instructions.

The Choir has earned a reputation for high standards in performance and musical discipline. Its recent performance at the Auckland Town Hall is just one of the many community and civic events that the Choir performs at throughout Auckland.

The Choir's vision is to provide an exceptional training program for musically talented girls regardless of their social background or financial circumstances. "No one will ever be turned away due to an inability to pay. If there is a need for financial assistance, we will help the family find it". A scholarship program has recently been established with funding from individuals and organizations that support the Choir's vision. The Choir is a registered Charity.

**Audition slots are now open. To download Audition Application Form please visit or contact us at**  
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