



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

We are HAPPY – HARI

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and like Saint Mary MacKillop
'find happiness in making others happy.'

December 6th 2019

Kia Ora Whanau

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel *Matthew 3: 1-2*

Jesus came to redeem us, and because of Him alone we have life and hope. We want our lives to reflect that joyful understanding, and to share it with others around us. We want to prepare our hearts for Him, and other people's hearts as well. So as we continue in this Advent season, let's remember to live joyfully and to share His light with one another!

Religious Education

Children are currently learning about the season of Advent in our liturgical year.

Learning Community 1 children are learning that Advent is a time of waiting and getting ready for the birth of Christ.

Learning Community 2 children are learning about the meaning of the symbols of the Advent Wreath and that Advent is a time to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, son of Mary and God.

Learning Community 3 children are learning about the significance of the Jesse Tree in the meaning of Advent and that the people of Advent who prepared for the Messiah – God Te Atua come among is: Isaiah, John the Baptist, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph.

We open the windows on our Advent Calendar
as we wait for Jesus to be born



Advent Calendars are about helping us to prepare for Jesus to be born.



Each day we open a new door to remind us we are getting nearer to Jesus' birth.



When we open the door we ask Jesus to come into our hearts at Christmas.



When Jesus is in our hearts he helps us to be kind and loving to others.

Glendowie Parish Sacramental Programme

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion

This Parish based programme is for Year 4 Children.

If your child will be **Year 4 in 2020** please email the Parish

Office: office@glendowiecatholic.org.nz to apply.

Spaces will be limited **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20th DECEMBER**

St Ignatius, St Heliers Sacramental Programme

Meeting on Tuesday 11 February, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. If your child is in **Year 3 in 2020**, come along to this Information Session about our two year sacramental programme.

Kris Kindl

This week your child should have brought home a letter with the name of their Kris Kindl on it. If you did not get it please check with your child's teachers.

Please talk to your child about how they can share the gift of kindness with their KK and get to know them better. Kks are a simple way for us to see and serve Christ in others and remember that the best gift of all is our love.

OUR LEARNING

Year 3-6 CaP conferences

Thank you to all the parents who were part of the Child and Parent Conferences held last week. It was great to see children proudly sharing their learning with wonderfully supportive parents. All of you make a big difference by being actively involved and interested in the children's learning.

CELEBRATE Thursday 12th December

We are getting close to our final celebration of learning next Thursday night and the children have been busy practising. All year groups will share items to reflect their learning year together and this will be followed by a graduation ceremony for our Year 6 learners. This is a really special time, one that all children look forward to being a part of when their turn comes.

Please do not take your children until the end of this ceremony. This is an evening when we as a community show our aroha and respect for our departing children and their families. We ask that you respect this

occasion and wait until our Year 6 students have processed out to their graduation supper before collecting your children from their teachers. We really appreciate your support with this.

If it is possible children sleep in on Friday morning, and we will expect them any time before 11.40am.

Cricket

On Tuesday the year 5 and year 6 boys cricket teams competed in an inter school cricket tournament run by Auckland University Cricket Club (AUCC).

It was a great day out with some fantastic cricket played.

The year 6s had a tough competition but came away with 3rd place.

The year 5s hit too many sixes for their opposition and came first in their competition!

Well done boys and a very big thank you to the following parents; Daniel Vettori, Richard Lees and James Copland for helping out on the day.



Victorious Year 5 cricket team

OUR PEOPLE

I'm am pleased to announce that Debra Wells will be taking on the position of leader of Learning Community One from the beginning of next year. Debra is an experienced teacher who has been a valuable part of the St Ignatius school community since 2014.

Thank you morning tea

Next Friday 13th December at 10.30am in the Parish Centre we will be hosting a morning tea to thank all of you who have helped out in any way this year. We are blessed to have had so many parents who help in so many ways including on trips, at fundraising events, at sports events, in the library and in the learning spaces. We would not be able to provide such a wide range of opportunities for children without your help and support so thank you!

Please do come and join us on Friday morning if you are able to make it.

Congratulations

Several St Ignatius students competed for the Eastern Athletics Club at the Counties Manukau Regional Relay Champs on Sunday in Papakura. Congratulations to the following athletes:

- Esme Reid won 2 x gold medals in the 4 x 200m and Field Relay and a silver in the 4 x 100m (10yr old girls)
- Dimitri Bade won bronze in the 4 x 100m (10yr old boys)
- Etan Simpson won silver in the 4 x 200m relay and bronze in the Field replay (9yr old boys)
- Ciara Boyle, Maeve Driver and Luciana Ramos won 2 bronze medals in the 4 x100m and 4 x 50m relay (7- 8yr old girls)
- Sebastian Bade also competed in the 7 year old boys relay team

All these children helped towards a record medal haul for their club, Eastern Athletics.

OUR PLACE

Policies

Currently we have two school policies that are up for review and we welcome parent feedback on these.

The policies are **Education Outside the Classroom** and **Sun Protection**.

To read the policies and submit any feedback please go current review on www.schooldocs.co.nz

Login: stignatius

Password: stheliers

Follow the instructions for parent feedback and provide any by the end of this term.

2020 Term dates and Teacher Only days

School begins for children on Monday 3rd February. There will be two teacher only days in term time next year; 6th August and 16th November.

Please book them into your calendars now as the school will not be open for instruction on these days. The Teacher Only Days were allocated as part of an Accord between the Ministry of Education and NZEI Te Riu Roa. More information on the Accord can be found here:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/school-terms-and-holidays/accord-teacher-only-days/>

PTA UPDATE

A big thank you to **Bakers Delight St Heliers** for supplying the many loaves of bread for the sausage sizzle at the school disco! Their support is very much appreciated.

Year Reps and PTA Members for 2020 - Urgently Seeking. Please apply here saintignatiuspta@gmail.com

🎵 📖 🗣️ Woohoo to Disco Night - the kids had a ball. Thank you to the awesome Year 5 Reps who organised a fun filled event for our children. Keep an eye out next week when we release our 2019 profit.

OUR CALENDAR	
<i>Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website https://www.stignatius.school.nz/</i>	
Term 4	
Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection Years 2 & 3	
<i>Thursday 12th December</i>	Celebrate at Sacred Heart College 6pm
<i>Friday 13th December</i>	Parent helper morning tea 10.30 am in Parish Centre
Week 10	
<i>Wednesday 18th December</i>	Last day of Term 4. School finishes at 12 o'clock
TERM 1, 2020	
Week 1	
<i>Monday 3rd February</i>	<i>School starts for children</i>
<i>Thursday 6th February</i>	Waitangi Day, Public holiday
<i>Friday 7th February</i>	Whakatau welcome for new families and children

Have a happy and safe weekend!

Jane Penney
PRINCIPAL

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon 2020

Entries are open for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon being held on Sunday 9th February 2020 at Pt England Reserve.

The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child. Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.

Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home.

To enter use this link:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35573&G=103241>

Make sure you enter under St Ignatius Catholic School as by linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes. Please arrange to collect the entry packs yourselves they won't be delivered to school.

If someone you know requires financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, should it be subsidised entry fees or funding for necessary equipment, then you can apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation for details.

If you have any school related questions please contact Caroline Fraser on cfraser@stignatius.school.nz otherwise contact the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team; email Sophia@smcevents.co.nz or phone 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249).