



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 13th 2019

Kia Ora Whanau

OUR FAITH

This Sunday we begin the third week of Advent. The third candle is pink and symbolises joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle” and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



Sharing the Gospel *Matthew 11: 2-11*

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

Matthew's gospel faces us with the difference between what we expect of others and what they can deliver. John expected someone greater than he. Jesus gave an answer that may have been different from what John expected. In that exchange we discover how Jesus saw his own ministry and the ministry of John the Baptist.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is a cause for rejoicing.

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

If your child hasn't already dropped off their gift in the office can they please do so on Monday morning at the very latest.

OUR LEARNING

CELEBRATE

We certainly have much to CELEBRATE at St Ignatius Catholic School and last night was a great showcase of learning from all our happy learners. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers who spent time preparing the children for the evening.

The Year 6 graduates will be leaving St Ignatius Catholic School with many happy memories of their learning journey. They leave a legacy of excellence in learning and achievement and attitude which has been demonstrated in the ways that they have lived our school values.

Mindfulness/ Yoga

One of our parents, Jules Hayden has offered to take kids yoga/ mindfulness before school on Wednesday mornings next year. We will send out more information at the beginning of next term but the sessions will run from 8am- 8.30am starting in Week 2 and will be at a cost of \$40 per child for the term.

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.

OUR PEOPLE


A BIG THANK YOU to all the Mums who came to library sessions this year. You've been such a great help, we really appreciate your time. For Lauren Prill and the team who helped with the big tidy and stocktake, you were incredible, THANK YOU!

PTA UPDATE

That's a wrap for our events this year - we raised a very grand total of \$56,000. You have all been awesome in your organisation, support, donations, help and enthusiasm this year. We are fortunate to have such a generous community.

THANK YOU ❤️

Next year is shaping up to be a goodie and we have some excited parents onboard as Reps for 2020. We do have space for more and are urgently seeking Reps for Years 2, 3, 5 and 6. For more info email saintignatiuspta@gmail.com

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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.

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 10 Te Waipuna Collection - everyone	
<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

As this is the last Heads Up of the year I would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a happy and safe holiday with your families.

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).

Attached are the Swimming Results for 2019

and

the last Community Notices for 2019