



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HEADS UP!

We are GENEROUS – OHAOHA

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and like Saint Mary MacKillop and

'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:15-17)

Jesus feeds the five thousand (Matthew 14:13- 21)

Friday 4th September

Kia ora koutou whanau

OUR FAITH

Next week is Social Justice Week 2020 which focuses on the eight Catholic social teaching principles as follows:

- DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE | TE TIKA KA TOHAINA - Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.
- HUMAN DIGNITY | TE MANA I TE TANGATA - We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.
- PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE | HE WHAKAARO NUI MO TE HUNGA RAWAKORE - The needs of the poor and vulnerable should be put first.
- SOLIDARITY | WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA - God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.
- COMMON GOOD | HE PAINGA MA TE KATOA - We are called to work for the good of each and of all.
- PARTICIPATION | NAU TE ROUROU, NAKU TE ROUROU - We all have the right and duty to participate fully in society.
- SUBSIDIARITY | MANA WHAKAHAEERE - We are called to empower communities, to let everyone have a say.
- STEWARDSHIP | KAITIAKITANGA - We are kaitiaki of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the well-being of our planet.
- PROMOTION OF PEACE | TE WHAKATAIRANGA I TE RANGIMARIE - We can be God's instruments of peace through seeking justice.

Most of us in our community are blessed to have plenty and be in a position to give to others. However, there are a small number of our school families who are particularly vulnerable and struggling financially at this time. If you are able to help by providing supermarket vouchers please drop them off to the office for distribution.

Your regular donations of food for Te Waipuna Puawai are also gratefully received by the sisters working in the Tamaki community.

ALERT LEVEL 2

Thank you all for being so understanding as we operate under the Alert Level 2.5 guidelines. The children have settled back into school very well and are happy to be back. One bonus of restrictions being in place is that those of us on gate duty get to welcome students into school each day. It is wonderful to see their smiling faces as they enter the gates independently.

Key messaging on face coverings in a school setting

- At this stage staff and children are not required to wear a face covering to school. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering will be supported to do so.
- For school transport, bus drivers are wearing face coverings, but children and young people are not required to wear face coverings.
- Face coverings are an extra protective physical barrier to help keep people safe.
- Hand washing, good cough and sneeze etiquette, cleaning surfaces regularly, staying away if unwell and physical distancing from people you don't know all contribute to minimising the spread of illness.

Today the government announced that we are to stay in level 2.5 until September 14 so the following procedures will continue to apply at school:

Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents are **not** to enter the school grounds unless this has been pre-arranged for special reasons. Parents who do come on site must come through the office and sign in/scan in using the NZ COVID-19 Tracer QR Code.

Your child will be welcomed from **8.30 am** into school as follows:

- **Year 0 children and their siblings** are to come in through the office entrance on Speight Rd

- **Year 1-2 children and their siblings** are to come in through the gates beside the library on Speight Rd.
- **Year 3-6 children without Year 0-2 siblings** are to enter through the gate on Hanene St between the field and the astroturf **or** between the parish centre and the church and through the gate by the Sports Shed.

At the end of the day teachers will bring Year 0 children and their siblings to exit the office door at 2.45 pm and they will be handed over to their parents. Year 1-2 children and their siblings will exit the Speight Rd gate at 2.45 pm to be handed over to their parents. All other children will exit the other gates at 2.50 pm.

We encourage you to have organised a walking home or pick up plan with your child/ren. If you drive, please try to park further away and walk to and from school.

For safety reasons, we encourage you to drive around the school in one direction only (anti-clockwise) so you and your children do not need to cross the road.

Please do not park in the bus stop.

Arriving at school on time is imperative during Level 2. The gates will be locked at 8.50 am and children who are late will need to enter through the office. Please let the office know if you will be running late by calling 09 5757081.

SKIDS are in operation in the Parish Centre for before school and after school care. For more information go to stignatius@skids.co.nz

Health & Safety

At Alert Level 2 school is open for all children. If your child is at higher-risk of severe illness from Covid-19 and you feel it is better to keep them at home during this time, please make contact with us.

We will continue to maintain Health and Safety guidelines as issued by the Ministry of Health which were included in last week's Heads Up.

COVID-19 Wellbeing Guides

There is advice for parents on looking after their wellbeing, and the wellbeing of others, on the learning from home website. There are also three COVID-19 Wellbeing Guides available providing further advice to parents and teachers.

OUR LEARNING

Robotics

Miss Lobo has been running our Robotics club at lunchtimes and this week the children designed blueprints of a maze for their Sphero robot.



Dance

This week all children attended daily dance workshops run by Dance Curriculum, a company who work with schools in NZ and Australia.

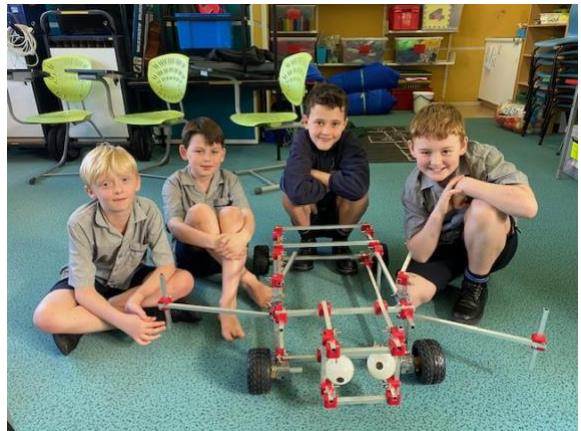


One of their goals is to provide male role models who are inspired by and passionate about dance and the instructor, Omar certainly was inspirational! The children were fully engaged, had fun and it was great to see the progression of skills each day culminating in full scale performances today. Unfortunately we were not able to have parents there but the performances were filmed and will be shared with you soon.



EPro8

The first of our 3 EPro8 teams completed their challenge this week. They had to create a robotic creature with moving parts, enter a video showing the construction and write a report. They are competing against other schools in our area and have learnt lots about engineering and working as a team throughout the process.



OUR PLACE

Paperwork for preference students

On Monday of this week we were audited by the Catholic Schools Office who oversee all Catholic Schools in Auckland on behalf of the Catholic Diocese. The purpose of this visit was to ensure that every child who attends a Catholic School and is captured in the system as a preference enrolment has all the relevant and compliant paperwork filed with their enrolment form.

If your child is missing any of the necessary paperwork, you will receive an email early next week. I would appreciate you sending this paperwork to the office promptly if you receive an email.

PTA UPDATE

School Discos

Our discos were unable to go ahead as originally planned due to lockdown. However the PTA and teachers will now run them on Friday 18th September during school time. The theme is 'Winter Fun' and all children can wear mufti on this day. We know some have already put a lot of effort into planning their costumes and there will still be prizes including one for best costume.

Thank you to those of you who have already purchased tickets. If you haven't had a chance yet a link will be sent out early next week. Instead of pizza, all children will get iceblocks. The PTA will send out information about volunteer help closer to the time.

Auction Night

We have decided to cancel Auction Night this year. As many of you know the planning and work that goes into auction night is huge and Covid-19 has created much uncertainty so we will wait to see how things are in 2021 before looking at it again.

OUR CALENDAR

**Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website
<https://www.stignatius.school.nz/>**

Term 3	
Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection Years 0,1 & 6	
<i>Tongan Language Week and Social Justice Week</i>	
Wednesday 9 th September	Reviewers from Catholic Schools office visiting
Thursday 10 th September	Reviewers from Catholic Schools office visiting
Thursday 10 th September	Hapu Mass CANCELLED
Thursday 10 th September	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
Week 9 Te Waipuna Collection Years 4 & 5	
<i>Te Wiki o te reo Maori (Maori Language Week)</i>	
Thursday 17 th September	Hapu Mass TBC
Thursday 17 th September	PTA meeting 7pm TBC
Friday 18 th September	School Discos during day – Winter Fun Mufti
Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection Years 2 & 3	
<i>Chinese Language week</i>	
Thursday 24 th September	Hapu Mass TBC
Friday 25 th September	Last day of Term 3. School finishes at the usual time

Have a lovely weekend.

Ngā Manaakitanga

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