



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

We are RESPECTFUL – WHAKANUI

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and like Saint Mary MacKillop **'Be gentle and kind to one another'**

"Dear children let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" 1 John 3:18

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew, Chapters 5-7)

Friday 19th February 2021

Kia ora te whanau

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: *Mark 1: 12-15*

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, we read Mark's version of the temptation in the desert. The same Spirit who descended on Jesus in his baptism now drives him into the desert for forty days. In the desert, Jesus faces good and evil.

There are three significant messages for us in this Gospel:

- Lent is our desert experience, the confrontation with the forces of evil in our lives
- We journey with Jesus on the road to Calvary to his ultimate victory over sin and death.
- With God present, the desert becomes a place of retreat inviting honesty with ourselves and God.

Glendowie Parish news

The farewell mass for the Redemptorists has been postponed until the 28th February at 9.45am. All are welcome.

Lent

We have sent each family a copy of the lenten calendar today. Please check your oldest child's home link bag for this. Thank you for those of you who have helped your child make a koha box. These can stay at home until Live Simply Day and the children can 'earn' coins by completing some of the activities on the lenten calendar. If your child does not have a koha box they will have the opportunity to make one at school and bring it home.

Food for Faith

Food for Faith offers brief daily email encouragements in **LENT 2021** for those who sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz. Take a few minutes each day of Lent

to experience Jesus Christ present with you and experience immediate benefits. This Lent's offerings include a **TAKE ONE** hour a week invitation to be in contact with others who are on the same journey. More information at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Walk a day in their shoes!

Join a 12-hour walk around Auckland on the 6th of March to raise funds for vulnerable families in Latin America through the Catholic charity - NPH New Zealand. Find out more or donate here: www.nph-nz.org/walk

OUR LEARNING

Information for parents of children with ASD



Margaret Muir the Autism “go to” person for our Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour (RTL) team is inviting all interested parents to join her for an informal opportunity to gather on zoom to discuss how the RTL service can support/collaborate with whānau of students with autism or those seeking a diagnosis.

Initially it would be appreciated if you completed a survey using this link: <https://forms.gle/oBKfeCmdJUiHxhjA7> to ascertain the interest and collate information needed to proceed.

Margaret will then contact you directly with a zoom link to join an initial meeting to get to know each other and decide how to proceed together.

Sport

The children enjoyed participating in soccer taster sessions yesterday. If you are interested in your child doing before school sessions go to <https://m-sports-footykids.org.nz/>



OUR PLACE

Covid 19 Level 2

Following three days of Level 3 lockdown it is great to have the children back at school for their learning. We are following the guidelines for Alert Level 2. <https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/>

Playground development

Work is continuing and today many of the children were excited to see the concrete being poured for pathways.



Our environment

Thank you to Julia Ryall who has been regularly taking our collection of soft plastics for recycling. Going forward we would like to have a roster of parents who can help out, even if you can just do it once this term. It requires picking up the plastics and taking them to a nearby collection point e.g Huckleberry, Glen Innes. Please or email the office office@stignatius.school.nz if you would like to go on the roster.

OUR PEOPLE

Board of Trustees Update

Please see letter following from our new Board Chair:

Dear St Ignatius Families

What a week - I am sure many of you will join me in thinking this seems to have been a very long 7 days with many ups and downs!

The Board held our first meeting of 2021 last week. Each new school year the Board is required to appoint a Chair, who can be any of the board representatives other than the Principal or Staff Representative. I therefore wanted to introduce myself as your new Chairperson.

For those that I have not met, I have been on the Board since I was elected as a Parent Representative in 2019. My daughter has just started in Year 3 and my son will join the school later this year. I am currently a full time mum so I can be seen on the school run every day but my professional background is as a lawyer.

I wish to extend my thanks on behalf of the Board to our previous Chairperson Sylvia Langridge for her energy, commitment and enthusiasm over the past 18 months. As many of you will have experienced last year and earlier this week - juggling work, home schooling and other challenges during lockdown is no small feat - coupled with this Sylvia has given a great deal of her time to her Chair responsibilities for which the Board are very grateful. Sylvia will remain on the Board as one of our five Parent Representatives.

One of the first things I did as new Board Chair was attend a whakatau for our new staff and students. I had the pleasure of meeting some of our new students and their families and wish them the best at this the start of their journey through St Ignatius. It was a nice way to start as Chair and I am grateful we were able to do this in light of current circumstances.

I think we sometimes automatically assume that our school community understands the role and responsibilities of the Board. As I have been getting to grips with my new role, I thought it worthwhile to relook at these.

The Board is responsible for setting and monitoring St Ignatius' strategic direction, goals, policies and financial budget. The Board also employs the staff. Mrs Penney as Principal oversees the day-to-day management of the school and follows the direction of the Board to ensure that the school's goals are met. As Chair my key responsibilities are to lead the Board, make sure we work effectively as a team and provide communication between the Board and the community. I also maintain a close working relationship with Mrs Penney.

The Board has now set the strategic direction for the school for the next 3 years in our Charter, which can be accessed on the school website. You will also have noticed the works happening next to the Year 0/1 block to refurbish that area. Once finished the space will serve as a garden and play area which we hope will encourage the children to explore and encounter nature in a fun environment. The Board is also working on further projects and after the slow progress that 2020 unfortunately imposed hopes to gain traction on these again over the next few months.

Our key focus as a Board for this year remains, as always, our students and in particular their individual educational and emotional wellbeing and success.

As we go into the weekend I hope you get the opportunity to relax and recharge.

Nga Mihi,

Rhian Thompson, Board Chairperson.

PTA Update

Happy New Year from your PTA and welcome back to school! We are looking forward to another year of getting our school community together at events, and of course raising some funds for our school at the same time!

We need your help to organise these events, we especially need some Year 2 & 3 parents to become Class Representatives, and someone to help Tracie organise the Year 6 event.

A huge thank you to those who have already volunteered this year:

Year 0/1 - Friday Freeze & Sausage Sizzle - Jo McGregor & Carl Hills
Year 2 - Auction Night (August/September) -
Year 3 - Auction Night (August/September) - Cris Haddad
Year 4 - Ladies Night (May) - Becs Richardson, Camille Spence, Dorota Bade
Year 5 - Quiz (June/July) & Disco (term 4) - Kirstin Friedrich, Sarah Nightingale, Lauren Prill
Year 6 – Family fun evening (19th March) - Tracie Simpson

If you can help out, or if you have any questions, please contact Amy Graham or Tonia Mortell at saintignatiuspta@gmail.com.

Our first Friday Freeze of the year will be next Friday. Iceblocks for sale for \$2. You will also be able to purchase a pre-paid card from the parent helpers in the courtyard outside the office.

OUR CALENDAR

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

Term 1 2021

Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection - Rangitoto Hapu Years 2 & 5

<i>Tuesday 23rd February</i>	Parent Sharing meetings 3pm – 6 pm
<i>Thursday 25th February</i>	Waitemata Hapu Mass (Yr 6 & Yr 3) 9am at St Ignatius Church
<i>Friday 26th February</i>	Sausage Sizzle (\$2) and Friday Freeze after school. \$2 iceblocks for sale

Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection - Tamaki Hapu Years 1 & 4

<i>Sunday 28th February</i>	Farwell Mass for Redemptorists at Glendowie Parish 9.45am
<i>Thursday 4th March</i>	Tamaki Hapu Mass Yrs 1 & 4
<i>Thursday 4th March</i>	Baradene College Open Evening 6.30pm
<i>Friday 5th March</i>	Discovery Games Athletics Day – Mt Smart Stadium

Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection - Waitemata Hapu Years 3 & 6

<i>Wednesday 10th March</i>	Sacred Heart College Open Day
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Thursday 11 th March	Rangitoto Mass Yr 5 & 2
Friday 12 th March	Assembly Year 6 students to lead prayer
Week 7 Te Waipuna Collection - Rangitoto Hapu Years 2 & 5	
Thursday 18 th March	No Hapu Mass today
Friday 19 th March	PTA Family Fun evening
Week 8 Te Waipuna Collection - Tamaki Hapu Years 1 & 4	
Wednesday 24 th March	Bays Suburbs swimming
Thursday 25 th March	Waitemata Hapu Mass Y6 & Y3
Friday 26 th March	Assembly Year 4 students to lead prayer

*Have a happy and safe weekend.
Ngā manaakitanga*

Jane Penney
Principal

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING will be held on **Thursday 4 March, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.** We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 are presently being accepted and will close on **Friday 19 March, 2021**. A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on **Friday 19 March, 2021**.



ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 4 March 2021
Commencing 2.30pm & 6.30pm
in the Paul Keane Gymnasium

11 New Street, Auckland
www.stmaryak.school.nz

Please check the website for the most up-to-date information

NOW ENROLLING
FOR 2022

Enrolments are open for
Year 7 students and
a small number of places
for girls in other levels

St Mary's College has
no zoning restrictions

*For more information
see our website
www.stmaryak.school.nz*



CLOSING DATE FOR 2022
ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
Thursday 18 March 2021

*Join our Mercy family
21st Century Woman of Mercy*





St Ignatius
72 Speight Road, St Heliers
Auckland 1071

Term 1

Activities

February 4th 2021 – April 16th 2021

Before School Care | 7:30am to 8:40am
After School Care | 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Week 1
Orientation



Welcome to sKids! Get to know each other with fun improv games, crafts and even have a healthy donut party!

Week 2
Valentines



Learn about the history of valentines as we play games, make music and yummy treats!

Week 3
Space – Blast off!



This week is all about fizzing Jupiter's, UFO's and alien faces as we blast off into Space!

Week 4
Under the Sea



Dive into this week and enjoy coral reef painting, ocean slime and more!

Week 5
Creepy Crawly Insects



Fly, crawl or hop your way through this week. Make your own insect finger puppets, then put on a show!

Week 6
Sustainable Energy



This week we're learning all about the power of wind and water through music, science and crafts!

Week 7
Autumn Wonderland



Pumpkin carvings, leaf races, chewy delicious leaves... It's all things Autumn this week!

Week 8
Fairy tale creatures



Celebrate your favourite fairy tale creatures this week and create fire breathing dragons and edible frogs!

Week 9
Easter



Get ready for Easter with egg hunts, musical egg shakers, bunny cupcakes and more!

Week 10 & 11
Kids Choice



Schools almost over! You decide what to do!

Email: stignatius@skids.co.nz | Onsite Mobile: 022 129 0221 | Office Phone: 0800 274 172

Register now at www.skids.co.nz

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The Incredible Years
Parents, teachers, and children training series



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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
TE TĀHUHU O TE HĀTAURANGA

About the programme

The Incredible Years parenting programme was developed by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton in the USA.

Evaluations of the programme show that it significantly improves parent-child interactions.

The programme is provided by the Ministry of Education at no cost to the participant and is facilitated by trained group leaders.

Meet and greet drop-in: 24 February

Dates: 3 March - 16 June 2021

Time: 9:30-12:00pm
(morning tea provided)

Venue: [Community of St Luke](#)

130 Remuera Road, Remuera 1050

Group leaders

Julia Langford
julial@rtib7.school.nz

Chelsey Watson
Chelsey.Watson@education.govt.nz

Programme dates

Session 1	Wednesday 3 March
Session 2	Wednesday 10 March
Session 3	Wednesday 17 March
Session 4	Wednesday 24 March
Session 5	Wednesday 31 March
Session 6	Wednesday 7 April
Session 7	Wednesday 14 April
BREAK	Two weeks
Session 8	Wednesday 5 May
Session 9	Wednesday 12 May
Session 10	Wednesday 19 May
Session 11	Wednesday 26 May
Session 12	Wednesday 2 June
Session 13	Wednesday 9 June
Session 14	Wednesday 16 June