



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HEADS UP!

We are HAPPY - HARI

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

'Find Happiness in making others happy.'

***I am thankful for the happiness I feel inside and the gifts God has given me. I choose
ways to make others happy. I enjoy my work and play.***

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"

John 15:11-12

Jesus' Last Supper discourse to his Disciples (John, Chapters 13-17)

Friday 19th November

Tēnā koutou katoa

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel *John 18:33B-37*

The Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday we begin the last week of our current liturgical year. Next Sunday the Advent season and a new liturgical year will begin. The Gospel chosen for this feast of Christ the King is a very solemn reading. It is a reading from the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Jesus had been arrested and was brought before Pilate. The first questions Pilate asked Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews? If so, what have you done?" The dialogue between Pilate and Jesus continues from there. The reality is: Jesus was a king. However, Jesus was not a typical king. Jesus was "a servant king." He came not to be served but to serve. Jesus did not come to earth seeking power and influence. Rather he preached God's word, healed the sick and reached out to the poor, the lame and the outcasts of society.

Today may be a good day to ask ourselves: How am I following in Jesus' footsteps? How do I reach out to the poor, the lame or the individuals who are on the margins of society? Do I strive to be a servant to the people in my life? Do I work to create peace and harmony?

Perhaps the most challenging words in this Gospel are the last words of this reading: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." I invite you to take a few moments and ask yourself: How do I strive to listen to Jesus' voice? Do I allow Jesus' voice to be drowned out by busyness, despair, worry or (you fill in the blank)? Today make time to sit down, quiet down and listen

for Jesus' voice! He will speak to you! The question for us is: Will we be listening?

Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau

St Ignatius Parish Christmas Hamper Project

The Christmas season is fast approaching and each year the St Ignatius Parish comes together to pack and distribute approximately 250 grocery hampers to families in need. Due to COVID and the uncertainty of alert level changes, it is unlikely that we will be able to come together as a community to safely pack and distribute hampers. Therefore, we have made the decision to provide \$100 grocery cards to the Glenbrae and St Pius school families and where donated funds permit, to others in need within our community.

Please consider donating to this very special Christmas project. Now, more than ever, your generosity is needed to help these families. Every dollar donated goes towards the families, there are no admin costs.

Donations can be made to:

Account: 02-0184-0181634-013

Code: Xmas Hamper

Reference: Your name or Planned Giving Number

We welcome donations from outside the parish. These can be made to the bank account above or discussed with Andrea Wright (andrea.wright.nz@gmail.com).

Auckland Catholic events coming up: Go online for the full programme <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/home-2020-new-design/the-church-and-covid-level-4-2/#programme>

OUR LEARNING

Covid - Returning to school

It has been wonderful to see so many of the children back at school this week. The weather has been kind and teachers have been delighted to reconnect with their kaitiaki and everyone is managing well with the school being split into three zones, one for each learning community.



Wellbeing

Children are coming in excited and happy to be back, although we do realise that some will be feeling uncertain and nervous and this is perfectly natural.

The following website provides ideas for parents around wellbeing

<https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>

Within the learning spaces teachers are also focusing on the wellbeing of the children to ensure that the last few weeks of this term are happy ones.

Health and Safety

Please refer to our website for our current health and safety plan.

<https://www.stignatius.school.nz/covid-19/>

By having children back part time we are able to limit numbers and have stable groups as well as providing for physical distancing in the learning spaces. Also, by doing this it means that in the event that there is someone who is deemed to be infectious while at school it will be easy to identify who has had contact with them and also to ensure not too many students or staff are affected.

If there is a case of Covid connected to our school we will be notified by Health Officials or our regional Director of Education and will work through the contact tracing and other relevant steps. However if a parent/ caregiver or staff member notifies us first of a confirmed case we will contact the regional Director of Education and then work through next steps.

Please keep children home if they are unwell and seek medical advice about whether they may need to be tested.

Face coverings

Thank you Y4-6 parents for sending your children to school with face masks. These are to be worn indoors unless children are exempt. We do have some children with exemptions due to health conditions.

We have timetabled regular breaks outside for children so they can be distanced and are able to remove their masks.

Drop offs and pick ups

Gates will be opened just before 8.40am for children to enter and go straight to their learning spaces. Please do not drop children any later than 9am or too early. If there is an emergency or exceptional circumstances please call the office.

Pick up times are staggered to try and avoid congestion:

- 2.50- 3pm - Year 0 and Manawanui from office
- 3pm- 3.05 - Mahaki and Year 2 from office
- 3.05- 3.10 - Year 3-4 from Speight Rd gate
- 3.10- 3.15 - Year 5-6 from Hanene St gate

A reminder that adults continue to provide the greater risk for transmission of COVID-19 and therefore at Alert level 3 parents and caregivers outside the school grounds should wear masks and avoid congregating whenever possible.

Policies

Policies to be reviewed in Term 4 include Religious Instruction and Māori Educational Services. To provide feedback on these policies

Visit www.schooldocs.co.nz

- Type in 'St Ignatius' to select the school from the drop-down menu
- Enter the username: stignatius
- Enter the password: stheliers

Congratulations

Well done to Lucia Simich, from year 4 who recently participated in the Link Alliance Design your Dream Public Transport Station competition and won her year group. Hundreds of students from across the country entered and as part of the prize \$200 will be donated to the school.

To see all the winning and highly commended entries [click here](#).

The winners were decided by a judging panel, which included a City Rail Link Ltd and a Ministry of Education representative alongside Francois Dudouit, Project Director for the Link Alliance who said it was an absolute pleasure to see the mahi that went into every entry. Awesome learning during lockdown Lulu!

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome

Welcome back to all children and a special welcome to the new children and their families who started their learning journey with us during lockdown. It is lovely to see you all face to face.

A big hello to Leon Spoeth-Watson and Clark Coakley who have joined us as new 5 year olds in Pai this week.

PTA

Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter about a Honey Fundraiser. \$20 from each pack sold goes to our school and the honey would make great Christmas gifts!

Have a lovely weekend everyone
Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Penney
Principal

OUR CALENDAR

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

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Week 6

<i>Sunday 21st November</i>	Christ the King
<i>Monday 22nd November</i>	School open for children with surnames from J-Z
<i>Tuesday 23rd November</i>	School open for children with surnames from A-I
<i>Wednesday 24th November</i>	School open for children with surnames from J-Z
<i>Thursday 25th November</i>	School open for children with surnames from A-I
<i>Friday 26th November</i>	School open for children with surnames from J-Z

Week 7

<i>Sunday 28th November</i>	1 st Sunday of Advent
<i>Monday 29th November</i>	School open for children with surnames from A-I
<i>Tuesday 30th November</i>	School open for children with surnames from J-Z
<i>Wednesday 1st December</i>	School open for children with surnames from A-I
<i>Thursday 2nd November</i>	School open for children with surnames from J-Z
<i>Thursday 2nd December</i>	School Board Meeting 7pm
<i>Friday 3rd December</i>	School open for children with surnames from A-I

Week 8

<i>Friday 10th December</i>	Year 6 trip to Rainbows End
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Week 9

<i>Wednesday 15th December</i>	End of Term 4 - school finishes at 12pm
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Saint Ignatius Honey Fundraiser



Help to buy new playground equipment by purchasing a 3-pack of delicious Kinsterrain Estate honey.

Each pack includes 3x 500g jars;

- Monoflora Manuka MGO 83+ (equivalent to UMF 5+)
- Manuka/Kanuka blend and
- Alpine multiflora honey

All 3 honeys are premium raw table honey, making them the perfect addition to your breakfast or adding to your favourite recipe.

\$20 from each 3-pack sold will go towards new playground equipment.

St Ignatius price: \$59.90

Normal retail price: \$90.45

Offer available from now to 3rd December

Honey distributed soon after 7 December

Payment to be made directly to:

St Ignatius Catholic School PTA

A/C 12-3027-0309773-00 Reference: Oldest Child's Surname, Child's First name.

www.kinsterrain.co.nz