



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 10th December
Tēnā koutou katoa

OUR FAITH

Advent Reflection

'Here where you are you will find God' Mary MacKillop 1871

Mary MacKillop was able to find God in all.

May we, like her, recognise how ordinary is our God-encounter, right at our doorstep, in those nearest to us, wherever we are.

We advent each other in simple steps: smiles, caring inclusion ... polite gestures of reverent affirmation, silently and subtly pointing our way to Bethlehem. Each journey is singular; a personal mystery, sojourns of paradox waiting yet searching. We pack our bags differently these days.

The travelling itself may seem burden and baggage enough.

The empty crib stands before us hidden at some distant place (always in disguise) patiently awaiting our arrival.

The Saviour within us, and about us cries out for incarnated birth, once more to be heart in a land of hopeless hearts.

The desolate winter of our disbelief can be renewed in a manger warm with embrace.



So we follow each other's stars whether bright or dim through dark days this December until suddenly Home where the angels of our gladness shepherd us in.

Christmas transforms us newborn yet again!

Susan Spadinger OSF

COVID -19

Covid Protection Framework

In January schools will move into the Covid protection framework and follow the traffic light settings. We will communicate more about what this will look like before the beginning of Term 1.

sKids

Please see link below to information about school holiday programme and sKids next year:

https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/st_ignatius/

Vaccinations for children aged five to 11-years-old

Independent safety regulator Medsafe is currently considering an application to use a child version of the Pfizer vaccine for five to 11-year-olds.

Pending the decision made by Medsafe, Cabinet may be in a position to consider vaccinations for children before Christmas. Health officials are therefore planning for a rollout starting early next year. Although timing has not been decided, it is expected it would begin before the end of January.

Current plans are to use the existing health sector infrastructure such as GPs, pharmacies and vaccination clinics, as well as working with iwi, DHBs, local providers, communities and the Ministry of Education to ensure a whānau-based approach.

Children under 12 years old can only be vaccinated with the consent of their parent or caregiver.

OUR PEOPLE

Learning Space Organisation for 2022

Learning Community One

Year 1 Mrs Debra Wells (Learning Community leader) - Mahaki

Year 1 Miss Megan Lobo – Manawanui

Year 2 Miss Olivia Melbourne – Whakapono

Year 2 Mrs Kuilei Pulotu (DRS) – Ohaoha

Learning Community Two

Year 3 & 4 Miss Megan McMahan (Learning Community Leader) – Atawhai

Year 3 & 4 Mrs Penny Lundy – Atawhai

Year 3 & 4 Mrs Jennifer Lancaster – Atawhai

Learning Community Three

Year 5 & 6 Mr Ciaran Martin (Learning Community Leader) – Kia Hari
Year 5 & 6 Mrs Kiley Gillingham – Kia Hari
Year 5 & 6 Mrs Kieran Allaway – Rongo

Farewell to staff

Next week we will say goodbye to Mrs Marusich, Mrs Bierman, Mrs Prill and Miss Andrews and thank them all for the contribution they have made to our school. We wish them all the best for the future.

Farewell to our Year 6 students

We will be celebrating our Year 6 graduates on Tuesday morning with a liturgy led by the students followed by the presentation of their leavers' candles, bibles and certificates. I would like to thank the year 6 teachers Mrs Pulotu, Mrs Allaway and Mrs Lancaster, as well as Mrs Morgan, the associate principal for helping organise this special occasion. It will be live streamed and also recorded with an invitation/ link being sent home early next week.

As already mentioned in the Board Talk last week, we are also farewelling the following 17 families of Year 6 students; Baker, Brickell, Brownlee, Davis, Durbin, Eksteen, Fogarty, Fon Sing, Kent, Matthews, Nawisielski, O'Brien, Osbourne, Peck, Redmore, Robert and Simpson. Some of you have had a very long association with our school and enriched our place in so many ways. You will all be missed. Thank you for being part of our community.

PTA

Thanks to those of you who purchased honey for the fundraiser which raised \$860 for the school.

Our new PTA will be in touch early next year with plans for events and suggestions of how you can help in 2022.

OUR PLACE

*Kua mutu a mātou mahi
Mō tēnei wā
Manaakitia mai mātou katoa
O mātou hoa
O mātou whānau
Āio ke te aorangi*

*Our work has finished
For the moment
Bless us all
Our colleagues
Our families
Peace to the universe*

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the St Ignatius School community in this very challenging and unusual year. All the staff have worked very hard and adjusted to the changes we have had to deal with while always keeping what is best for our tamariki top of mind.

To parents, your commitment to the school and support shown to the teachers and staff has been much appreciated. As I have said before, your children are a credit to you in the way that they have shown resilience, joy and a love of learning the whole way through.

I hope that everyone will be able to take some time to be with family and friends this festive season and wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Be happy, be safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2022.
Meri Kirihimete.

Jane Penney
Principal

OUR CALENDAR

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

Term 4, 2021

Week 9

Wednesday 15th December

School finishes at 12 o'clock. Children will be sent out to you in the usual manner

2022 Term dates:

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd February – Thursday 14th April

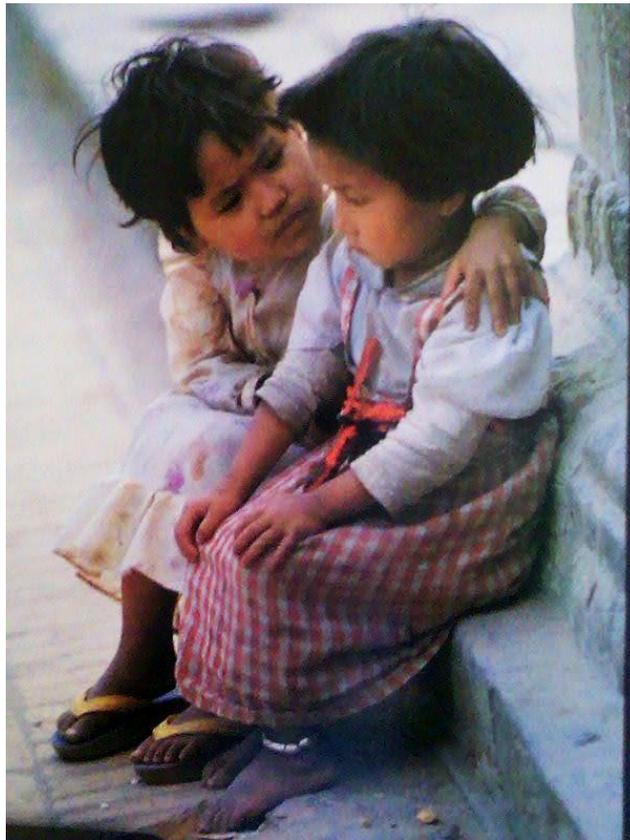
Term 2: Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July

Term 3: Monday 25th July – Friday 30th September

Term 4: Monday 17th October – Wednesday 14th December

The school office will be open in January the week before school starts.

We advent each other



God is all goodness and love

Mary MacKillop 2 January 1889

