



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

We are RESPONSIBLE - TAKOHANGA

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

'Do all we can to assist and love one another.'

I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements.

I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to forgive and reconcile.

'Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another'

(John 13: 34-35)

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Friday 1st July 2022

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel *Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus is preparing his disciples for mission. He leaves them in no doubt about the challenges, obstacles and dangers which will await them. The message entrusted to the disciples by Jesus is peace and the nearness of the kingdom of God. This same message of peace and justice, forgiveness and healing, and the Good News of God's kingdom, has been entrusted to the Church down the centuries as so to us today.

Mary MacKillop award

Congratulations to Noah who received the Mary MacKillop award on Monday. This award is for always demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Generosity and Happiness.



OUR LEARNING

Assembly

Year 6 led us in prayer at our assembly on Monday and children shared their learning about Matariki.

Congratulations to those amazing learners who received their learning certificates.



CaPT Conferences

Thank you to the Year 3-6 parents who came in for the conferences this week. It was wonderful for the children to be able to share their learning with you and their teachers in their spaces.

Netball

There was huge anticipation at a very cold and rainy Bay Suburbs Netball Tournament this last Wednesday. The players all had an incredibly fun and exciting day and enjoyed competing against their neighbouring schools. Well done to all of the teams that participated, with a special mention of the year 5 and year 6 girls teams who came in the top 3!

Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped with transport and supervision.



Enviro Leaders

Our Year 6 Enviro leaders have big plans for improving our school grounds, including planting more fruit trees and vegetables. If you are available to help them out for a couple of hours early next term please email office@stignatius.school.nz and we will organise times. Grandparents are welcome too!

Cultural Week – next week

Please refer to the letter that was emailed to you on Wednesday. It is not too late to contact us if you have something special you would like to come in and share with the children and teachers!

Teacher Only Day next term

We will be having a teacher only day on **Friday 9th September**. Staff will spend this time planning and learning more about NZ Histories Curriculum on this day.

OUR PLACE

Policies

This Term we are reviewing **Healthcare** and **Behaviour Management policies**:

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school
3. Start typing the school name and then select from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password:
Username: stignatius
Password: stheliars

Instructions for reviewers

1. Read the Healthcare and Behaviour Management Policies.

2. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
3. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
4. Enter your name (optional).
5. Submit your ratings and comment

Flu Vaccines

Children aged 3 to 12 years old can get a free flu vaccination from their GP, healthcare provider or at most pharmacies from this **Friday 1 July**.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/influenza/flu-influenza-vaccines/free-flu-jabs-1-july-tamariki-aged-3-12>

Most tamariki aged 9 years and over need one vaccination each year to get good protection against flu. If you have a child under 9 years old, talk to your healthcare provider as they may need one or two vaccinations depending on whether they've had a flu vaccine before.

If tamariki have recently had COVID-19 they can have a flu jab as soon as they've recovered.

COVID-19 reinfection advice

The Ministry of Health has updated its advice on getting infected again with COVID-19 within 90 days of a previous COVID-19 infection in light of increasing evidence that reinfections can occur earlier than 90 days.

The latest evidence shows that getting COVID-19 again within a short period of time can happen – but it's unclear how common it is. Reinfection is also more likely as new variants spread among the community.

You are more likely to become reinfected as your immune response from the vaccine or your previous COVID-19 infection decreases over time.

- If it is 28 days or fewer since the last infection, there's no need to test.
- Within 28 days, symptoms are most likely due to lasting effects of the initial infection or a different new respiratory infection. A new COVID-19 infection is difficult to diagnose within 28 days because symptoms, viral levels and test positivity may fluctuate during this time.
- COVID-19-like symptoms may well be caused by other infections like the common cold, flu or a chest infection.

If a person develops new COVID-19 symptoms, and it's 29 days or more since their previous infection, it's possible that it's a reinfection with COVID-19 and they should take a rapid antigen test. If that test is positive, they will need to isolate for a second time for seven days. Evidence on reinfections is evolving rapidly. The Ministry of Health is constantly monitoring what's happening internationally and updating their guidance to ensure it is in line with the latest public health advice.

Updated advice for the public and information for health workers on testing for possible reinfection is on the Ministry of Health website.

Mask wearing

You may have seen recent media coverage about the Orange setting and face masks at school. Face masks are one of the key health measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings.

- It is strongly recommended that face masks are worn indoors by staff and children in Years 4 and above
- It is also strongly recommended to wear face masks in large indoor gatherings such as assemblies

We will be taking delivery of an additional supply of child sized masks which will be made available to those who want them.

OUR PEOPLE

Appointment

We recently interviewed for the Director of Religious Studies (DRS) position and I am very happy to announce that Miss Megan Lobo was the successful applicant. Megan has been in our school for a number of years and this is a great leadership opportunity for her. The DRS is a very important role and together with the principal is tasked with ensuring our Catholic Special Character is maintained and at the centre of all we do. Miss Lobo will take up the position at the beginning of Term 4.

School Board Parent Elections 2022. - Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election **for 5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15th July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Have a lovey 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/>*

TERM 2, 2022

Week 10 Te Waipuna Collection: Waitematā Hapu Years 3 & 6

Cultural Week

Friday 8th July

Mufti Day fundraiser for Caritas – bring a gold coin & come dressed in something representing your culture.

Friday 8th July

Assembly - Year 2 leading prayer

TERM 3, 2022

Week 1 Te Waipuna Collection: Rangitoto Hapu Years 2 & 5

Monday 25th July

Term 3 begins

Friday 29th July

Whakatau welcome for new families

Week 2 Te Waipuna Collection: Tamaki Hapu Years 1 & 4

Sunday 31st July

Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola
St Ignatius Parish AGM

Thursday 4th August

School Board Meeting 7pm

Friday 5th August

Whole school mass at Mother of Perpetual Help

Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection: Waitematā Hapu Years 3 & 6

Monday 8th August

St Mary MacKillop's Feast day

Thursday 11th August

School Cross Country at Glover Park

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