



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BOARDTALK

Edition #4
October '14

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

St Mary
MacKillop

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WELCOME

We have come to the final term of the year. This is always a very busy term and follows an extra busy one with the big move into the new building.

THANK YOU to all the students and parents who helped with the move. A big **THANK YOU** to all the staff who have worked hard in making the transition so smooth. Long hours have been put into the planning and implementation of the move. For this we thank Carol and her team for all their hard work.

THANK YOU to all those involved in making the PTA's Hawaiian Luau Auction Night a great success. Sincere thanks to the PTA and friends of the PTA for their many hours of planning and hard work over the months and days leading up to 20 September. Thanks to the staff who worked on the evening, the donors who gave so generously, the successful bidders for the live and silent auctions, the Mermaids for their superb entertainment and everyone else involved in this great event. The children at St Ignatius Catholic School will benefit and are grateful. Thank you.



BUILDING UPDATE

With the building completed we are moving onto developing the playground areas.

We were hoping we would be able to locate the senior playground on some of the parish or Diocese land, but this is not possible. We have been working with a design company on an overall plan which we can work towards.

Rooms 4, 5 and 9 have been removed over the holidays making room for more playground space. This area looks great and has opened up the school grounds giving the children lots of room to play.

Thank you to all those who have supported the events for the fundraising for our new play areas. We will slowly transform the space and are currently working on getting more money through grants to help us to pay for these.

The teachers and the Year 0, 1 and 2 children have settled well into their new learning spaces and we are seeing some successful collaborative learning going on. It is good to see this space working well for both the children and the teachers.

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2015-2018 CHARTER

REVIEW OF OUR CHARTER

Thank you for all the responses to our recent survey.

We had an excellent response rate with some families providing responses from both parents.

It was nice to see the positive and supportive comments for our school. Overall people are very happy with our school and the direction we are going in.

Some results and comments from the survey:

87.88% stated that they chose St Ignatius Catholic School for its Catholic faith education.

While there were a variety of reasons provided as to why parents are especially proud of their child/children's growth on their learning journey since starting at St Ignatius Catholic School, these comments reflect the overwhelming themes:

"They love their school and are happy and able learners. They have a good faith and have empathy for others."

Our children "enjoy going to school, have a sense of pride in attending St Ignatius Catholic School, have caring and supportive friendships and are actively engaged on their respective learning journeys. We could ask for no more. Thank you"

"They are confident happy learners comfortable to explore and grow in areas they are interested in"

"They are happy, active learners who are thriving in a school that puts huge emphasis on their core values. Children are constantly reminded of these values and know why they are important in school life, home life and in the community. Academically they are becoming independent and motivated learners because of the varied techniques and learning programmes"

"The empathy they have for others and the important life values they are learning"

" the school embodies a special character; that is derived from the environment which comes from great leadership and all those teaching the children putting this into practice. A wonderful school. Thank you."



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A meeting for all parents is planned for Term Four and will take the form of an Appreciative Inquiry evening. It is a further opportunity for parents to provide input into the direction of the Charter.

Appreciative Inquiry is a particular way of asking questions and envisioning the future that fosters positive relationships and builds on the basic goodness in an organization. In so doing, it enhances a system's capacity for collaboration.

More details will follow once we have a date confirmed.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you registered at your Parish?

The registration process at St Ignatius Parish, St Heliers is to first sign the New Parishioner book which is in the foyer of the Church, and then fill in a New Parishioner form which you pick up from the Church foyer.

Once you have completed and returned the form (you can post it in the wooden box in the foyer, or return it to the office) you will then be officially added to the Parish Roll. As a courtesy you will also receive a welcome phone call from someone in the Parish.

The Parish does not have a record of you unless you register your own family by filling in a form.

The registration process at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Glendowie also requires a form to be completed and delivered to the Parish Office. That form is available from the parish office or the school website.

It is always nice if new parishioners also make themselves known to the parish priests when attending mass.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



This term we welcome Mrs Dominique Klutz back from maternity leave.

We also welcome Mr Jamie Purkis who joined us during Term 3 in Room Whakapono and Mrs Debra Wells who is relieving for Mrs Charlene Chan during her sudden illness.



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INTRODUCING YOUR BOARD

Name		
Joanne Humphrey	Co-opted Chair	
Carol Sullivan	Principal	
Paula Dell	Proprietor's Rep, Treasurer	
Marcella Thomas	Proprietor's Rep	
Verna Love	Parent Rep	
Mat Anderson	Parent Rep	
Fran Serrano	Parent Rep	
Owen Hicks	Parent Rep	
Robyn Lee	Staff Rep	

Our learners and teachers joined by former BOT member Mr Pat Hickey gathered for a final time in front of Rooms Aroha 9, Kia Hari 5, Atwahai 4 on the last day of Term 3.



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