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# “boardtalk”

**ST IGNATIUS**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Welcome to Our Place for 2013.

Welcome to all the new children and families at St Ignatius Catholic School. We hope that you are settling in and starting to meet others. We have a very special community which we strive to ensure everyone feels part of, with plenty of opportunities to be involved. In my experience, parental involvement is an ideal opportunity to observe **Our Way** and it is hugely rewarding, whether helping in the library, at Golden Time, on class trips or sports days, becoming part of the PTA or joining the Board of Trustees.

Welcome also to our new staff - Miss Walden teaching Year 2, Mr Weedon teaching Year 3 and Mrs Bush teaching Year 5 & 6. We hope all our teachers have a happy fulfilling year, however it is with regret that I advise we have recently accepted Miss Walden's resignation. She will leave at the end of the term to travel overseas.

*“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher”* according to a Japanese proverb.

We strive to employ and retain great teachers at our school and they are part of a caring collaborative professional environment where the children's learning and achievement is the primary focus. Please support our teachers and our school routines as this assists our commitment to quality education and achievement.

This is the season of Lent, when we are called to make an effort to pray, give to

others, be sorry and forgive - a time of getting ready for Easter. Please help and support your children to observe our Catholic Lenten traditions, encouraging them to complete their Rainbow of Harmony, earn a few coins for their Koha box and act according to our Lenten theme of Living Simply In Harmony. As parents, we are our children's first and foremost teachers and guides and it is our responsibility to support them in the catholic education that we have chosen for them.

Regards  
Marcella

Your Board of Trustees dedicate time, skills and commitment focussing on governance issues for the benefit of all children. Many of us are regularly at school pick up if you wish to meet us or talk with us and you can contact us at [StIgnatiusBOT@gmail.com](mailto:StIgnatiusBOT@gmail.com)

## Farewells

Sadly our wonderful Office Administrator Kay is not returning after taking maternity leave last year. However we hope we will see Kay and her lovely boys from time to time. We sincerely thank her for her warm welcoming manner and wonderful work, and we wish her all the best. Hilary Murphy has since accepted the available part time office hours and we are grateful to her for her continued service.

Special mention also to Sue Paterson after 16 years with our school. We will all miss Sue's presence and contribution.



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St Ignatius School, in partnership with parents and within a caring and supportive Catholic environment, is committed to quality education and achievement where the focus is on the development of the whole child, guiding each child on their faith journey, and helping them to grow up as caring and contributing members of the community.

Respectful  
Responsible  
Generous  
Happy

### School newsletters and notices

PLEASE take time to read these. They contain important information. The school endeavours to give adequate notice of important events and dates and we encourage you to read and diarise dates as soon as possible.

### Parking Problems

Please follow our Traffic rule. It is attached at the end of this BoardTalk and includes:

- Do not turn off Long Drive into Speight Road at pick up or drop off.
- Follow our **One Way Rule**.
- Be courteous to our neighbours. Do not stop, turn or park across driveways.
- The school bus needs access up Speight Road and into the bus stop each afternoon. Do not park where you will hinder such access.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

### Board of Trustees Elections 2013

Timetable for Board of Trustees Elections 2013:

- Call for nominations 2 May
- Nominations close 16 May
- Election Day 30 May
- Count votes 5 June
- Board takes office 6 June

### Our Way Tip

**Many of us love our takeaway coffees but out of respect for places of prayer and learning, and to set a good example to our children:**

**Please no coffee -  
In Church,  
In Assembly  
or in Homerooms.**



**The school does not have responsibility for your children until 8.30am unless there is a pre-arranged school activity.**

**Please support our school routines and consider care of your children should you be dropping them at school earlier than 8.30am.**

### Website Update

#### [www.stignatius.school.nz](http://www.stignatius.school.nz)

The school website is now live. It will initially be used for basic communications including newsletters, events & reminders.

More functions will be added as the year progresses.



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**Have a spare hour?** It would be great if a few people could help us with a clean up of our hedges and boundary.

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## Our People

### Some of the Board of Trustees at Our Place

**I'm Iain Campbell**, married to Jan. We have lived in St Heliers for twenty seven years. We have three daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren. Our daughter Margie (McInally) was a teacher at St Ignatius prior to the birth of her daughter. I am a retired Chartered Accountant and was working as a Chief Financial Officer of a packaging company.

I am on the "Our Faith" committee of the Board, as Proprietor's Representative for St Ignatius parish. I am one of four who represent the two parishes. Apart from reporting back to the Bishop, the Our Faith committee meets, along with our Principal, and Director of Religious Studies, Jane Penney, to determine how we ensure that the Catholic special character is carried out at St Ignatius. I also see part of my role as communicating between the Board and Parish Council to ensure that there is an awareness of activities going on in both Parish and school.

I am also involved in Mary MacKillop Care NZ Ltd in Mission Bay. You could say that the focus there is towards people closer to my age than St Ignatius School pupils, however being part of the Board keeps me young, and it is great to be part of a Board which exudes vitality.



**My name is Therese Arahill**, I am married to Tony Ragg and we have three children. Our youngest, Harrison, is in Year 5 at St Ignatius Catholic School.

I moved from my hometown Gisborne when I was a teenager to train to become a teacher at Loreto Hall, a Catholic Teachers Training College in Auckland.

I have taught at many schools, both state and Catholic. I began my connection with St Ignatius Catholic Church 18 years ago when I joined the Miriam group. My oldest son Jacob was then two years old.

I subsequently ran the sacramental programme for seven years with Sr Eileen. I began teaching at St Ignatius when Jacob turned five.

I have been appointed as a Bishop's representative for Glendowie Parish on the Board. It is exciting to be involved with the Board of Trustees as it gives me the chance to see the school from a different perspective than that of parent or teacher.

All Board members have an obligation to maintain the Catholic Special Character of the school and as a Bishop's representative my responsibilities include:

- To assist the Board to carry out its obligations to ensure that the school remains a Catholic school.
- To seek to ensure that the school strives for excellence in all of its endeavours.

I understand how invaluable the scripture values taught at St Ignatius are. I understand the importance of the key competencies. It is exciting that the curriculum shows where the instruction of the 3Rs fits into our children's learning. It can be hard to believe that our primary school aged learners will one day leave home and find their way in the world, so as a mother of young adults who are continuing on their learning journey beyond home, it is painfully obvious how important the scripture values and key competencies are for our learners.

Education is forever evolving and it is great to be involved in a school that is constantly striving to keep our children's education up-to-date while having the wisdom to know what doesn't change about learners and learning.



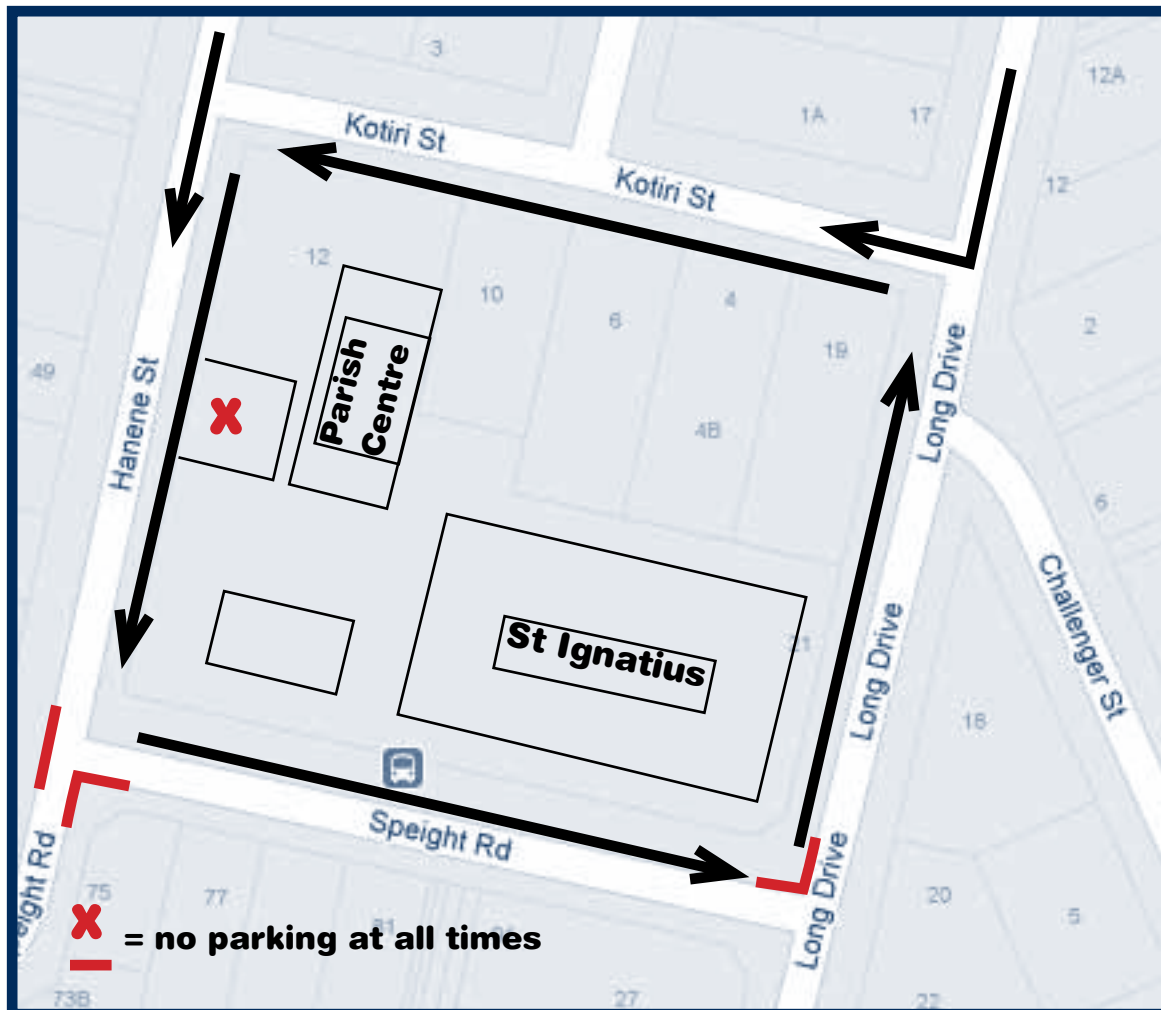
## Traffic Rule at our place St Ignatius Catholic School

### TRAFFIC RULE

We ask that all traffic follow a **ONE WAY** system - keeping left around the school block.

- For the safety of our children this means that children will always be dropped on the left side of the road (i.e. they don't have to cross the road to enter school grounds).
- This system eases traffic flow, helps relieve congestion for all school users and our neighbours too.
- Enables school bus access into Speight Road and bus parking at pick up times.

A diagram below illustrates how you **should** drive around school.  
We urge **everyone** to use and respect this **one way** traffic system.



- Please consider “dropping off and driving on” in the morning so as to ease congestion. Our school encourages independence of the children and we can assist this by “dropping off”.
- Space is at a premium so please park near the next car, don't leave unnecessarily big spaces which can't be used.
- Share this rule with the people who pick up your children including grandparents, nannies etc. It will work best if everyone follows it.
- Please also consider walking, bussing or car-pooling options.

Thank you.

**St Ignatius Catholic School Board of Trustees**