



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Issue 4 Term 4 2013

“boardtalk”

We urge all parents and caregivers to read the information contained in this Boardtalk as it is important.

Included is an invitation for next week and a request for feedback regarding the school bus as we would like to increase the number of children using this service.

Kind regards
Marcella

Our Catholic Identity in the 21st Century

Taken from the editorial “*Our Catholic Identity in the 21st Century*” in “*Lighting New Fires*” by Br Pat Lynch, CEO NZ Catholic Education Office.

“New Zealand’s Catholic Schools have a good reputation in the market place as attested by a number of indicators. It is the strong Catholic Identity that exists in our schools that supports our academic success. Catholic education is based on the Gospel message that all humans are made in the likeness of God. It seeks to address the development of the whole person. It presents an education for life.

In order to be authentically Catholic and unabashedly so, it is important that a strong Catholic Culture is built up in the school - the entire school community ought to be the breathing manifestation of this identity. Taking all this seriously is crucial to the long

term health of each Catholic institution. Catholic traditions associated with the Church’s liturgical year, the marking of Feast Days and the various significant saints are all part of celebrating our Catholic Identity.”

We hope you enjoyed gathering with us as a school community at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Glendowie, for our recent liturgy to celebrate All Saints, especially those for whom our Saints teams are named.

School Contributions 2014

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you for your continued financial support in 2013. We depend on your donations to enable the effective delivery of quality learning in a safe modern learning environment and we appreciate your generosity.

As mentioned in term 3 BoardTalk, due to the schools increasing running expenses and expanding IT, costs per child will increase next year. After extensive preparation of the budget for 2014 and careful consideration the contributions below are required to run our school next year.

As a decile 10 school we receive the least government funding. The financial contributions that you pay to us, provide essential resources particularly people resources - additional teachers over and above our Ministry of Education entitlement, a curriculum support teacher, learning assistants (teacher aides), and admin staff: as well as providing our children with the physical learning resources necessary in today’s technological environment including



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digital devices and support. The current contributions are no longer covering the cost of these resources.

You will note from our invoices we collect funds on behalf of 3 bodies: Catholic Schools Office, St Ignatius Parish and St Ignatius Catholic School and the breakdown for each is below.

In summary school contributions and dues for 2014 per term per child are:

Catholic Schools Office

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| Compulsory Attendance Dues and RE digital resource | 100.50 |
| Special Character Donation | 12.50 |
| | <u>113.00</u> |

St Ignatius Parish

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| Special Parish Donation | 20.00 |
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St Ignatius Catholic School

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| Compulsory Stationery and Activities Fee (note1) | 92.00 |
| Board of Trustees Donation | 205.00 |
| | <u>297.00</u> |

430.00

Note1:

Stationery and Activities amount includes all stationery items, printing and paper, digital learning programmes e.g. Athletics, Swimming, trips, performances, specialist tutors such as Kapa Haka tutor, Rockvan musicians.

If you think you may have difficulty in paying these contributions in 2014 please contact the principal Carol Sullivan in confidence by making an appointment or by email principal@stignatius.school.nz

If you would like further clarification of the amounts detailed above, Board of Trustee members will be available to discuss this on

Thursday 14th November from 7.30-8.30pm in Room 7. Please rsvp to stignatiusBOT@gmail.com by Monday 11th November if you intend to come.

We thank you for your ongoing and generous support of St Ignatius Catholic School as we continue to maintain and strive to enhance the Catholic education of our children by investing in, and developing quality people, learning and property resources.

School bus

Please consider your child/children using the school bus each afternoon if you live near the school bus route.

Our numbers of children using this service are very low.

More children on the bus would mean fewer parking problems and less congestion around the school perimeter each afternoon.

Accounting Skills Required

We have a casual vacancy arising on the Board due to Jasmine Connolly's family moving overseas in December. Jasmine is a co-Treasurer on the Board and was initially selected for her accounting skills as part of our succession planning. If you have accounting skills, and would be interested in being part of our hard working team of Trustees with shared responsibility for the Treasurer's role, please contact any of us by 11 November.



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Possible variation to school bus route

In an effort to increase the number of pupils using the school bus after school, we are proposing a change to the route from the beginning of 2014. This proposed change is made after consideration of the home addresses of our current pupils.

Proposed route:

St Ignatius School, Speight Rd, Long Dr, Melanesia Rd, Baddeley Ave, Hawera Rd, Kohimarama Rd, Allum St, Baddeley Ave, Tarawera Tce, Long Dr, Ashby Ave, West Tamaki Rd, Crossfield Rd, Mount Taylor Dr, Sierra St, Riddell Rd, Bay Rd to corner of Vale Rd.

Below is a map showing the current and proposed route for comparison. The red line shows the current route and the yellow line is the proposed.

If you would like to make any comments or suggestions regarding this proposed change, and if it would encourage you to have your children use the bus after school, please let us know via email stignatiusBOT@gmail.com by Monday 18th November.



The **Red** line is the CURRENT 011 school bus route
The **Yellow** line is the PROPOSED 011 school bus route

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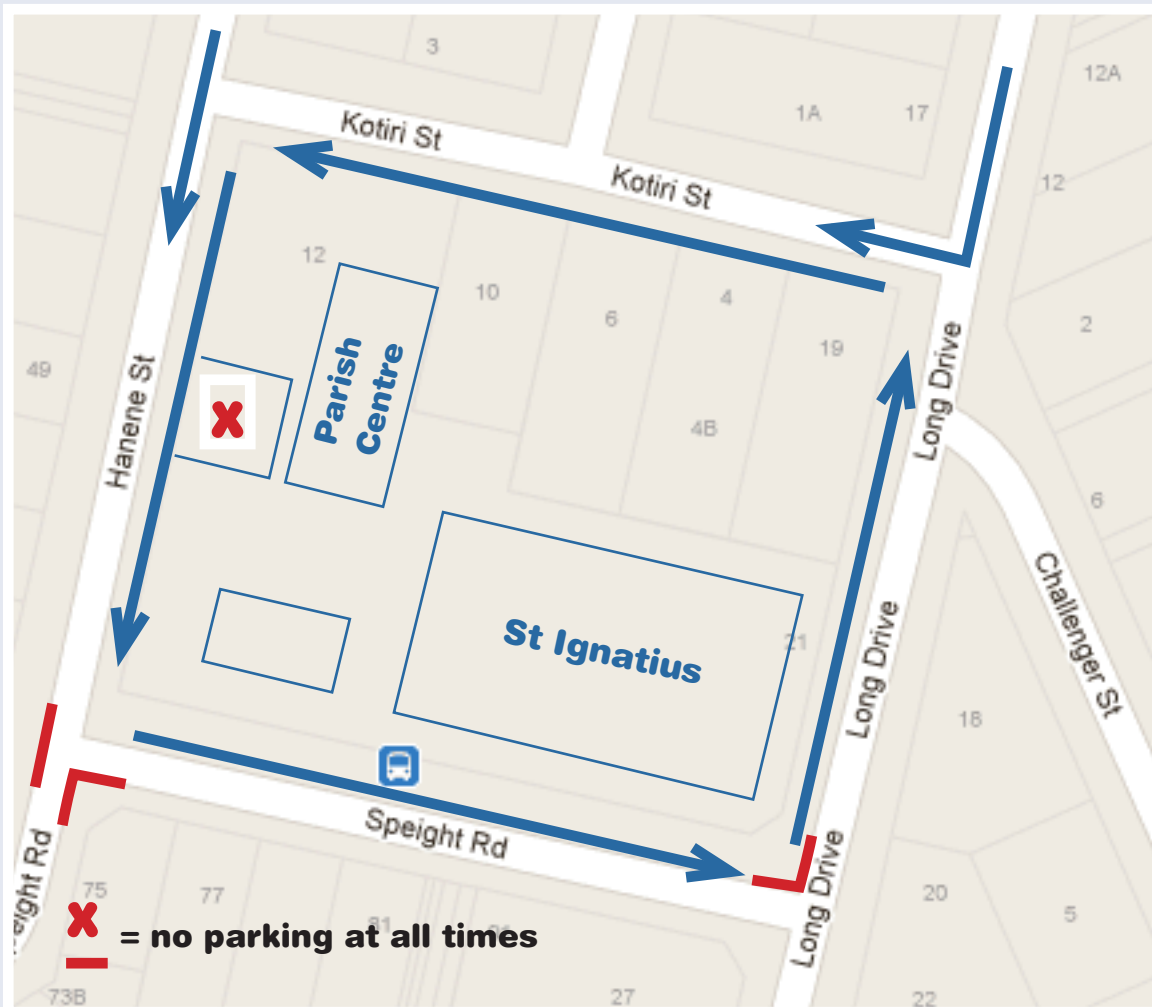
Traffic Rule at our place St Ignatius Catholic School

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