



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

TERM 4, 2016
DECEMBER 21st 2016



*May the gifts of peace, hope and joy be yours
during this Christmas season
and throughout a blessed New Year.*

*May you stay safe over the holiday break, have time to
relax, and have strength to manage the inevitable
'unexpectednesses' of life.*

*Thankyou for all you give to our place and for the
privilege of having your precious children in our care.*

OUR PEOPLE

Farewells

It was with excitement, and, of course some sadness that we farewelled our Year 6 Graduates at 'CELEBRATE 2016.' Most of them have spent 6+ years at St Ignatius and we believe they're very ready for the next stage – Intermediate school.

Twenty three families also ended their daily association with St Ignatius, some after many, many years at our place, as their youngest or only child graduated,

Our gratitude for the service and support given by so many families in different ways. Goodbye to...

the Beuvink, Colosimo, De Wit, Duncan, Dutta, Ennis, Foley, Garrard, Hartnett, Jarvis, McCarthy, Major, Matijasevich, Mihaljevich, Page, Patton, Ross, Ryan (Leo), Ryan (Blake), Slater, Spillane, Taiatini, and Wrigley families.

At our final gathering on the last day of term, children and staff farewelled...

- Miss Tiffany Levy who taught Years 4 & 5 during Term 4. We wish Tiffany well during her remaining time in New Zealand.
- Mrs Sue Peters, part time Learning Assistant.

Ms Lisa Boylan, also finished her time with us as a part time Learning Assistant, and Mrs Cathy Duncan completed her year as Sports co-ordinator.

We appreciate the way these women quickly became part of our place and contributed their skills; we're sorry their fixed term contracts with us have ended.

Permanent members of our teaching staff:

Three 'wise women' each following a star - West, North, and East...

- Ms Stacy McIvor who began her time with us mid 2011, setting up a New Entrants class. Stacy has relocated to the [west](#) and retired from full time teaching.
- Mrs Charlene Chan who began her teaching career with us starting in May 2013. Charlene now intends to pursue a career goal and will travel [north](#) to begin teaching in Indonesia in January.
- Mrs Robyn Lee who joined St Ignatius in 2002 as our reading Recovery teacher, and went on to classroom teaching for many years before being appointed to the permanent role of Associate Principal in 2012.

Luckily for us Robyn's star is still in the [east](#) and she will continue to share her talents at St Ignatius in the part time position of Special Needs Co-ordinator - once she's had a well deserved break overseas following all directions of the compass.

Our thanks and appreciation to each of these women for ensuring that each child they taught would be the BEST learner they could be, and for the way each of them spoke tenderly, loved our children deeply, and communicated with you with integrity.

To all those we've farewelled:
YOU'LL ALWAYS BELONG TO THE ST IGNATIUS FAMILY!

OUR LEARNING

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Y4, 5, 6 Thanks to those who were able to come on Monday December 12th so your child could share their learning.

For those who couldn't come, your child brought their Learning Journey home on Tuesday December 13th, to share with you.

REPORTS for all Y4, 5, 6 children were sent home in the Homelink bags on Tuesday December 13th, *not mailed*. Please check the Homelink bag if you haven't yet seen the new format report.

Y1, 2, 3 Child and Parent Teacher Conferences were held, and Learning Journeys and Reports were sent according to the Assessment schedule for the junior school.

Y0 Parent Teacher meetings were completed by the end of Term 4 for all Y0s and School Entry Assessment Reports given.

Thank you parents for taking part in these meetings and conferences.



NATIONAL STANDARDS

Once again, our National Standards outcomes at the end of 2016 are very pleasing and compare extremely favourably with both Auckland and NZ wide data as submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Reading: At or Above	Writing: At or Above	Mathematics: At or Above
93.6%	93.1%	88.8%

Reading National Standards 2016								
Well Below		Below		At		Above		
1	0.4%	14	6%	82	35.2%	136	58.4%	233 chn
Writing National Standards 2016								
Well Below		Below		At		Above		
2	0.9%	14	6%	159	68.2%	58	24.9%	233 chn
Mathematics National Standards 2016								
Well Below		Below		At		Above		
1	0.4%	25	10.7%	124	53.2%	83	35.6%	233 chn

NB

Children who haven't completed forty weeks at school cannot be assessed in relation to National Standards – hence the number of children does not include Year 0s or many Year 1s.

All other children, including those with special learning challenges are included in the data.

The purpose of learning to read, write, and be numerate, is so children can access and apply these skills to other learning areas e.g. science, technology – including digital tech, social studies, health etc, and become critical, creative problem solvers equipped for the fast changing world of which they're part. Children are motivated by discoveries through 'hands on' authentic learning experiences which connect their knowledge. Our aim is to teach them to turn that knowledge into knowing what to do with it.

'CELEBRATE 2016'

We hope families enjoyed, and were impressed with the children's presentation of our learning year. We are so proud of our children, how they participate and share their talents, and what they achieve.

On CELEBRATE day the children all go up to SHC for a very short time to run through their sharing. It's thanks to our wonderful teachers that

the children are prepared so well and know where to be, what to do, and on the night can do so with gusto.

It's an expectation at St Ignatius that every child has opportunities to participate and present.

We're sure you'll agree: St Ignatius children are energised by music and certainly LOVE to move and sing!

If Santa is stuck for ideas, he could maybe leave an ukulele under the tree – next year we intend to continue our music programme and Year 4s will learn the uke

To those who contributed to the Koha boxes, thank you for the \$669.80 which was collected for Te Waipuna.

Sr Maree Brown has asked that I thank our community for the continued support of this Mercy mission in GI; she is very appreciative of the regular food and clothing, and the money you give, and the cheerful parents who deliver to them.

SWIMMING

Our children managed themselves well and made good progress during the swimming fortnight. This year was CLM Swim Magic's first season at SHC aquatic centre, and due to our experience in organising the logistics and programme, and CLM's coaching skills, the experience was a positive one. We requested a day practising water safety skills to heighten awareness so our children, many of whom will be enjoying beach fun and water sports over the summer, know what to do in an emergency.

Year 0s on their very first school swimming day.



Y4, 5, 6 Swimming Sports were organised by CLM as a 'Swim Meet'

Placegetters in each event were decided by times recorded and ribbons were presented to all first, second, and third placegetters in the last week of term. All children received a certificate showing skills achieved. Well done to all the children who participated – some children overcame considerable anxiety to race in the big pool for the first time.

CONGRATULATIONS to these swimmers who had the best times in each of these events.

Results Swimming Sports December 2 nd 2016			
Event	First	Second	Third
25m Freestyle Y4	Charlotte O'Neill	Lottie Amato	Tessa Sims
25m Freestyle Y5	Ellie Millard	Katie Brugh	Alice Sasso
25m Freestyle Y6	Alyssa Mihaljevich	Lizzie Worth	Emili Snowdon
25m Freestyle Y4	Cole Ellis	George Fraser	Angus Houghton
25m Freestyle Y5	Max Serrano	William O'Neill	Joshua Anderson
25m Freestyle Y6	Mitchell Slater	Ryan Peck	Ben Millard
50m Freestyle Y5	Maddie Price	Katie Brugh	Paige Wilson
50m Freestyle Y6	Alyssa Mihaljevich	Emma Ross	Kate Wrigley
50m Freestyle Y5	Joshua Anderson	William O'Neill	Henry O'Neill
50m Freestyle Y6	Mitchell Slater	Ryan Peck	Ben Millard
25m Backstroke Y4	Tessa Sims	Lily Goddard	Lottie Amato
25m Backstroke Y5	Ellie Millard	Poppy O'Brien	Paige Wilson
25m Backstroke Y6	Emma Ross	Eliza Patton	Alyssa Mihaljevich
25m Backstroke Y4	Angus Houghton	Cole Ellis	George Fraser
25m Backstroke Y5	Max Serrano	Joshua Anderson	William O'Neill
25m Backstroke Y6	Mitchell Slater	Ryan Peck	Ben Millard
25m Breaststroke Y4	Isabella Montenegro	Tessa Sims	Lottie Amato
25m Breaststroke Y5	Ellie Millard	Poppy O'Brien	Lucy Lees
25m Breaststroke Y6	Emma Ross	Alyssa Mihaljevich	Emili Snowdon
25m Breaststroke Y4	Sam Snowdon	Michael Pinches	Vili Qereqeretabua
25m Breaststroke Y5	Max Serrano	William O'Neill	Joshua Anderson
25m Breaststroke Y6	Mitchell Slater	Isaac Qereqeretabua	Cameron Spillane
25m Butterfly Y4	Lottie Amato	Charlotte O'Neill	Isabella Montengro
25m Butterfly Y5	Katie Brugh	Ellie Millard	Lucy Lees
25m Butterfly Y6	Emili Snowdon	Alyssa Mihaljevich	Emma Ross
25m Butterfly Y4	Cole Ellis	Angus Houghton	Callum Glenister
25m Butterfly Y5	William O'Neill	Max Serrano	Bailey Hicks
25m Butterfly Y6	Mitchell Slater	Ben Millard	Ryan Peck

OUR PLACE

Some fencing and gates have been installed on our property this week. The Catholic Diocese of Auckland, the owners of our buildings, agreed that these were required for Health and Safety reasons. As had always been intended once the new block was completed, the entrance behind the St Mary MacKillop building has been fenced and the main entrance to the school is through the gates between the library and the St Joseph block. Anyone coming onsite during the school day must come through the office.

Hopefully in time the perimeter of the school will be fenced inside the hedging; in the meantime big trees will be planted in the gaps.

Anyone have access to suitable trees?

A Working Bee will be organised for early Term One.

INFORMATION and REMINDERS for FEBRUARY Term One 2017:

ORGANISATION

YEAR LEVEL	LEARNING SPACE(s)	TEACHERS
Yr One LC 1	Rangimarie – Peace Te Honohono Painga - Goodness	Mrs Ronelle Clarke (acting DRS) & Mrs Georgina Elgin
Yrs Two & Three LC 1	Kia Hari – Joy (upper floor St Mary MacKillop block)	Mrs Annabel Holderness** Mrs Debra Wells Mrs Claire Evans ** Learning Community 1 Leader
Yrs Four & Five LC2	Atawhai- Kindness (lower floor St Mary MacKillop block)	Mrs Victoria King** Mrs Nina Richards Miss Noelle O'Mahony ** Learning Community 2 Leader
Yrs Five (oldest Yr 5s) & Six LC3	Hana – Generosity Whakapono - Faithfulness	Mrs Penny Lundy Miss Georgia Andrews ** Mrs Jane Penney Associate Principal & Learning Community 3 Leader

We look forward to welcoming Miss O'Mahony to a permanent position. Miss O'Mahony has spent time here during recent weeks and met the children. She's also been to CELEBRATE so knows what to expect when we're together!

BUDDY FAMILIES WANTED

The buddy family system which was formalised at the beginning of 2016, has been a success, helping families new to our community by having a family they could contact for info about our place from a parent perspective, and making them feel welcome.

Thanks to Amanda Goddard for faithfully co-ordinating this initiative.

Please contact me* if you would like to either continue as a Buddy family or be put on the Buddy family list. As we have several new families at different levels starting on 2017 we'd like to be able to offer them all a BF. We do try and match the children's gender and age. We would like some offers from parents of Yr 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 boys as well as families experienced with Yr 1s.

principal@stignatius.school.nz * I will reply last week of January.

Remember all dates are calendared on the website:
www.stignatius.school.nz

WEEK ONE

WEDNESDAY February 1st

First day of Term 1

Children to be in learning spaces at 8.40am ready for 8.50am start

Bring:

- Two NAMED water bottles
- Regulation Sunhat NAMED
- Homelink bag if still in good condition (*each child is entitled to one new bag during the year*)
- Any **Learning Journey folders** which mightn't have been returned by last day 2016

THURSDAY February 2nd

Learning spaces open before school: **8.20 – 8.45am** to give children an opportunity to introduce you to their teachers and to show you their 2017 environment.

FRIDAY February 3rd

Learning spaces open after school: **2.50 – 3.15pm** to give children an opportunity to introduce you to their teachers and to show you their 2017 environment.

WEEK TWO

MONDAY February 6th

Waitangi Day holiday

WEDNESDAY February 8th

WELCOME to the 2017 School Year picnic in the school grounds
6 – 7.30pm; another chance to meet the teachers

PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom

WEEK THREE

MONDAY February 13th

Year 1

Parent Information Meeting 6 – 6.45pm

Years 2 & 3

Parent Information Meeting 7 – 7.45pm

WEDNESDAY February 15th

Years 4 & 5

Parent Information Meeting 6.30 – 7.15pm

BOT Meeting

7.30pm

WEEK FOUR

MONDAY February 20th

Learning Community 3

Parent Information Meeting 6.30 – 7.15pm

Year 6 Camp Info Meeting

7.15pm followed by Camp helpers meeting

WEEK FIVE

MONDAY February 27th

TBC

Parent and Teacher 10 minute meetings
for parents to share information and
discuss goals

WEDNESDAY March 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY – first day of Lent

FRIDAY March 3rd

DUDES diary this date!

‘DUDES’ NIGHT an annual tradition at St Ignatius, organized by the PTA for the children to have fun with a significant DUDE in their life – e.g. dad, uncle, grandad, special family friend 5.30 – 8pm
Time to be confirmed

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

As you may know, this year has presented many in our community – families and staff, with sadnesses, and a variety of challenges, particularly health ones. Many of us have experienced wonderful support and care during these times. Do continue to look after those who are grieving.

Please accept this as a personal thank you for the kindnesses you've shown me during my illness and since my return to school in August. I know as a community you will join me in thanking Robyn Lee for so capably taking on the Acting Principal role in my absence.

A thought for the end of the year – remember to keep everything in perspective, and be grateful for all the blessings we experience daily.

Our children are children for a very short time – let them enjoy this childhood unencumbered by adult demands and anxieties that children oughtn't have to carry.

Enjoy the January break.

God bless,
Carol Sullivan



'HE BECAME WHAT WE ARE SO WE CAN BECOME WHAT HE IS.'

The JOY of Kris Kindl! Thank you for supporting this St Ignatius ritual.

