



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

RESPECTFUL – WHAKANUI

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

'Be gentle and kind to one another'

*I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated.
I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of others.*

TERM 1, 2017
March 20th 2017

OUR PEOPLE

We welcome the Murphy and Dunningham families to our school community. Jade Murphy and Lucas Dunningham have started school in the last few days.

PTA

DUDES NIGHT March 3rd

Thanks to the careful planning and organisation of the small hardworking group of PTA members and the support of many helpers, this fun community builder and fundraiser was a great success, raising \$3374.



Year Ones at their first DUDES night.

The AGM was held last week and plans for 2017 events put in place. Expect an email from the PTA requesting sign up for helpers and/or ways the school community can contribute.

Ladies Night at the Berkely Theatre is calendared for Wednesday May 17th, a Quiz night will be held in June date TBA, and the year's big Auction fundraiser is planned for September 2nd.

Samantha Arnold has taken on the chairperson role and Heather Bryant will be treasurer.

We thank Ranche Worth who has served so generously as PTA Chair for some time and Dianne Owen who was treasurer in 2016.

URGENT offers of help are needed for:

- Sausage Sizzle held monthly on the LAST FRIDAY of the month. Is there someone who'd like to organise this and coordinate the roster even if you can't be here on the day?
- Entertainment Books Sale organiser– training will be given as to how this runs
Please contact Hilary office@stignatius.school.nz

OUR LEARNING

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)

SCHOOL CAMP March 8, 9,10: Our Year 6 children excitedly anticipated their three day camp at MERC Long Bay and were well prepared for the experience. They enjoyed many challenges including abseiling, archery, and rock climbing.

Even though the water activities they expected weren't available due to bad weather, the children managed their disappointment well and achieved the Camp objectives which included developing independence, co-operation, confidence, leadership and new skills in the outdoors.

Many thanks to our teachers for effectively being on duty for 55 hours: Mrs Penney, Mrs Lundy, & Miss Andrews, who had the biggest birthday party attendance ever!

We are grateful to the parents who encouraged and helped care for our children while at Camp. We know all Yr 6 parents join us in thanking you.



Comfy inside, stormy outside, on the last night

IDENTITY GAMES Athletic Sports March 15th at Mt Smart Stadium. Our children had the experience of running on a real track, throwing and jumping on the field, and viewing from the stands. Parent helpers we couldn't have done this without those of you who committed to manage the range of events with us. Results will be collated and shared.

POLYFEST March 14

Year 5 children travelled to Manakau for the Polyfest Schools day. They participated enthusiastically in interactive sessions provided by the NZ Fire Service, police, and the ASB bank and then enjoyed the outstanding performances by various secondary schools at the 'Diversity' and 'Maori' stages.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children and guided their groups.

Reading Support

Adult volunteers please for 'Pause Prompt & Praise' sessions from 1:50-2:45pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Come for one session, two sessions or all three.

Must enjoy reading with children.

A training session will be given.

Reading with 3 or 4 children during the session, each child for about 15 minutes once or twice a week to build children's confidence and help them to progress with their reading.

If you are interested please email rlee@stignatius.school.nz

Robotics

Any parents with an interest in Robotics who'd be available to run a lunch time Robotics Club, please contact Jane Penney, for more information. jpenney@stignatius.school.nz

Walking School Bus

Some parents might like to get this up and running again. Previously we have had two routes operating twice a week – one from Ashby Ave and one from Rawhitiroa Rd. Please Contact Hilary in the school office if you might like to get involved. office@stignatius.school.nz

Jump Jam

On Wednesday mornings 8 – 8.30am for any children who like to 'warm up' their brains through music and movement. Thanks to parent Maren Katelaan who has taken over from Kate Richmond who initially instigated this fun time.

UNIFORM

Children may wear either Active Wear or formal uniform now Autumn's here. Though the weather is cooler in the morning, currently the days are quite warm.

Footwear is plain black sandals OR plain black closed in shoes with regulation uniform socks. Black sports style shoes are ideal.

Some children are choosing to wear coloured sports shoes & socks to school - these are not part of our school uniform and just as this footwear won't be acceptable at their next learning places neither is it acceptable here.

This is the 'in between' season we know so if there is a valid reason they have to wear alternative footwear please send a written note to their Learning Space teacher.

Regulation school **sunhat** is still compulsory this term.

CONTINUING REMINDER

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS INCLUDING SANDALS/SHOES.

RENAME UNIFORM THAT'S HAD A PREVIOUS OWNER.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

A second hand uniform sale is planned for **FRIDAY APRIL 7th**, starting at 2.30pm. if anyone has used uniform items they'd like to donate please Drop them at the school office. Spare shoes in good condition are always helpful to pass on too.

OUR PLACE

WORKING BEE WEEKEND

It would be great if our grounds could be spruced up a bit. This requires some 'manpower'. A working bee weekend is planned for both Saturday and Sunday April 8th & 9th from 2 – 4pm (the weekend before Easter.) Expect an info email notice by the end of the week.

NO DOG SITE

Dogs, **with the exception of service dogs**, aren't permitted on our grounds for both safety and hygiene reasons. In the past fortnight teachers have had to clear up mess from the deck outside the learning spaces and off the astroturf, not an ideal way to start the school day.

REPEAT FROM LAST HEADS UP

Our first school value is to be RESPECTFUL – respectful people keep the rules of a place:

DROP –OFF:

PLEASE DON'T

- **come through the hedge**
- **let children come through the Staff car park behind the church for safety reasons**
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Children are to come into and out of school

- through the main entrance, the Speight Rd gates
- the single gate on Hanene St beside the astroturf
- between the church and Parish Centre from Kotiri St
- through the school office

Anyone coming onsite during the school day **must** come through the office.

**NO CHILDREN ARE TO PLAY ON THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS
BEFORE SCHOOL**

PICK UP:

Children are to wait in the school grounds for their caregiver to collect them.

Those catching the bus line up by the Speight Rd gates next to the wall opposite the Library. A bus duty teacher takes the children to the bus and records their names.

CHILDREN WHOSE CAREGIVERS ARE SUPERVISING THEM MAY PLAY ON THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL

TRAFFIC – Driving and Parking rules for around Our Place.

Key Points:

Go *LEFT* round the whole school block

Never use a driveway for turning.

Leave the bus stop clear

Don't park over the now defunct driveway behind the bus stop – the bus can't pull in or out if you do

Let your **caregivers know** the process too – please share with everyone who picks your child up from school including family, friends, nannies.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



YR 6s harnessed up to face the challenge of abseiling

UPDATED CONTACT LISTS were sent out March 2nd
for Years 1, 2, 3 children and Years 4, 5, 6 children
Please do always give us updated info – find **Change of Personal Information** form on the website.



WELCOME HOME!

REMEMBER DATES ARE CALENDARED ON THE WEBSITE:
www.stignatius.school.nz

WEEK EIGHT

MONDAY March 20th

- Bay Suburbs Swimming Sports
Yr 5 & 6 team
- Yr 6 boys SHC visit

WEDNESDAY March 22nd - BOT Meeting 7pm

THURSDAY March 23rd - **Baradene Enrolments close**

FRIDAY March 24th - Friday Freeze \$2ice block fundraiser after school

WEEK NINE

MONDAY March 27th

- **HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY to
St Ignatius Catholic School**

The children will observe our birthday in their Learning Spaces today

TUESDAY March 28th

- Bay Suburbs Softball Tournament Yr 5 & 6 teams

THURSDAY March 30th

- WHOLE SCHOOL 90th Birthday Mass 9am
All welcome
- Save Day Bay Suburbs Softball

FRIDAY March 31st

- Children to come to school **dressed as a school child of the past, the present, the future for our...**

'YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW' parade @ 9am

followed by singing 'happy birthday' and cutting a cake.

If any of you can stay for the parade you're most welcome.

Preparing for this is Continuous Learning, finding out what parents, older relatives wore to school or play. Imagining and designing what children might wear in the next 90 years – maybe at school on another planet?

We plan to let each child have a slice of cake so if you can contribute a cake, please complete the hardcopy note which will be sent on Tuesday.

We will require 15 cakes, presuming each can be cut into 16 slices, including one gluten free cake. Though it's Lent, there's a special reason to celebrate with a treat today.

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE lunch \$2
- NO FRIDAY FREEZE AFTER SCHOOL
- For sale at end of the school day:
School Umbrellas \$30
St Ignatius School Cookbooks \$20

OUR FAITH

Yesterday was the Third Sunday of Lent. Each Monday we have gathered to listen and talk about a dramatization of Sunday's scripture.

The children could tell you about the stories of Jesus they've heard during the Lenten season at school and at church and the message God sent through his son.

We know some are really trying to do some extra things during Lent and are going without treats so they can contribute to their Koha boxes.

Remind them each Friday to bring back their FACE images on which they have drawn or written their extra actions.

We thank you Jesus for the blessing of water;
For being able to turn on a tap and know that it will flow;
For the rain, and the rivers, and the mighty oceans.
We thank you for the "water of life" poured out
and shared with us at our baptism
so we can have everlasting life. Amen



'The woman at the well' John 4

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- **MUSIQHUB** lessons for guitar, ukulele, keyboard – before/after, at lunch & break time. Small group lessons are offered at school every Friday; lessons are for St Ignatius students **Year 3** upwards. Contact Jakub 02102420972 jakub.roznawski@musiqhub.co.nz
- **SHINE** speech and drama lessons Wednesday lunch, break time, & Friday lunch, break time, & after school. Refer flyer sent home earlier this month. Places available for Years 1- 6. Website www.shine.school.nz or phone Nina 021 160 9197
- **CHESS Coaching Programme** for Years 3 – 6 at Monday lunchtimes. Refer flyer sent last week. Website: www.chesspower.co.nz and click Parents Centre