



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

TERM 3, 2017
Week 6 August 28th

OUR FAITH

Special prayers please for those in our community who are seriously ill especially Kimo Motuliki's little brother Hendrix, and Molly & Thomas Matthews' dad Rob.

Thankyou to those who joined us at our whole school Mass recently to celebrate the feastdays of St Ignatius Loyola for whom our school is named, and St Mary MacKillop whose Josephite sisters established our school in 1927.

Our current Religious Education strand is 'GOD' and the focus for the year levels are:

Year 1,0 : God is Creator

Year 2 : Our Gracious God

Year 3 : God is Present in the World

Year 4 : God is Love

Year 5 : God is Faithful

Year 6 : Who is God?

Refer to the Family - Whanau book is an information resource for parents to refer to:

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf>

Special blessings to our children who were confirmed at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish on August 10th

Samantha Jackett , Brooke Culpan, Gemma Glenister, Sophie Glenister,
Josh Bulmer, Nick Nathan, Brodie Smith, Hamish Redmore, Kitty Derrington,
Annah Derrington, Isla Arnold, Ezekiel Zumel, Emmett Connolly

We pray for our children from both parishes who will make their First Communion in September.

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish: Sunday September 10th at 10am Mass.

St Ignatius Parish: Sunday September 17th at 11.30am Mass
at Sacred Heart College Chapel.

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION AWARDS

Lottie Amato Year 5 and Ezekiel Zumez Year 6 made us proud as they were acknowledged by Bishop Pat at the recent Catholic Caring Foundation Mass at St Patricks Cathedral for being caring and demonstrating our school values everyday.

"Answering the call to lead lives filled with generosity"



Lottie, Bishop Pat, and Ezekiel

OUR PEOPLE

WELCOME to those who have joined Our Place:

5 year olds Evelyn Bryant, Giovanna Tofono, Oliver Barden, Luis Osorio, Hudson Halla, Sophie Spence, and Year 3 Eliza Fair.

It's wonderful to have these children and families in our community.

We are very pleased to have Mrs Aixa Dengate join the Years 0, 1 teaching team this term.

Our prayers and condolences to families we know of who have recently had a bereavement in their families and to all those who we might not know about: Max Copland's great grandfather, Cole Ellis's grandmother, and Isabella Friedrich's great grandmother have sadly passed away.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING CERTIFICATES awarded for academic progress, effort and achievement are presented at whole school assemblies.

Congratulations to our learners who have received an academic certificate in July and August assemblies:

Jade Murphy, Noah Love, Isabella Gibbes, Hudson Dransfield, Luke McCullum, Keira Fanning, Jenson Bade, Abby Redmore, Oliver Ensor, Sam Fraser, Tiara Hickey, George Fraser, Lily Goddard, Kimo Motuliki, Olivia Burrett, Madison Brown, Grace Buxton, Saskia Buche, Stella Gordon, Tom Lees, Georgina Reiher, Mily Jackett, Tom Lewis, Katy Cussins, Cooper Norton, Noah Faitaua, Eve Van Aalst, Louis Sutton, Ruby Qereqeretabua, Joshua Nightingale, Conor Kent, Savannah Richmond, Etan Simpson, Ciara Boyle, Isabel Chant, Zach Goddard, Lachie Chant, Anna Worth, Joss Bulmer, Pedro Cilli-Botica, Annah Derrington, Cormac Driver, Katie Brugh, Sam Snowdon, Ava Ponsonby, William O'Neill, Lila Derrington, Amelia Nathan, Phoebe Carmine, Finlay Brown, Isabella Friedrich, Lucas

Dunningham, Skyla Anderson, Frankie Price, Amber Baker, Tyler Coles, Stanley Good, Jamie Bishop, Sarah Bergin, Kalani Campbell, Lara Smith, Alex Buche, Isabella Ensor, Cooper Daly, Abby Neunzerling, David Bergin, Ashton Lloyd, Preston Houghton Lamb, Ellie Millard, Olivia Lewis, Seth Faitaua, Elizabeth Booth, Luciana Ramos, Molly Matthews, Oliver Burton, Leonardo Niederhaus Pires, Ava Radley, Huey Johnson, Chloe Liao, Jullia Machado Brown, Kobi Conroy, Orla Hoare, James Vettori, Marcus Hemmingsen Jensen, Grace Price, Finn Castle, Harry Brady, Jeremy Hall, Lottie Amato, Manuel Venegas, Oliver Brown, Maeve Driver, Daniel Graham, Heidi Rettkowicz, Nehuen López, Emily Buxton, Lola Palmer-Blandford, Charlotte Aquilina, Dimitri Bade, George Pinches, Angus Houghton, Amalia Mazzaschi, Nick Nathan, Ava Ryall, Sophie Sasso, Maddie Hay, Leah Clarke, Alana Kenny, Isabella Montenegro, Jose Cilli-Botica, Nevenka Cate, Solomon Ioane

St Mary MacKillop Awards

Children who are identified by their own and other teachers for the way they have upheld and modelled our school values of respect, responsibility, generosity, and happiness are recognised with a special St Mary MacKillop award.

Congratulations and thanks to Grace Price, Cooper Norton, Summer Koppens, and Lila Derrington.

Parents are contacted by email the previous week if your child will be receiving an academic certificate at the following Assembly. Thank you for not telling the children in advance. If it's not their Prayer Share Assembly and they see you there, they very often realise they might be getting a certificate. However any St Mary MacKillop awards are a surprise to children to take home to share with their families, as are Smiley awards.

PTA BIG Fundraiser of the year at Glendowie College hall: next Saturday, September 2nd

Have YOU got your tickets?

Please support our school and honour the huge amount of work our small group of PTA members and helpers have done to organise the

'CLASS OF THE 90S' themed LIP SYNCH AUCTION NIGHT

as we celebrate our school's 90th birthday this year.

Over the past 90 years, successive groups of generous parents and members of our community have contributed their time and efforts to improve and develop school facilities and provide resources, including 'people' resource, and each year's learners continue to benefit. Thankyou to all those now and in the past for helping make Our Place such a great environment in which to learn.

See Live Auction Brochure <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1037815/>

Tickets available: <https://eventfinda.co.nz/go/pta90s>

PTA are short of help to clean up on Sunday morning. If you can lend a hand please email saintignatiuspta@gmail.com

Any cassette tapes that you no longer require would be gratefully accepted asap – these can be dropped off at the office.

Jump Jam Reminder

Before school each Wednesday morning, 8 – 8.30am, one of our parents kindly runs a Jump Jam session in the courtyard outside the office or Mahaki the room closest to Admin block. Initially this was for younger children but any children who enjoy a dance workout are most welcome.

Medicine Procedure

If your child requires any medicine during the school day parents are to bring the medication to the office and fill in the form giving us permission to administer the medication and the time the child needs to take it. The medication is kept in named containers in the office and our Admin staff will ensure the child takes it at the correct time. Children must **not** keep medication of any kind, including inhalers in their schoolbags.

Cohort Entry

The new Education Act update has been amended to enable schools to adopt cohort entry. This means New Entrants will be able to start school as part of a cohort at the **beginning** of the term closest to their fifth birthday rather than **on** their fifth birthday or soon afterwards.

Children turning five before the Ministry of Education's precise cut off dates for each term would be able to start at four, up to two months before their fifth birthday.

The likely benefits for having children start school together is that starting alongside others will help them build relationships and support a smoother entry to school, as children would be transitioned and routines established with them together instead of them entering on an ad hoc basis.

There would be intakes at the start of each term. Parents who might not consider their child ready before their fifth birthday could opt for them to start school at the beginning of a following term.

The MoE's dates for cohort entry **2018** are -

Term 1: children who turn 5 BEFORE March 20th

Term 2: children who turn 5 BEFORE JUNE 11th

Term 3: children who turn 5 BEFORE September 3rd

Term 4: children who turn 5 BEFORE December 12th

If the child's birthday falls AFTER these dates, they'd start school at the beginning of the next term.

As well as consulting parents of children who turn five in 2018, a short electronic survey will be sent to ALL current parents later this week. As you have all had a child/children start school, you may be able to reflect on how it might have affected your children had cohort entry been in place when they started.

A decision will be made after consultation with parents and Early Childhood Centres attended by children who are likely to start in 2018 and parents would be notified in Term 4.

Special Needs Policy This term the BOT and staff is currently reviewing the **Special Needs Policy**. Parents are invited to read the policy and give feedback to contribute to the review.

Students with Special Needs / Learning Support –
(login is **stignatius** password **stheliers**)

Contact Updates We are now able to have a second mobile number on our Student Management system (SMS) for text messages to go to. Please inform the office:

office@stignatius.school.nz if you would like this to occur.

We have also just introduced our SMS app so we can at times send longer texts.

These will come from MOB: 027 419 7060

Absence alerts though can still go to only one mobile number.

GOLBASI Helpers requested for Friday mornings 9.15 – 11.25am

Extra helping hands would be welcome to assist the teachers in the Y0,1,2,3 area during this active inquiry time particularly for food tech – cooking, and science/technology workshops. Even if you can help just one morning out of the following four Fridays we would appreciate your help.

Parent Library Helpers requested for Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Y1's slot is on Friday 1.50 – 2.40pm

Y3's slot is on Thursday 1.50 – 2.40pm

Y4's slot is on Wednesday 2.00 - 2:40pm

Y5's slot is on Tuesday 12:30- 1.00pm

if you can help out with either of these, please contact the office

office@stignatius.school.nz 09 575 7081

OUR LEARNING

We are mid way through this term's schoolwide inquiry concept: FREEDOM.

The big/essential questions and enduring understandings being explored by children according to their age and stage are:

Essential Questions

What is FREEDOM?

How can FREEDOM lead learners to think creatively and solve problems?

Enduring Understandings

God gives us FREEDOM to explore and make choices.

With FREEDOM comes rights and responsibilities.

In Week 9 parents are invited to join us as the children share some aspects of the term's FREEDOM inquiry learning connected across learning areas.

FREEDOM SHARING

Wednesday 20th September –

10am Prayer followed by **Year 4s** sharing the Kapa Haka skills they have learned this year - this will open our FREEDOM sharing and all parents are invited

10.25 – 11.25am Learning Spaces open 1 hour in learning spaces sharing 'freely' sharing learning

Thursday 21st September –

'FREEDOM to Be' Book Character Day.

Children are free to come as a book character of their choice. Talk with them now about characters they enjoy and might choose to be; get them to think about what their costume could be and start planning it. They need to be able to talk about the story that the character comes from.

9am approx. Parents are welcome to stay for the Parade.

FREE Trade book sale organised by the Year 6 children during the day for the children who can buy books donated.

Friday 22nd September –

GOLBASI (Growing Our Learning Brains at St Ignatius)

9.30 – 10.30 Parents are invited to come in during this open hour.

The children will be engaged in their GOLBASI learning.

Yrs 0,1,2,3 will be in the second GOLBASI choice block and **Yrs 4,5,6** will be in their first GOLBASI choice from 9.30 – 10am, and their second choice 10 – 10.30am.

Parents are invited to visit across the learning levels and spaces and view GOLBASI in action.

Books to Sell

If your family has any children's books that you'd be willing to donate to the book sale on our 'FREEDOM to Be' book day on September 21st, please drop off in the collection box in the office foyer at any time.

Literacy Quiz

These Years 5 and 6 children very ably represented us at this quiz held for all the schools in the Remuera cluster at St Thomas's recently. The children were quizzed on the contents of twelve NZ books they were required to read and study.

Congratulations to our A team of Year 6s who were placed **THIRD**. Our B team of Year 5s now have the experience and will be a strong team next year!



Georgina, Mila, Ava, David, Amelia, Milan, Michael, Alana, Kalani.

Digital Technologies

It would be really helpful if Years 4, 5, 6 children could bring earphones or headphones in a named bag to use during the times they're on devices for learning.

Link to some good tips for parents about online safety from Netsafe

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

Kiwi Sport

GYMNASTICS August 1st

Some Year 4, 5, 6 children took part in the Eastern Zone Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition.

Ella Patterson excelled and won the Year 5 & 6 Girls competition; Amelia Rettkowicz placed 5th in this session. These girls will go on to the Auckland Champs along with Samuel Snowdon, Antonio Campos and Maddie Hay who were placed 6th, 8th, & 8th respectively.

BAY SUBURBS NETBALL TOURNAMENT August 16th

Six Years 5 and 6 teams participated in this recent tournament enjoying the opportunity to represent our school. Congratulations to the following place getters:

Year 5 mixed A team : 3rd Year 6 mixed C team : 2nd Year 6 Boys team : 2nd

Cross Country August 22nd

Our whole school cross country finally took place at Glover Park last Tuesday, on a glorious sunny day, which proved not to be as muddy as we'd anticipated.

Well done to all our participants, There are those who simply 'love' this event and those who find it really challenging but give it their best.

Congratulations to our first three placegetters at each year level.

Year	Place	Girls	Boys
0	1	Giovanna Tofono	Tahiel Lopez
	2	Maeve Driver	Rico Ryan
	3	Evelyn Bryant	Hudson Halla
1	1	Olivia Lewis	Noah Love
	2	Ruby Qereqeretabua	Seth Faitaua
	3	Skyla Anderson	Harry Fraser
2	1	Hayley Peck	Santi Barton
	2	Ciara Boyle	Gene Pryde
	3	Frankie Price	Nehuen Lopez
3	1	Chloe Liao	Sam Fraser
	2	Tiara Hickey	Jamie Bishop
	3	Josephine Hoy	Dimitri Bade
4	1	Mia Clarke	Pedro Cilli-Botica
	2	Annabel Holdcroft	Bernardo Tofono
	3	Niamh Hoare	Cohen Faitaua
5	1	Tessa Sims	George Fraser
	2	Isabella Montenegro	Lachie Chant
	3	Lara Smith	Angus Houghton
6	1	Alice Sasso	Noah Faitaua
	2	Katie Brugh	Max Serrano
	3	Poppy O'Brien	Ashton Lloyd

THANK YOU THANK YOU parents for the support you give us at sporting events: managing, coaching, marshalling, transporting etc. It's appreciated.

OUR WAY

PARENT VOLUNTEERS sought for 'PAUSE PROMPT PRAISE' Reading Programme

If you are available and willing to read with older children to provide 'reading mileage' please contact Robyn Lee rlee@stignatius.school.nz
A training session will be provided.

OUR PLACE

REMINDERS

- Children are to walk into school through the gates and NOT the car park behind the church
- Please do not park in the Church grounds outside the Parish Centre and Church (Kotiri St entrance) at school pick up and drop off times.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

- **Jojo Bows are not part of our school uniform;** only plain black/blue hair bands, clips, scrunchies or ribbons may be worn.
- **Years 5 and 6 children require Active Wear for sports on Wednesdays**
- **Year 4 require Active Wear for sports on Fridays**
- **Children of any year level who want to play on the field, when it is dry enough, are to bring their Active Wear uniform to change into.**
(We don't have spare Active Wear to lend them if they've forgotten theirs.)

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME/RENAME ALL:

- **CLOTHING INCLUDING SHOES, SOCKS, UNDERSHIRTS**
- **BELONGINGS INCLUDING FOOD CONTAINERS AND WATER BOTTLES**

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

Calendar

MONDAY August 28th

ASSEMBLY **1.50pm start** Year 3 sharing prayer
Celebration of Learning Certificates presented

THURSDAY August 31st

MASS 9am Years 0,1, & 6 attending, all welcome

MONDAY September 4th

ASSEMBLY **1.50pm start** Year 1 & 0 sharing prayer.
Celebration of Learning Certificates presented.

THURSDAY August 31st

MASS 9am Years 2 & 5 attending; all welcome

2017

Term 3 ends FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29th

Term 4 starts MONDAY OCTOBER 16th

and ends FRIDAY DECEMBER 15th

***2018 start date for Term 1 will be either TUESDAY January 30th or
WEDNESDAY January 31st. (TBC by end of this term.)***

MUFTI MANIA DAY Our last day of Term 2 was a fun Supporters themed Mufti day.
\$326 was raised for Nawi Catholic Primary School in Fiji to help provide the school
with solar power and books for their library.



What imaginative supporters we had!