



ST IGNATIUS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# HEADS UP!

## TERM 4, 2017 Week 1 October 16<sup>th</sup>

**WELCOME** to Term 4 and the upcoming nine very full school weeks. We always wonder how we'll fit everything in, but somehow we do! Hopefully things have gone well for the children over the holidays, they've adapted to Daylight Saving, and are energised and ready for the excitement of the final term. Please calendar important dates to help planning as we head towards the end of the school year, the Christmas season and the promise of summer holidays.

DATES ARE CALENDARED ON THE WEBSITE: [www.stignatius.school.nz](http://www.stignatius.school.nz)

### Calendar

#### Week 1 Life Education Health Curriculum

All children will have two sessions learning in the Life Education van this week.

**MONDAY** Oct 16: 8.50 – 2.50pm First Day Term Four  
**TUESDAY** Oct 17: 2.50 – 3.30pm Life Education Van open for parents;  
Lynne Darroch, Life Education teacher  
available to talk and answer any questions.  
[www.lifeeducation.org.nz](http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz)  
**WEDNESDAY** Oct 18: 7.00pm BOT Meeting  
**THURSDAY** Oct 19: 9.00am Mass Years 0, 2, and 5 attending, all welcome  
9.30am Vector Epro8 challenge Year 5 & 6 Team

### Week 2

**MONDAY** Oct 23: **LABOUR DAY National Holiday**  
**THURSDAY** Oct 26: 9.00am Mass Years 1, and 6 attending, all welcome  
**FRIDAY** Oct 27: PTA Discos for children in the Parish Centre  
Years 0, 1, 2 : 5.00 – 6.00pm  
Years 3, 4 : 6.15 – 7.15pm  
Years 5, 6 : 7.30 – 8.30pm  
Price \$10 includes sausage and drink  
(NB **NO Sausage Sizzle Lunch today**)

### Week 3

**MONDAY** Oct 30: 1.50pm ASSEMBLY **Year 6** sharing prayer  
Celebration of Learning Certificates presented.  
Reminder: return child's swimming ability online form to SwimMagic  
by today <https://clmnz.wufoo.eu/forms/msjcl3v1j8durf/>

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 1: All Saints Day  
**THURSDAY** Nov 2: All Souls Day; 9.00am Whole School Mass TBC

## Week 4

**MONDAY** Nov 6: 1.50pm ASSEMBLY **Year 5** sharing prayer  
Celebration of Learning Certificates presented.

**TUESDAY** Nov 7: **SCHOOL PHOTOS** in Year Levels only

**THURSDAY** Nov 9: 8.45am – 2pm Y6 girls @ Baradene Orientation Day

**FRIDAY** Nov 10: Bay Suburbs Touch Rugby Tournament Y5 & 6 teams

## Week 5

**MONDAY** Nov 13: 1.50pm ASSEMBLY **Year 4** sharing prayer  
Celebration of Learning Certificates presented.  
FINAL Assembly of the year

**TUESDAY** Nov 14: PTA Fundraiser Quiz night at Moretons

**THURSDAY** Nov 16: SELL-E- BRATE for all children. Year 5 & 6 children will sell items and activities they have prepared during their **Enterprise** learning

**FRIDAY** Nov 17: Reporting to Parents: Years 3, 4, 5, 6 child and parent conferencing TBC

## Week 6 First week of Swimming Sessions at Sacred Heart College Aquatic Centre

**MONDAY** Nov 20: First Day of swimming for all year level  
Bay Suburbs Athletics Year 5 & 6 Athletes competing

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 22: Save Day Bay Suburbs Athletics

**FRIDAY** Nov 24: Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 – last Friday of the month

## Week 7 Second week of Swimming Sessions at SHC Aquatic Centre

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 29: 7.00pm BOT Meeting

**FRIDAY** Dec 1: 9.00 - 11.30am Swimming Sports for Years 4, 5, 6  
12.30 - 1.10pm Fun Races for Years 0, 1  
1.15 - 1.50pm Fun Races for Year 2  
1.55 - 2.30pm Fun Races for Year 3  
NB Afternoon times approximate & TBC

## Week 8

**THURSDAY** Dec 7: All day: children will practise at SHC for this evening's 'CELEBRATE 2017'

6.00 - 8pm '**CELEBRATE 2017**' at Sacred Heart College Auditorium. **ALL** children expected to be present to participate. Parents and families invited to celebrate the culmination of our learning year and the graduation of our Year 6s.

**FRIDAY** Dec 8: All day: Year 6 trip to Rainbows End

## Week 9

**THURSDAY** Dec 14: End of Year School MASS TBC

**FRIDAY** Dec 15: LAST DAY OF TERM 12pm School finishes (*No bus today*)

## 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1: January 30 - April 13

*(NB Waitangi Day Public Holiday February 6;*

*Easter break Good Friday March 30, Easter Monday April 2 & Tuesday April 3)*

Term 2: April 30 – July 6 *(NB Queens Birthday Public Holiday June 4)*

Term 3: July 23 - September 28

Term 4: October 15 - December 15 TBC

**TUESDAY** Jan 30: FIRST DAY OF TERM ONE

## OUR FAITH

Our schoolwide **Religious Education** learning this term is Traditional Prayer, Myself and Others module, the 'Communion of Saints' strand, and the Liturgical year events: All Saints, All Souls, Christ the King, Advent, and Christmas.

The Communion of Saints strand focus for each year level appropriate to their age and stage is:

Year 1,0 : Mary

Year 2 : Saints and Inspiring People

Year 3 : Life, Death and Christian Hope

Year 4 : Choices

Year 5 : Saints and Inspiring People

Year 6 : Mary

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>

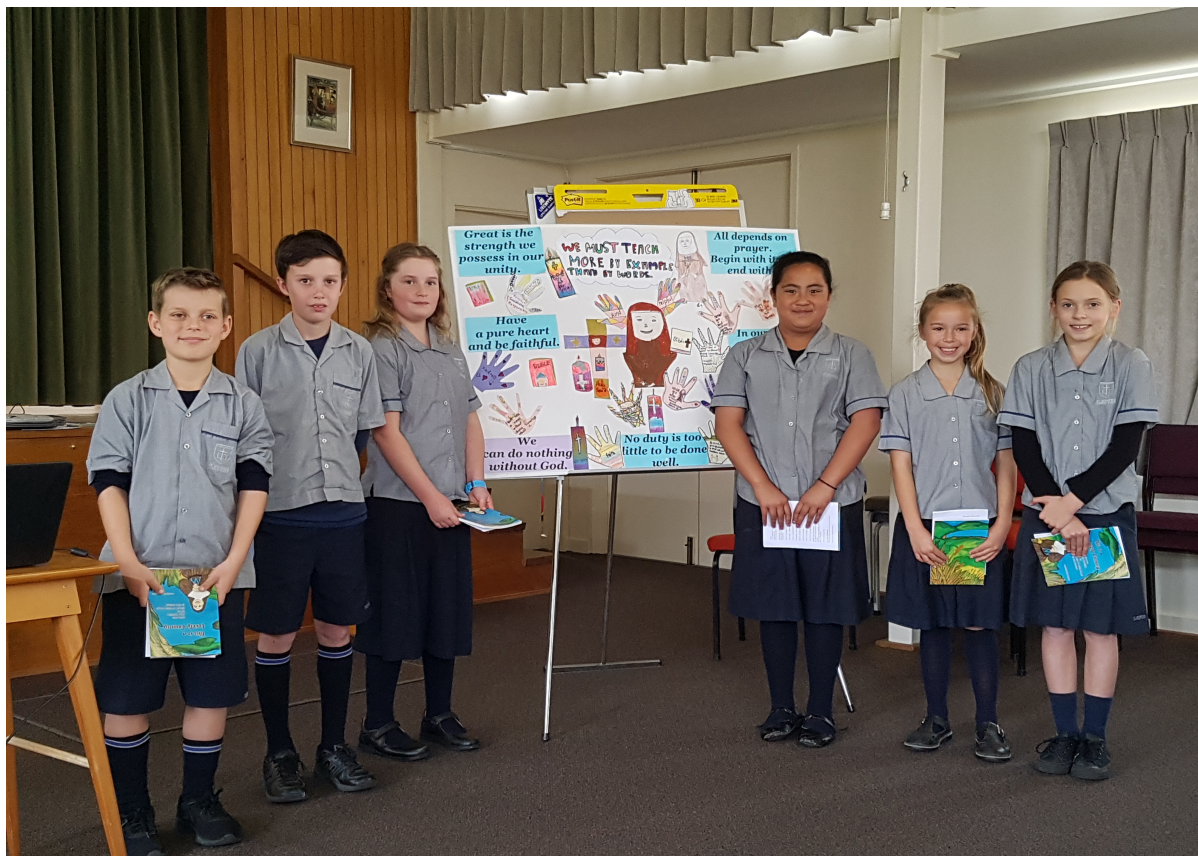
**First Communion** On September 10 & 17 fortysix children of our learners from both our parishes, Mother of Perpetual Help and St Ignatius, made their First Communion. The two occasions were very special liturgies celebrated with family and friends; we pray that these children, together with those who had done so earlier in the term, have happy memories of their First Communion day and realise the significance of the gift of the Eucharist they received.

### October the Month of the Rosary

Children often receive beautiful rosary beads when they make their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. October's a good time to make sure they know what the rosary is and think about praying a decade together as a family.

### St Mary MacKillop Colloquium

A group of our Year 5 children presented to the colloquium at the Mary MacKillop Centre, Mission Bay on September 18. They were asked to talk about the ways St Ignatius children are encouraged to follow St Mary MacKillop's example and serve others. The Josephite sisters and their guests were delighted with the children's honest and genuine sharing, and their ability to respond to questions from the adults. Thankyou Cooper Norton, Lachie Hay, Alana Kenny, Anela Ioane, Ella Patterson, and Lara Smith, for being wonderful 'Mary Mac' kids!



## OUR PEOPLE

**WELCOME** to our five year olds who have started recently: Ivan Gonzales-Hunwick whose family is new to our school community, and those who have joined older siblings at Our Place - Elysia Langridge, Jake McCullum, Ava Fanning, Harry Burton, and Jules Guilleux (first day of Term 4). It's wonderful to have you all.

Congratulations to the Thomas-Plume family who welcomed Barnaby's precious baby sister Greta, on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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: Kiera and Ava Fanning's poppa sadly passed away recently.

Please continue to pray for those in our community who are seriously ill, grieving, or experiencing challenging life situations. Thanks for 'seeing a need' and offering kind words and help to those you know who could do with support.

**PTA: THANKYOU to all those who contributed to and supported our BIG fundraiser on September 2.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to our amazing PTA and helpers!**

**The PTA would like you to know that the sum raised was a magnificent... \$40,864.81!**

**Anyone in the community who has been involved in some way over the years will appreciate the enormous effort and commitment invested by those directly responsible for putting together such an event.**



<b>STAFF TERM 4</b>		
Whakapono	Y6, 5	Miss Georgia Andrews
OhaOha	Y6, 5	Mrs Penny Lundy
Atawhai	Y5, 4	Miss Noelle O'Mahony, Mrs Nina Richards, Miss Melanie Estella, Mrs Gill Crake
Kia Hari	Y3, 2	Mrs Debra Wells, Mrs Mary Pithey, Miss Megan McMahon
Rongo	Y1	Mrs Ronelle Clarke, Miss Ellen Butterly
Pai	Y0	Mrs Georgina Elgin
Learning Support		Miss Niamh O'Herlihy
SENCO Special Needs Co-ordinator		Mrs Robyn Lee
Release & Relieving Teachers		Mrs Christine Lawson, Miss Anne Quickenden, Mrs Dianne Burgham, Mrs Dominique Kluts <i>Mrs Penney &amp; Mrs Sullivan sometimes too</i>
Learning Assistants		Mrs Helen O'Brien, Mrs Melanie Jackett, Mrs Jill Hickey, Mrs Lian de Chamoy, Mrs Lisa Boylan, Mrs Sam Lynch
Office Staff		Miss Lynne Usher, Mrs Hilary Murphy
Associate Principal		Mrs Jane Penney
Principal		Mrs Carol Sullivan

We welcomed Miss Estella, Miss McMahon, and Miss O'Herlihy near the end of Term 3, and are pleased to have Miss Butterly start with us today.

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

Congratulations to our learners who received an academic certificate at our September assemblies: Zachary Gustofson, Isobella Howley – Rouse, Tom Ponsonby, Sophie Griffiths, Max Baker, Lucy Lonergan, Josie Hoy, James Osborne, Dimitri Bade, Max Copland, Anela Ioane, Antonio Campos, Orlaith Costello, Cohen Faitaua, Gemma Glenister, Brooke Culpan, Christopher Hoy, Ella Burrett, Amanda Wright, Raph Hoy, Dylan Johnson, Amelia Rettkowicz, Poppy O'Brien, Anna Lonergan, Thomas Regan, Rico Ryan, Hannah Bergin, Maggie Croft, Gene Pryde, Elle Vettori, Charlotte O'Brien, Angelina Simich, Sam Radley, Michael Pinches, Vili Querequeretabua, Samantha Jackett, Ben Brugh, Phoebe Dodd, Sophie Glenister, Abbie Drew, Alice Sasso, Emmett Connelly, Amelia Brown, Milan Liao.

### **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 Jessica Berrill, Mitchell Culpan, Felicity Mortell, Leah Clarke.

There will be three Assemblies in Term 4: October 30, November 6, November 13.

Reminder: 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.

## Cohort Entry

After consultation with parents of current pupils, 2018 applicants, and the more than twenty Early Childhood Centres attended by children who are likely to start in 2018, St Ignatius will implement Cohort Entry beginning Term 1 2018. The overwhelming majority - 86.9%, of those who responded supported the adoption of Cohort Entry. The MoE has been informed and confirmed that this will go ahead next year meaning there will be an intake of 5 years olds on the first day of each school term only. Five year olds will no longer 'dribble in' on/near their 5<sup>th</sup> birthdays; they will instead start with their peers and routines will be established together as a group. Parents of 2018's five year olds were informed by letter on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

NB Parents who might not consider their child ready before their fifth birthday can 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 20<sup>th</sup>

Term 2: children who turn 5 BEFORE JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>

Term 3: children who turn 5 BEFORE September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Term 4: children who turn 5 BEFORE December 12<sup>th</sup>

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



**Our five year olds make us smile!**

## OUR LEARNING

Teachers attended two Callback Days in the holidays and together mapped out the goals for the term, a time for practice, consolidation, and mastery of the year's learning.

Term 4 Life Education **HEALTH** Focus.

The children will be exploring the following questions

### Years 6, 5, 4

- Why is it important to show empathy towards others?
- What is an upstander?
- Why is my identity and reputation important?
- What are the impacts of the decisions we make?

### Years 3, 2

- What makes me a good friend?
- Why is it important to show empathy towards others?
- How do we know what other people could be feeling?

### Years 1, 0

- What makes me a good friend?
- What is the importance of kindness?
- What are feelings?

Our Term 4 schoolwide inquiry concept each year is **CELEBRATE** as the children make connections and apply learning from throughout the year.

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

### Essential Questions

- ✚ Why CELEBRATE our Identity as learners in Aotearoa New Zealand?
- ✚ How do we CELEBRATE our freedom to explore learning and make responsible choices?

### Enduring Understandings Children will know and understand:

- ✚ God gives us freedom to explore and CELEBRATE our identity as Catholic learners.
- ✚ When learning is CELEBRATED people share and appreciate each other's identity.

## SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS:

### GREAT KIWI COMPETITIONS Results

Some of our Years 5 & 6 children participated in the inaugural Great Kiwi academic NZ wide online competitions run by Canterbury University.

Well done to the following children for their achievement:

<b>Mathematics Merit:</b>	Milan Liao, William O'Neill, Mily Jackett
<b>Science Merit:</b>	Milan Liao, Mily Jackett, Mila Conway, Michael Rizzi, Aidan Goh
<b>English Merit:</b>	Kalanl Campbell, George Fraser, Charlotte O'Neill, Milan Liao, Ella Patterson, Finn Castle, Mila Conway, Aidan Goh
<b>Excellence:</b>	Michael Rizzi

## SHARING LEARNING

Thanks to the many parents and family members who were able to join us during our FREEDOM inquiry learning sharing times.

Wednesday September 20

Our prayer began with this reading from a letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers and sisters, God chose you to be **free**. But don't use your **freedom** as an excuse to do what pleases you for selfish reasons. Instead, serve each other with love. The whole law is made complete in this one command: "Love your neighbour the same as you love yourself."

The Word of the Lord

It was followed by prayers of thanks for the freedom we have to play and have fun, to learn in so many different ways, to make choices, to think and speak freely, to enjoy God's creation in safety, to be able to go to school in NZ, and to appreciate democracy, and the love our families freely give us.



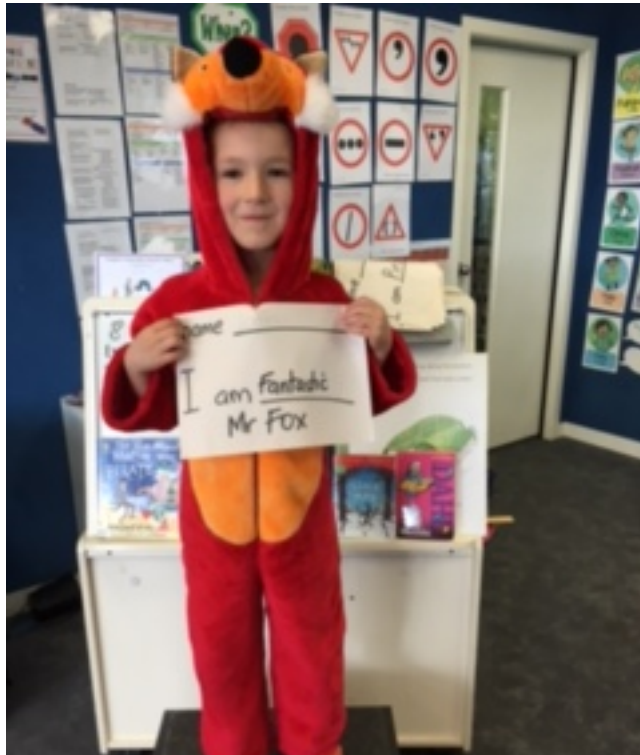
Our Year 4 children then proudly shared their Kapa Haka skills after which families had the opportunity to visit any of the learning spaces for an hour.

Thursday September 21 'FREEDOM to Be' Book Character Day.

Children and staff took on a wide range of book character personas for the day.

Everyone shared their character at the start of the day and our judges presented a number of certificates for standouts in various categories.





Dominic in disguise.



The children enjoy Jump Jam after the book character parade.

Thanks for generously donating books and supporting the book sale which raised over \$500 for PTA funds. The children certainly got some beautiful books and their enjoyment choosing the books



Friday September 22 **GOLBASI** (**G**rowing **O**ur **L**earning **B**rain**S** at **S**t Ignatius)  
 There were lots of interested visitors interacting with the children as they participated in their 'freedom to choose' inquiry learning.

## OUR WAY

One of our catholic school values is RESPECT. Yes, we are always talking about this essential attitude of social responsibility towards one another and it will be highlighted again during our Health and RE learning.

Children are very aware of the role modelling of adults and don't necessarily have the emotional intelligence to discern acceptability. As we expect our children to think of the dignity of others and have empathy about how others feel it is crucial that we as adults demonstrate these behaviours.

Should your child complain to you about another child please talk first to the teacher or Mrs Penney, Associate Principal – it isn't acceptable to directly approach a child in the school grounds. Refer to [Resolution of Concerns/Complaints Guidelines](#)

Likewise we don't accept gossiping from the children and don't expect it within our community. We all know that stories change in their telling and can have hurtful repercussions.

A good rule of thumb before sharing a story about others and which would be wise for our children to learn is:

'Is it MY story to share and will it do any good/be helpful to the person about whom I'm sharing?'

## OUR PLACE

### UNIFORM Term 4

- **Active Wear and sandals (or school socks and black shoes until sandals are purchased) may be worn from the start of Term 4**
- School regulation NAMED sunhats required – available at school office
- During the first half of Term 4 children may wear either Active Wear OR formal uniform, weather dependent. Coloured sneakers/socks are not part of our school uniform
- It would be expected that everyone will be in Active Wear and black sandals from Week 6 for Swimming
- Jojo Bows are not part of our school uniform

### PLEASE CLEARLY NAME/RENAME ALL:

- **CLOTHING ITEMS**
- **BELONGINGS INCLUDING FOOD CONTAINERS AND WATER BOTTLES**

Un-named, unclaimed items are washed and either given to Te Waipuna or put with the spare uniform stock.

### Reminders

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. Any children who enjoy a dance workout are most welcome.

- Children are **NOT** to walk through the car park behind the church; they are to come into school through the gates (not the hedge) or the path beside the Parish Centre.
- 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.

*Some of you have yet to pick up your FOTOMAN photos; these can be collected from the Office.*

*All Netball uniforms ought be returned to the Office please.*

### Digital Technologies

Please remind children that their school email is for school use only.

We will be re-visiting the 'Responsible Use of Digital Technologies Agreement' and ask that you reinforce the conditions of this agreement with your children.

#### **Responsible Use of Digital Technologies Agreement**

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

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

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

## 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.

## Yummy Fruit Stickers

Whilst these have been submitted for 2017, please continue to save the stickers and barcodes as these will contribute to next year's collection. The school gets to 'cash' them in for sports equipment.

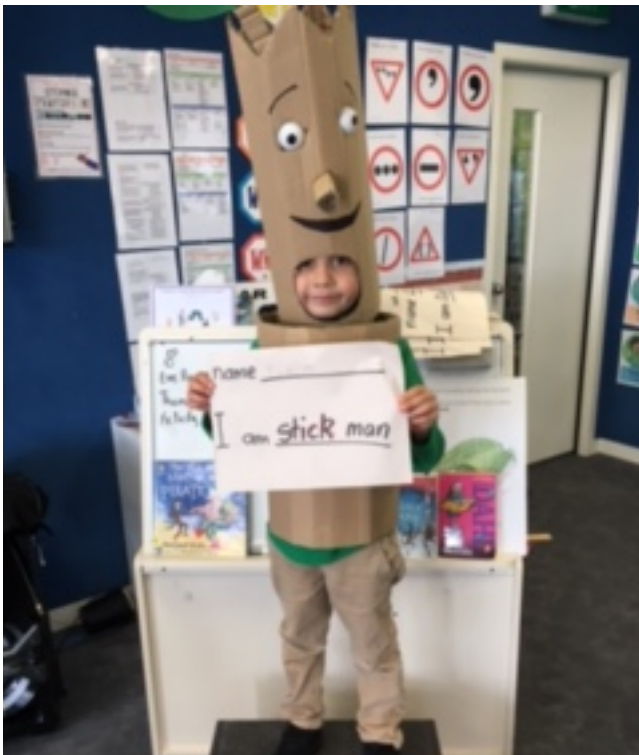
## Art Shirts

Children wear Art Shirts over their clothing when painting etc.

Adult sized tee shirts are most suitable as they completely cover the uniform.

If you have any old tees we could use, we'd be grateful if you drop them in at the office. The littlies don't need L or XL so some small adult sizes would be good too.

Many thanks.



Finlay spent all day as 'Stickman!'