



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HEADS UP!

TERM 1, 2017
February 27th 2017

OUR PEOPLE

Welcome all children and parents to our 2017 learning year!

The first weeks of term have flown by as children settle into the routines and structure of 'timetabled' days after the long holiday break and, in the past few days, manage the humidity of an Auckland summer.

Special welcome to learners new to Our Place in 2017:

Year 6: Luca Kneebone, Caoimhe Parker
Year 5: Emmett Connolly, Anela Ioane
Year 4: Liam Zame, Saoirse Parker, Joss Bulmer, Lola Good
Year 2: Stanley Good, Ciagain Parker, Nehuen Lopez
Year 1: Jada Ryan-Angell, Oli Brown, Luca Liao, Isabella Friedrich, Sam Wright, Zachary Hill, Rafaella Gibbes, Isabella Gibbes, Eve Van Aalst, Luciana Lanegra, Zachary Gustofson, Hudson Dransfield, and Anna Lonergan (28th Feb)

We hope the Kneebone, Parker, Connolly, Zame, Bulmer, Lopez, Ryan- Angell, Friedrich, Wright, Hill, Gibbes, Van Aalst, Lanegra, Gustofson, and Dransfield families who are new, or have previously belonged to the St Ignatius school community, enjoy being part of Our Place.

Welcome to new teacher, Miss Noelle O'Mahony, teaching Years 4 & 5 in Atawhai.

Congratulations to the Sutton family. Leonie, Ben, Lily and Louis are celebrating the arrival of baby Leo.

Prayers please for those in our place who are coping with sudden and serious health challenges, the Thomas, Motuliki, and Gordon families. We know our community will give care and support.

Our Condolences to families who have had recent bereavements...
The Thomas-Plume, Kent, and Simpson families.

OUR LEARNING

IDENTITY Concept: Children in each learning space have been creating their treaties and exploring their identity as learners, pertinent to their age and stage.

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

Most of you have been able to take an opportunity to meet the teachers in your children's learning spaces at either one of the open times in the first week, at the picnic in Week 2, or at one of the four Parent Information meetings, held in Weeks 3 & 4.

'Parent Sharing' time with Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 teachers (February 27th) without your child present, is an opportunity for teachers to learn more about your children, and build sound, transparent partnerships with you so we can work together for the best outcomes for the children. The teacher you share information with communicates it to those in her team.

Home link Bags are used for any hardcopy notices – both to and from school, and for reading, and learning books.

CELL PHONES at school

If you believe it's essential your child has a cell phone at school to contact you after school, it isn't to be used at school and is to be handed into the teacher on the child's arrival at school for safe keeping.

OUR DAY

- 8.40** Expectation that ALL children are in their Learning Space and ready for the learning day i.e. they have brought in everything they require to meet the routines of their space e.g. homelink bags, water bottle etc and are set up for the day
- 8.50** Formal school start time
- 11.30** **Lunch eating time for 15 minutes** – longer if required
- 12.15** End of lunchtime
- 1.25** **Afternoon break**
- 1.50** End of break time
- 2.50** **End of the school day**

UNIFORM

Children wear Active Wear uniform during this summer term. Footwear is plain black sandals. Regulation school **sunhat** is compulsory. Sunhats are available for purchase at the school office OR the School Uniform Centre.

SUNSAFE

Essential children wear sunblock. There is sunblock at school they can use during the day.

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS. RENAME UNIFORM THAT'S HAD A PREVIOUS OWNER.

STATIONERY Everything required is provided at school. Stationery costs are included in the term account. Sets of pens, pencils, felts etc are shared in the rooms.

Children are to bring their homelink bags each day.

Each child can have a new homelink bag as needed from the school office, either now or during the year.

BRING Brainsnack (e.g. fruit, veg, cheese, yoghurt) **two** bottles of water, lunch. *No food items containing nuts*

Some older children still aren't bringing even one water bottle – please remind them to manage this.

OUR PLACE

DROP –OFF:

PLEASE DON'T

- let children come through the Staff car park behind the church for safety reasons
- come through the hedge

Children are to come into 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.

CHILDREN CANNOT 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.

Our One Way Rule

Please drive in anti clockwise direction around the whole school block. This ensures that children are dropped off and picked up on the school side of the street and are not running onto the road between cars to cross over.

Driving in one direction also reduces congestion as the streets around our school are narrow and only allow for one car if there are cars parked on both sides of the street.

Key Points:

Go *LEFT* round the school block

That way children don't have to cross the road.

***Never* use a driveway for turning.**

It's very hard to see the little ones behind your car.

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.

ORGANISATION

As in recent years the children will continue to learn with all the teachers in their learning spaces. Previously each child was assigned a Kaitiaki - Guardian teacher who reported to parents. This system has been reviewed and now the teacher who reports to you formally will be your child's teacher for a core area i.e. Literacy, Maths.

In each Learning Community or Learning Space all teachers are guardians and get to know and interact with every child. Informal communications can be made with any of the teachers in the Learning space or directly to the Learning Community leader:

jpenney@stignatius.school.nz LC3 & LC2 Years 4, 5, 6
aholderness@stignatius.school.nz LC1 Years 2, 3

Year 1 children directly to
rclarke@stignatius.school.nz
gelgin@stignatius.school.nz

YEAR LEVEL	LEARNING SPACE(s)	TEACHERS
Yr One LC 1	Manawanui – Peace Pai – Goodness (Pompallier block)	Mrs Ronelle Clarke (acting Director of Religious Studies) & Mrs Georgina Elgin
Yrs Two & Three LC 1	Kia Hari – Joy (upper floor St Mary MacKillop block)	Mrs Debra Wells Mrs Claire Evans Mrs Annabel Holderness - Learning Community 1 Leader
Yrs Four & Five LC2	Atawhai- Kindness (lower floor St Mary MacKillop block)	Mrs Nina Richards Miss Noelle O'Mahony Mrs Victoria King- Learning Community 2 Leader NB Mrs Jane Penney is leading LC2 whilst Mrs King on leave.
Yrs Five* & Six LC3 (*oldest Yr 5s)	OhaOha – Generosity Whakapono – Faithfulness (St Joseph's block)	Mrs Penny Lundy Miss Georgia Andrews Mrs Jane Penney - Associate Principal & Learning Community 3 Leader
Mrs Robyn Lee is our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and here one day a week.		
Rongo – Peace & Mahaki - Self Control, learning spaces are used for various groupings		

LEARNING SPACES

Our learning spaces are named for the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in Te Reo and English. Spaces are referred to by numbers only for Administrative purposes.

Some Te Reo name changes have been made in 2017:

Goodness - Pai (previously Te Honohono Painga)
 Patience - Manawanui (previously Rangimarie)
 Generosity - OhaOha (previously Hana)

CONTACT LISTS

These were sent out in Week 3 for Years 1, 2, 3 children and Years 4, 5, 6 children. Some parents have since notified us of a change of details or a typo.

Please do always give us updated info – find **Change of Personal Information** form on the website.

We will resend lists at the end of the week if any changes were made. The purpose of sharing these is for your convenience when arranging social interactions for the children – or yourselves.

WEEK FIVE

Children to bring a named box, suitable for a KOHA money box, by Wednesday – see hardcopy note sent Friday February 24th

MONDAY February 27th

Parent Sharing with Teacher
Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
10 minute meetings for parents to share information 1.30 – 6.20pm

TUESDAY February 28th

SHROVE TUESDAY – Pancake Day
annual ritual observing the day before Lent

WEDNESDAY March 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY – first day of Lent
10.30am: Service for Years 1, 2, 3 in the Parish Centre

10.30am: Service for Years 4, 5, 6 at the Church with Father John

FAMILIES WELCOME TO EITHER SERVICE TO RECEIVE THE ASHES

NB

NO THURSDAY HAPU MASS THIS WEE

FRIDAY March 3rd

Football Taster Day – children might like to bring some NAMED sports shoes

‘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

REMEMBER DATES ARE CALENDARED ON THE WEBSITE:

WEEK SIX

WEDNESDAY March 8th - Friday March 10th Year 6 CAMP at MERC

THURSDAY March 9th - HAPU Mass 9am Years 5 & 2 attending.
All welcome

CELEBRATION

Congratulations Noah Faitaua, New Zealand Under 10 Tag Rugby representative, whose team won the Pacific Cup tournament at the weekend, with Noah scoring the winning try against Samoa.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- **MUSIQHUB** lessons for guitar, ukulele, keyboard – before/after, at lunch & break time
Small group lessons are offered at school every Friday through MusiqHub. These lessons are for St Ignatius students from **Year 3** upwards. At this stage there are still a few spots available for Keyboard and Ukulele. For more info and enrolment please 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