

Finding God in all things

School Newsletter

Principal's Message

8 September 2023

St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who provided feedback on our draft Strategic Plan.

The board have approved recommended changes based on feedback and we will now begin developing our Annual Plan for 2024, which we will publish at the beginning of next year. It is truly important for us to grow connections with our parent and caregiver community as we work together to grow the best school for our students. Last week senior leaders were welcomed by Jesuit and Ignatian companion schools in Victoria, Australia. It was truly exciting to make connections and begin to talk about the many opportunities that will be created through our relationships. The prospect of competitions, exchanges and cocurricular activities with our neighbouring Jesuit and Ignatian colleges is truly

exciting for our school community. It is also a reminder that we are joining a global network and indeed, partnership requests have already come in from other places around the world so this is a space to watch. In the photograph below you can see our team with Michael Exton, the Principal of St Ignatius Geelong.

During term 4 we will hold more community meetings to provide specific induction information for parents and caregivers and some teambuilding for ākonga / students, so you child(ren) have the opportunity to make some connections for 2024.

Through all of the connections above, may we grow in unity as one body in Christ. Growing together in our love and care for one another and growing together in our faith; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam Dean Wearmouth

Site Progress Underneath the wrapping around the main teaching and learning block work is progressing rapidly and still on track to be completed in January. The brick work on the Hall, Chapel and Music Block is now nearly complete. See below for a view inside the school hall, taken last week.

The site is being developed around the main teaching block also. The picture below shows the





an exciting field trip to be planned to smart greenhouses in the Franklin area.

opportunities with other faculties in the school.

into science applications.

some of our St Joseph's ākonga.

itself"

Ngā Mihi

Simon Benge

Head of Faculty Science

Our commitment is to provide a science education that is broad, rich, cohesive, and local. It will also align with the current curriculum guidelines while being hands-on and experiential. We'll not only learn within our laboratories but also venture beyond and look for cross-curricular

• Local Exploration: We will look to develop the opportunity to visit local businesses, including the local steel mill, quarry laboratories and farms, to gain real-world insights

• Creating Locally: On-site, we will develop gardens, greenhouses, an outdoor kitchen area, and even pizza ovens, providing Ākonga with a tangible connection to the natural

In terms of other Science based activities throughout the school we will be joining the enviroschools group, trees for survival and competitions, such as Epro8 and the Kiwi Science Quizzes. In the picture below you can see me working on some prototypes for next year with

As we embark on this journey of scientific discovery, let's remember the words of Carl Sagan,

who beautifully captured the essence of our quest: "The cosmos is within us. We are made of star-stuff. We are a way for the universe to know

Together, as a community we will nurture the curiosity of our young scientists. If you feel that you can help, support or contribute to the Science Faculty then please do not hesitate to

contact me. Here's to a year filled with wonder and exploration!

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THE PÖRANGI BOY

your help to make this dream a reality.

empowerment.

PAULINE (VAELUAGA) SMITH SMY NEW ZEALAND STORYS

Counting by 7s

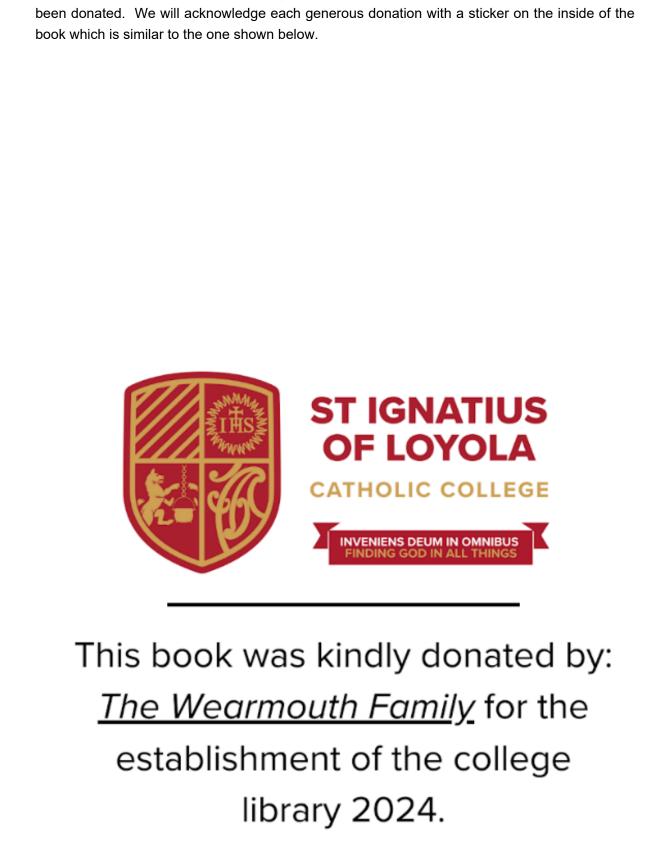
Would you like to support our School Library?

Dr Seuss beautifully captured the significance of reading with his words: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". At St Ignatius of Loyola College, our conviction aligns with the significance of reading, given its propensity to cultivate awareness, evoke curiosity, facilitate profound reflection, and instill

As our planning continues, one of our goals is to build a vibrant and comprehensive library for our community. This will enable your child to learn about the world around them, experience rich stories from different times and develop a love of reading long into their adult life. And we need

We humbly seek donations for our school library. Donations can be individual books, series, or vouchers to local bookstores. The image above shows some of the books which have already

Valerie Wilding



Cura Personalis

Which House will you belong to?

Southwell House

Robert Southwell (1561 - 1595) was an English Jesuit priest, poet, and martyr during the

As a Jesuit priest, Southwell worked covertly to minister to Catholics in England, who faced severe penalties for practicing their faith. He wrote numerous devotional and inspirational

In 1592, Southwell was arrested for his missionary activities and was subjected to brutal torture during his imprisonment. Despite the extreme physical and psychological torment, he remained steadfast in his faith and refused to renounce his beliefs. After three years of imprisonment, he was found guilty of treason and executed at Tyburn on February 21, 1595, at the age of 33.

Southwell's martyrdom and his literary works had a significant impact on English literature and the Catholic community. His poems and prose contributed to the development of , and his steadfast faith and courage in the face of persecution made him a symbol of Catholic

In the centuries that followed, Southwell's writings continued to inspire and influence poets and writers. He was beatified by the Catholic Church in 1929 and was canonized as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970. Today, he is remembered as a courageous

Student Diary Art Competition Results

We recieved some truly outstanding artwork as part of this competition. Thank you to everyone who entered. We are delighted to share with you the winning entry. This will be published on

Congratulations Georgia Turner (Year 9 2024)

martyr, a gifted poet, and a symbol of unwavering faith in challenging times.

poems that reflected his deep spirituality and commitment to the Catholic faith.

resistance during the Protestant Reformation in England.

the front of our 2024 student diary and can be seen below.

'God gave himself to you, Give yourself to God'

Elizabethan era.

Every year there is a focus for Social Justice Week and this year it is "Peace begins with you! / Ka tīmata tonu te Rangimārie i roto i ā koe!" In our lives each day there are many moments saying in Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." During this week we should be even more aware of where we have failed to be peacemakers and how God calls us to, as best we can, fix the harm we have caused. This might look like who are most affected by the conflict you ignored. God calls us to be peacemakers or people who take up the responsibility of setting things right. St. Ignatius was a peacemaker, best symbolised in the laying down of his armour at Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey in Spain and later his work with the marginalised in Rome. The Jesuits, under his instruction, tried to bring peace to the Church during the Reformation. He knew that peace began with him in the way he treated others, with dignity and respect, knowing that all people are children of God. The same principle applies to our ākonga/students at St Ignatius, seen in the Ignatian principle of Cura Personalis or care for the individual. Meaning that we treat each person with the respect that they deserve, working always to preserve their dignity even in the most difficult of moments. Therefore, this week reflect on where you have been a

peacemaker and where you would like to be a better peacemaker. After all, whatever you do "for

one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of THE LEGIST OF THESE brothers and sisters of mine, YOU DID FOR ME! Matthew 25:40

Vacancies Would you be interested in joining our amazing team here at St Igantius? Or maybe you know someone who does? We are beginning to recruit for some of our support staff. Please share this information within your networks. Follow the links to see our current vacancies: **Teacher Aide Position** Science/Technology Technician Special Character As part of our transition events ākonga/students were invited to write a prayer for the 2024 College diary. We are pleased to announce that due to the number of exceptional entries we are have decided to publish more than one in the school diary. Congratulations to Leila Pahulu, Breonna Johnson, Annabelle Shields, Emma Isabel Ronald, Jones Elliott and Finn Butler. Over the next few newsletters we will publish them and invite you to take some time to pray with them each day. Lord, Please teach me to have compassion for others, and love them as you love us. Guide me to have competence to do what is right, and continue my commitment to make a positive impact at school. Open my heart to your teachings and help me to form my conscience according to your ways. Amen Leila Pahulu, Year 9 2024 **Cantors/Singers Required for Dedication Mass 2024** Do you love to sing? Ākonga/students who are interested in helping with leading the singing for the Dedication Mass at St Ignatius in February 2024 are invited to contact Mr James Roberson, our Director of Liturgical Music, for a cantor training opportunity in Term 4, 2023. We are looking for individual singers who are confident and will be leading from a microphone as well as a small group of singers who will support in leading the hymns at our Dedication Mass. The cantor training will take place at St Patrick's in Pukekohe in Term 4, 2023 and will be a one day course on Saturday 18th November from 11am to 1pm. This will be an exciting opportunity to have an early insight into what our Liturgical Music Magis group will look like at St Ignatius in 2024. Please email: robersonj@saintignatius.school.nz POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA This week as a Church we celebrate Social Justice Week. Social Justice, a phrase originally coined by the Italian Jesuit scholar Luigi Taparelli, is the belief that everyone in society deserves equal social, economic, and political rights. While this phrase has been commonly adopted by society, it echoes the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40 where he said "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." If this statement is uncomfortable for you then you are reading it correctly. While Jesus is directing his sermon at the people of his time, it is also meant for us. Reminding us that while Social Justice is about the rights of the vulnerable, it is also about the responsibility we all have to each other. In other words, it should prompt us to reflect on whether we are looking out for each other. where we might encourage, overlook or engage with violence. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers apologising for your part in violence, actively listening to those you have harmed or serving those