



Principal's Message

A key aspect for all who work in a Catholic college is to serve everybody in the community. This is so the experiences of the college community provide the opportunities and grace for every individual to grow towards the fullness of who we are created by God to be.

Our Heads of Faculty have now been with the college for the equivalent of a term and it is heartening to see our high calibre, people of competence, working to develop a truly exciting high quality curriculum for your children, to provide some wonderful opportunities for their growth. It is also very heartening to see our Heads of Faculty as dedicated, people of commitment, already going above and beyond what would be expected for school leaders. It is this witness to their loving service behind the scenes that I would like to pass on to our community this week. We are well and truly Blessed. Please pray for the continued dedicated service of our school leaders as we continue with the ministry to build an outstanding school, providing opportunities to find God in all things.

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for sending the Spirit of your son to inspire our school leaders.
Let him continue to guide and inspire them in their ministries at our college.
Fill us with your joy and love,
as we give thanks for all that has been achieved and all that is to come.
Amen

Ad majorem Dei gloriam

Dean Wearmouth

Teaching and Learning

Our continued journey with the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm

The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP for short) is an educational framework inspired by the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). It is widely employed in Jesuit schools and educational institutions worldwide. As a companion Jesuit school, Saint Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College aims to fully embed this framework into our curriculum planning, meeting structures and regular school life.

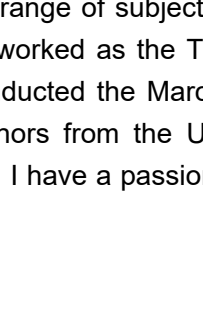
In our previous newsletter, we focussed on the fourth step of the IPP – the reflection. In this issue, we look more deeply at the fifth aspect, what we refer to as the 'evaluation'.

Ongoing evaluation and feedback are integral to the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm. This approach ensures that ākonga learning outcomes and personal growth are continuously assessed, and that the effectiveness of teaching methods is regularly evaluated.

Through evaluation, educators can identify areas of strength and areas for improvement, allowing them to refine their teaching strategies to better meet the needs of ākonga. Evaluation also encourages ākonga to take ownership of their learning and set goals for themselves. By receiving feedback on their progress, ākonga can identify areas where they excel and areas where they need further development.

This feedback-driven approach helps ākonga build resilience, develop a growth mindset, and embrace continuous improvement. Additionally, evaluation promotes transparency and open communication between teachers, ākonga, and parents, fostering a collaborative learning environment where everyone has a shared responsibility for ākonga success. By embracing ongoing evaluation, our school ensures that our educational practices remain relevant, effective, and focused on the holistic development of each ākonga.

Meet our Team: James Roberson – Director of Liturgical Music



Tēnā koutou katoa,

I feel grateful and privileged to have been appointed as the Director of Liturgical Music at St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College.

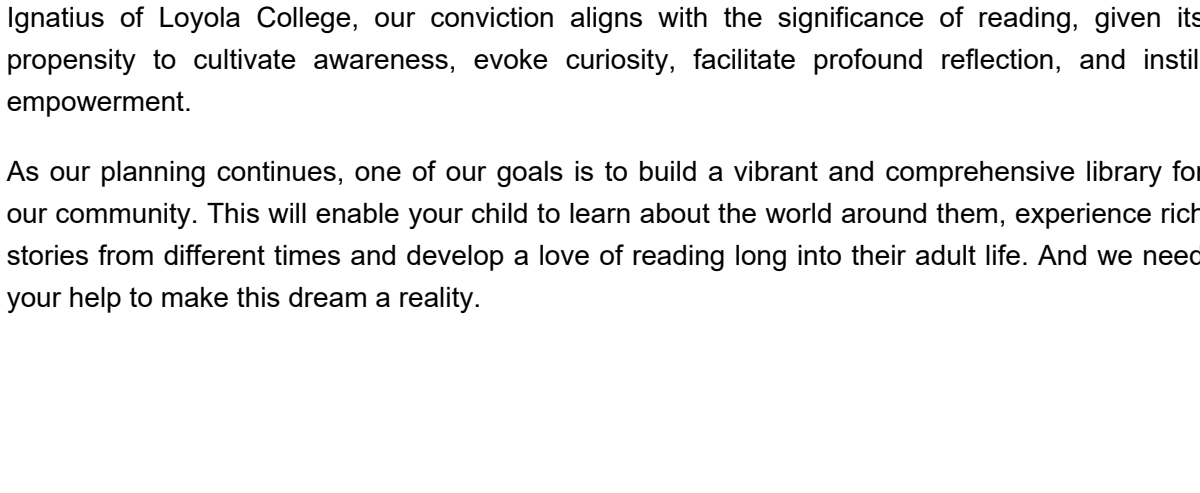
In my career thus far I have taught a range of subjects, including Music, English, Drama and Religious Education. Most recently, I worked as the Teacher in Charge of Music at Marcellin College where I also created and conducted the Marcellin College Vocal Ensemble. I hold a Master of Music with First Class Honors from the University of Auckland and my creative practice speciality is in Classical Voice. I have a passion for liturgical music and I am incredibly

excited to bring my skills and talents to St Ignatius.

Outside of being a teacher I am a cantor and organist at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph in the city centre, as well as an organist at Good Shepherd in Balmoral. I also work as a professional singer and have performed with major companies around New Zealand, including The New Zealand Opera, Voices New Zealand and The Handel Consort and Choir. I live in Manurewa with my wife and son and have lived in South Auckland for my entire life so I am also excited to be working as a part of the community that raised me.

St Ignatius' life and journey is a wonderful example of how one can turn to God in their time of need and be nourished and fortified by God's grace. I feel blessed to be a part of a community that can continue to inspire people through the Ignatian tradition and I look forward to meeting with and journeying alongside our ākonga and kaiako as we create this wonderful kura.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

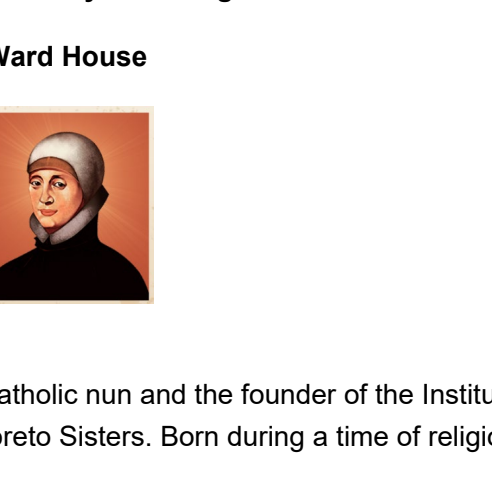
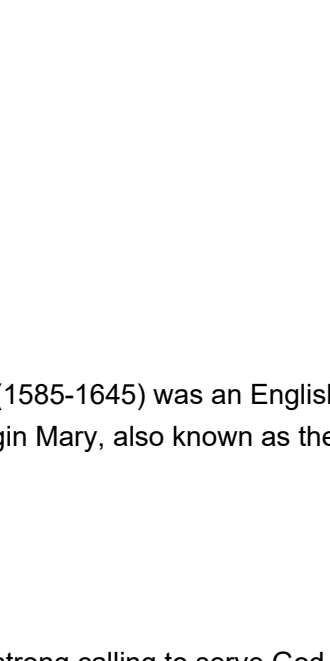


Would you like to support our School Library?

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 empowerment.

As our journey 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 your help to make this dream a reality.

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 been donated. We will acknowledge each generous donation with a sticker on the inside of the book which is similar to the one shown below.

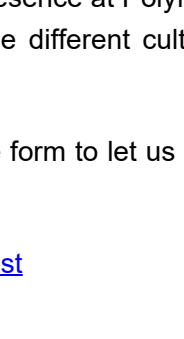


This book was kindly donated by:
The Wearmouth Family for the
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library 2024.

Cura Personalis

Which House will you belong to?

Ward House



Mary Ward (1585-1645) was an English Catholic nun and the founder of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Loreto Sisters. Born during a time of religious upheaval

Ward felt a strong calling to serve God. However, she faced limited opportunities for religious life due to the strict enclosure of convents.

Undeterred, Ward founded the IBVM in 1609 with a unique vision. Her congregation allowed women to live and work outside convent walls, engaging in education and charitable works. This apostolic approach faced opposition from some church authorities, leading to challenges and even suppression.

Despite setbacks, Ward's dedication to her vision of educating and empowering women persisted. She traveled widely, establishing houses and schools to promote the education of girls and young women. Her innovative approach to religious life and her commitment to women's education earned her admiration and respect.

Mary Ward's legacy lives on through the Loreto Sisters, who continue her mission of education and service. In 2009, she was beatified by the Catholic Church, recognizing her as a woman of exceptional virtue and dedication to her faith and the empowerment of women. Ward's life and pioneering spirit continue to inspire women worldwide to embrace education, faith, and service.

'Be seekers of truth and doers of justice'

[The Extraordinary Life of Mary Ward](#)

Cultural Groups at St Ignatius

We are looking forward to nurturing and celebrating the different cultural groups which make up our St Ignatius whānau from 2024.

Our long-term goal is to be a vibrant presence at Polyfest events. At this point we would like to see who is interested in supporting the different cultural groups we plan to establish in our college.

Please follow the link and complete the form to let us know how we can work together to grow St Ignatius' Cultural Groups.

[Cultural Groups – Expressions of Interest](#)

School Uniform Update

Please find attached to this newsletter our Uniform Guidelines. We encourage you to take the time to read to ensure that everyone is ready to wear our St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College School Uniform with pride in 2024.

Vacancies

Would you be interested in joining our amazing team here at St Ignatius? 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](#)

[Sports Coordinator](#)

Student Writing Competition

Are you a budding journalist, an artist, or a photographer, eager to share your talent with the world? Then look no further! The opportunity of a lifetime awaits you as we start looking for talented students to join the dynamic team at Nacho's News; our vibrant school newspaper.

All you have to do is enter our writing competition with an article recounting your experience at one of our many St Ignatius events last week.

What is the prize, you ask? Well... The lucky candidate and their family will enjoy a guided tour around the school on September 7th and will be able to publish an article in our newsletter updating everyone on how the building process is going.

Your article will be read by the entire school community and your name will be immortalised in print forever!

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, then we want to hear from you.

Email nachosnews@saintignatius.school.nz with your article by **Friday the 1st of September**.

Good luck!

Special Character

In the Gospel reading this Sunday Jesus asks his disciples what seems like a simple question; "Who do you say that I am?". While the answer might seem so simple for us it was far from this for his followers. They replied with John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah. It was only Peter who was able to give the right answer saying, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God"

(Matthew 16:16). While this question is directed at his disciples it is also meant for us today; who do you think Jesus was? Throughout history, right up to the modern day, people have grappled with the answer to this question. Was he a prophet, simply a good man, or was he something more?

The Christian response is that of Peter's. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. This response is designed to be confronting as it reminds us that if we truly believe what Peter professed then we must take Jesus' life and teaching seriously. For some of us, this means a dramatic change in the way we see and behave in the world. This is seen in the lives of many saints – the disciples left their jobs and followed Jesus. St Paul went from arresting Christians to becoming one of them, and St Ignatius of Loyola gave up his life in a castle to live in a cave. While these transformations seem very dramatic, for many of us God doesn't call us to such extremities, but instead He wants us to make small changes that can make a huge impact to ourselves, others and our communities. Perhaps this could be as simple as treating the people closest to me better, making an effort to pray regularly or being welcoming to others even when I don't feel like it. While these small acts can seem insignificant they can be one of the hardest things about being a Christian, yet when done lovingly they witness to our belief in Jesus.

At St Ignatius, we are first and foremost Christians guided by the Gospel message of Jesus. This means that we try to live the cardinal virtues of faith, hope and love in our daily lives. This looks like prioritizing time for prayer and the Sacraments in our daily life, having an optimism about the future God has in store for us and showing our love for one another in our words and actions. All virtues or habits that we want to grow in our ākonga.

So this week contemplate Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Will you take Peter's answer seriously and if so how will you respond? What will you change if you really believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

