



Principal's Message

We are delighted to confirm the final details of our school uniform and you will find a concept document attached to this email with images and some other details. Uniform will be ready for purchase from the beginning of term 4, please see our previous Newsletter if you would like to find out how to begin making payments towards uniform now.

We are looking forward to hosting community update events for all of our enrolled families. These events will be taking place:

- Tuesday 8 August 6-7pm – Holy Trinity School, Takanini
- Wednesday 9 August 6-7pm – St Mary's School, Papakura
- Thursday 10 August 6-7pm- St Joseph's School, Pukekohe

Following this link to register for one of the events.

[Click here to register](#)

Monday is a very important day and will become an important day in the future life of our college. It is the Feast day of St Ignatius; a day when we reflect on the gift of the life of St Ignatius and his contribution to our Catholic faith tradition. There are more details about this later in the Newsletter and we encourage you to take time to read, reflect and discern what you can take from his saintly example of Christ-centred mission.

For me personally, working with young people, I see the journey of St Ignatius from soldier, to pilgrim to founder of the Society of Jesus to Saint reflected in their everyday lives of ups and downs; highs and lows. We are all on a journey with Christ and it is when we truly let him in that we grow to become who we have been created to be. The beauty of a life transformed through Christ is the privilege Catholic educators get to see in our everyday mission. It is humbling to experience and sustains our purpose and energy as we work with youth in the transformation of their lives. St Ignatius shows us that we are already on the journey, no matter what place we feel we may be in and we can welcome Christ further into our hearts we can truly transform too.

Inveniens Deum in omnibus.
Dean Wearmouth

Site Progress

The building is still well on track to be ready in time for the 2024 school year. The internal structures of the main building are now in the process of being completed. Most internal walls are being completed and all internal stairs are in place. The wrapping on the building is enabling construction to maintain a great pace, despite recent rainy weather.



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

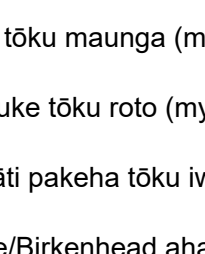
school, Saint Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College aims to fully embed this framework into our curriculum planning, meeting structures and regular school life.

In our previous newsletter, we focussed on the second step of the IPP – the 'experience'. In this issue, we look more deeply at the third aspect, what we refer to as the 'action'.

The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm inspires students to translate their knowledge and understanding into action. It recognizes the importance of empowering students to make a positive impact on their communities. Students are encouraged to engage in service projects, advocate for social justice, and address local issues. By taking action, students become active participants in the world around them, developing a sense of agency and responsibility. This approach instills in them a commitment to using their skills and talents to bring about positive change. Through these experiences, students develop empathy, compassion, and a deeper understanding of societal challenges. By encouraging action, our school cultivates a generation of young leaders who are not only academically proficient but also socially conscious and engaged.

We are delighted to be able to introduce two more of our new Heads of Faculty.

Daryl Blincoe – Head of Faculty Health, Physical Education and Sport



Tēnā koutou katoa (greetings to you all)
 Ko Rangitoto tōku maunga (my mountain is)
 Ko pupuke tōku roto (my lake is)
 Ko Ngāti pakeha tōku iwi (tribe)
 No Northcote/Birkenhead ahaū (I am from)
 Kei Karaka tōku kainga ināianeī (Where I live now)

Ko One Tree Hill College, ko Manurewa High School tōku kura (previous school's I have taught at)

Ko Blincoe tōku whānau
Ko Kevin tōku pāpā

Ko Susan tōku māmā
Ko Alice tōku wahine

Ko Harry, ko Benji tōku tama
Ko Daryl Blincoe tōku ingoa

No Reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa

I am honored and excited to be given the opportunity to lead the Faculty of Health, Physical Education and Sport at St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College.

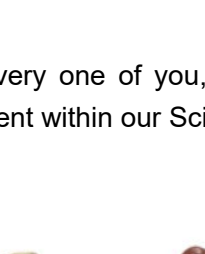
Over 14 years ago, I started my journey as a Health & Physical Education teacher at One Tree Hill College, where I held several roles including Whānau Leader and Leader of PB4L. I was also heavily involved in a range of sports, as Teacher in Charge of Olympic Weightlifting, Golf, as well as coaching rugby. After a successful 9 years, I was given the opportunity to be the Head of Learning for Health & Physical Education at Manurewa High School, where I had been for the past 4 and a half years.

I have always had a passion for Health, Physical Education and Sport while making learning fun and enjoyable! Incorporating the values of Cura Personalis and Magis will be at the forefront of our Health, Physical Education and Sport programmes where we will accompany ākonga to do their best. We will celebrate ākonga individual strengths and skills, fostering them to be the best that they can be so we can send rangatahi to light the world on fire!

I look forward to meeting you all and teaching your tamariki and rangatahi!

Ngā mihi nui.

Simon Bengé – Head of Faculty Science



Tēnā koutou katoa,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself as the Head of Faculty for Science. It is an honor to be entrusted with this role, leading our students on a journey of scientific discovery while upholding the principles of our school motto – finding God in all things.

With over three decades of experience in the field of Science education, I bring a wealth of knowledge and a deep passion for fostering scientific curiosity in our students. Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to inspiring young minds, encouraging them to explore the wonders of the natural world, and nurturing their scientific talents.

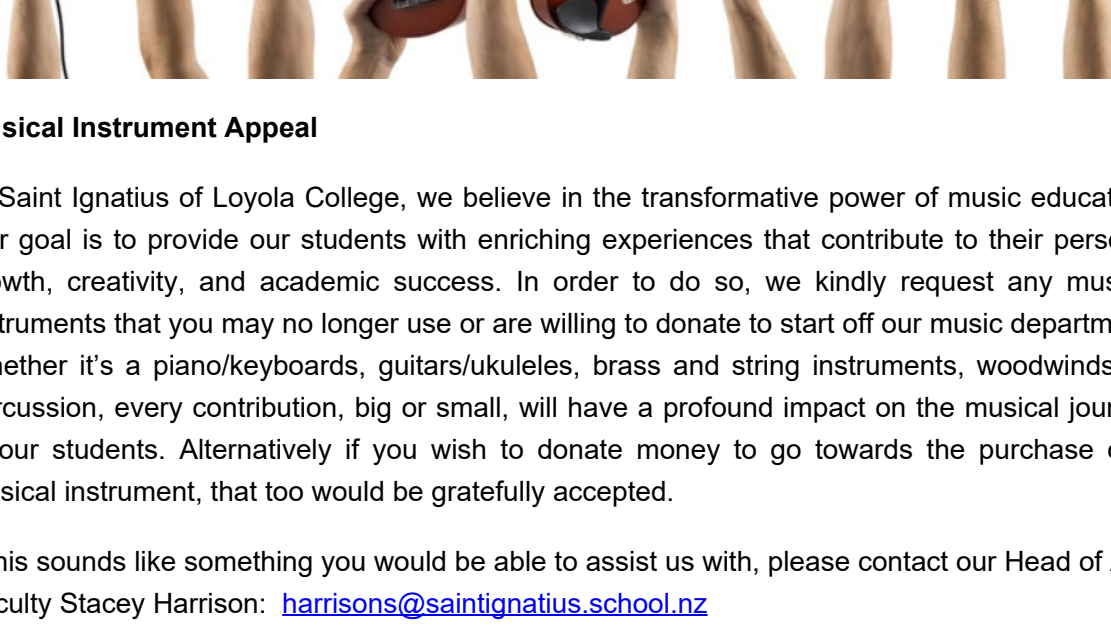
I firmly believe that Science is not just a subject but a gateway to understanding the intricate beauty of creation. Nature's wonders, from the tiniest atoms to the vast cosmos, reveal the artistry of a divine presence, and through Science, we unveil the mysteries and patterns that weave through every aspect of existence.

As Head of the Science faculty, my goal is to create an environment that encourages scientific inquiry, critical thinking, and hands-on experimentation. I am committed to providing our students with innovative and engaging learning experiences that will not only enhance their scientific knowledge but also develop their problem-solving skills and ignite their curiosity to explore further.

I am genuinely thrilled to join this vibrant school community and collaborate with our talented students, dedicated teachers, and supportive families. Together, we will embark on an exciting journey, unraveling the mysteries of the universe, and shaping the future generation of scientists, innovators, and critical thinkers.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, as we work hand in hand to create a thriving and inspiring learning environment within our Science faculty.

Ngā mihi nui.



Musical Instrument Appeal

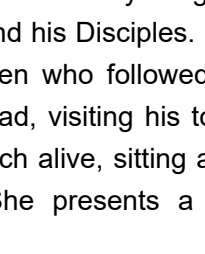
At Saint Ignatius of Loyola College, we believe in the transformative power of music education. Our goal is to provide our students with enriching experiences that contribute to their personal growth, creativity, and academic success. In order to do so, we kindly request any musical instruments that you may no longer use or are willing to donate to start off our music department. Whether it's a piano/keyboards, guitars/ukuleles, brass and string instruments, woodwinds, or percussion, every contribution, big or small, will have a profound impact on the musical journey of our students. Alternatively if you wish to donate money to go towards the purchase of a musical instrument, that too would be gratefully accepted.

If this sounds like something you would be able to assist us with, please contact our Head of Arts Faculty Stacey Harrison: harrisons@saintignatius.school.nz

Cura Personalis

Which House will you belong to?

Magdalene House



Saint Mary Magdalene is considered to be one of the greatest saints of the bible. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection.

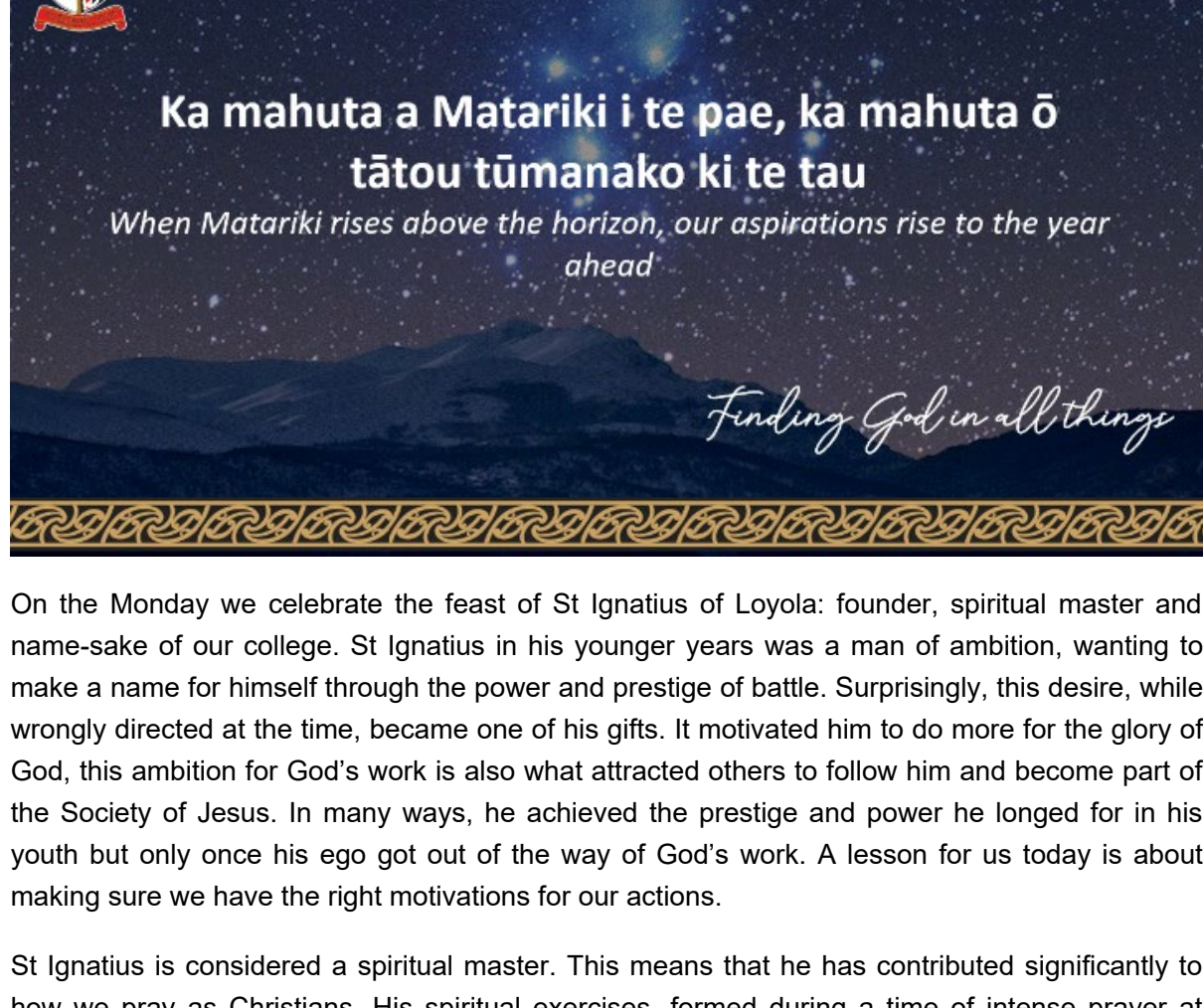
She was believed to be a great sinner who was saved by Jesus. This gives us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God and demonstrating it is never too late turn your life around.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent group who served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. She presents a model to us of true and committed discipleship.

[Find out more about Mary Magdalene here.](#)

Special Character

We started this term as a staff by gathering to celebrate Matariki with a liturgy and a shared breakfast. It was a time to pray for those who have passed away, thank God for the year that has been and ask for blessings on the year ahead. There is much to be grateful for in this past year as our school begins to take shape but there is still much to be done. It is fitting then this year that we mark Matariki with this whakataukī in mind:



On the Monday we celebrate the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola: founder, spiritual master and name-sake of our college. St Ignatius in his younger years was a man of ambition, wanting to make a name for himself through the power and prestige of battle. Surprisingly, this desire, while wrongly directed at the time, became one of his gifts. It motivated him to do more for the glory of God, this ambition for God's work is also what attracted others to follow him and become part of the Society of Jesus. In many ways, he achieved the prestige and power he longed for in his youth but only once his ego got out of the way of God's work. A lesson for us today is about making sure we have the right motivations for our actions.

St Ignatius is considered a spiritual master. This means that he has contributed significantly to how we pray as Christians. His spiritual exercises, formed during a time of intense prayer at Manresa, are now a pseudo right of passage in the Church if you wish to become a person of prayer. While these exercises are very accessible they can be challenging even to the most practiced – a reflection of a man who knew that perseverance reaps rewards. Ultimately, St Ignatius knew that prayer was a non-negotiable if he wanted to live a joyful and fulfilling life. It was so important to his success that he spent large amounts of time in prayer even in the busiest of times of his life – an idea reflected in our college motto of 'finding God in all things.' He knew that it was only through God's strength, found in prayer, that he would be able to rise to a challenge. He reminds us that prayer is essential to leading a good life.

St Ignatius of Loyola inspires us, as a college community, to use our gifts well but always for the glory of God. One of the key ways that St Ignatius achieved this was through regularly examining his day. Examining, a process of honestly evaluating our actions, will be a key part of our daily life at the College. We encourage you to begin this practice by simply taking time to reflect on what you are grateful for each day, what you aren't and how you could do better. Perhaps you could finish this time of reflection with this prayer:

