



Principal's Message

Being involved in the excitement of the growth of our new college every day, we are always mindful of families awaiting information about developments. This is why we are arranging community update events to provide you with all of the latest information and an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. Details are further down in this newsletter.

With two terms to go, progress is well and truly on track in the development of our truly special and unique college. Last weekend we interviewed for some of our teacher positions and we are confident that we are shaping the best educational experience for your child(ren) to flourish and grow towards their own fullness. The college is being set up to provide the best opportunities in the best facilities to serve a wonderful first cohort of students.

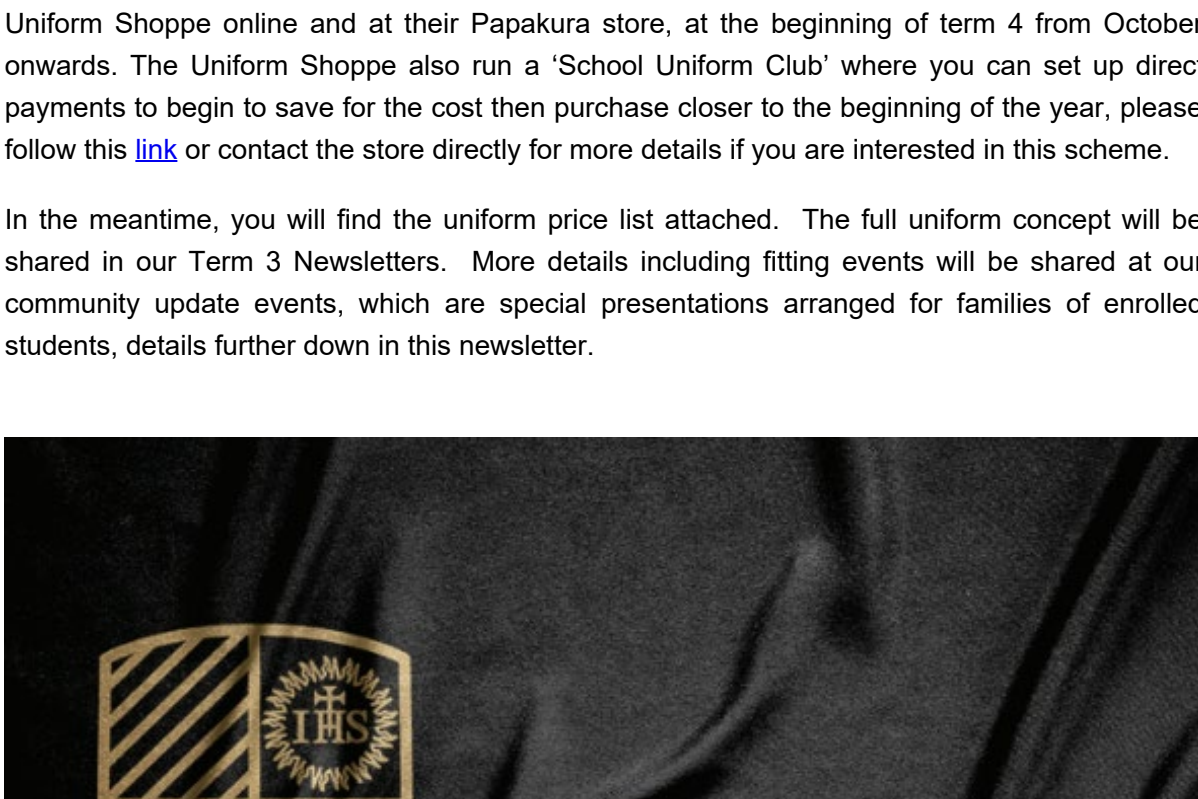
We would like to take the opportunity to wish all families a safe winter break,

Inveniens Deum in omnibus.

Dean Wearmouth

Site Progress

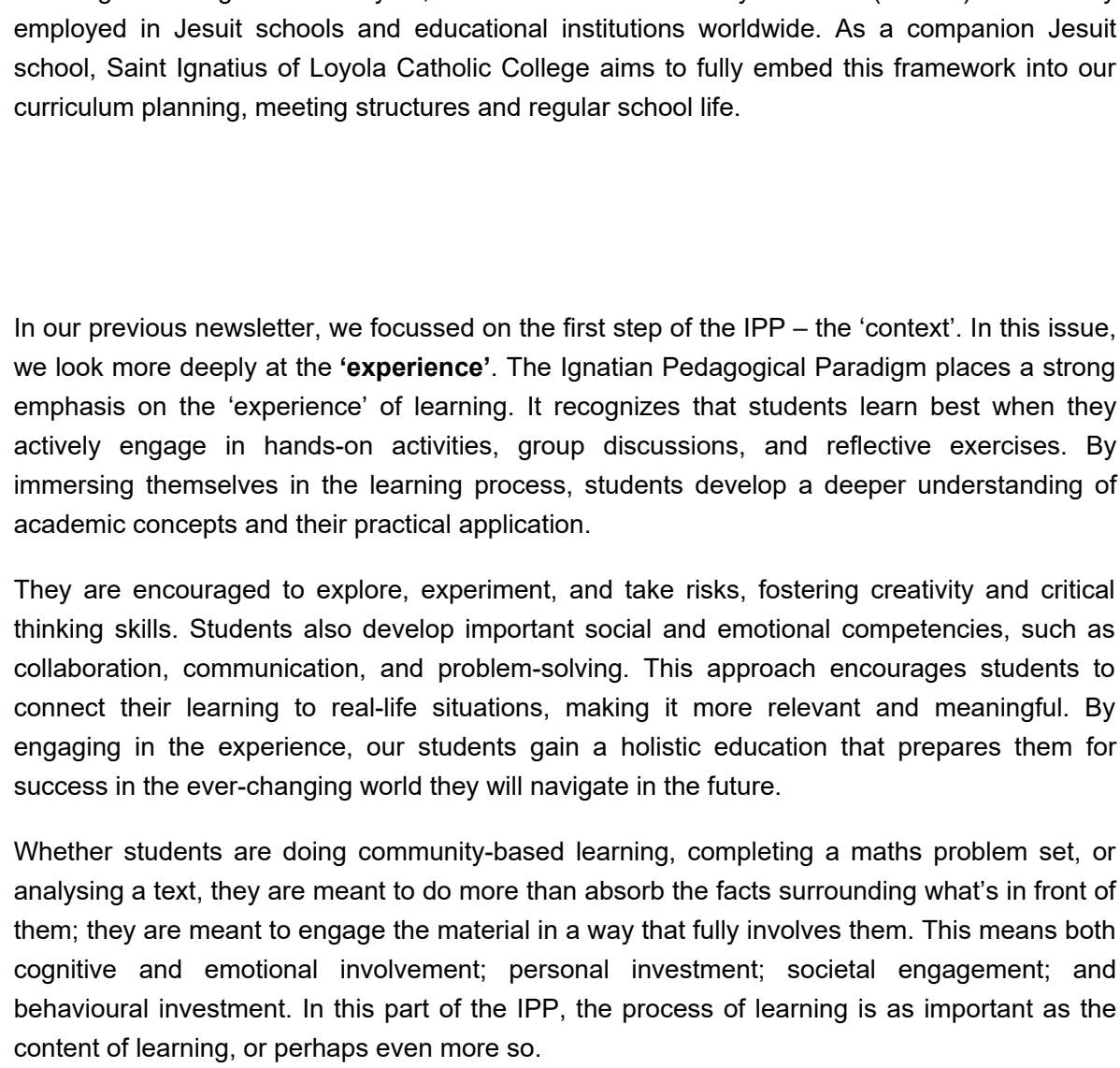
If you have driven past the site over the last few weeks then it wouldn't be easy to see the vast amount of progress that has been made. Many of the internal wall structures and staircases are now in place and the windows in the external walls and brickwork are starting to be added. It was joyous to see a glimpse of what the external building looked like today as the college and Diocese toured the Board from the New Zealand Catholic Education office around the school site. Included in this photo are Archbishop Paul Martin and NZCEO CEO Dr Kevin Shore.



Uniform Update

We are pleased to let you know that the full school uniform will be available to buy from The Uniform Shoppe online and at their Papakura store, at the beginning of term 4 from October onwards. The Uniform Shoppe also run a 'School Uniform Club' where you can set up direct payments to begin to save for the cost then purchase closer to the beginning of the year, please follow this [link](#) or contact the store directly for more details if you are interested in this scheme.

In the meantime, you will find the uniform price list attached. The full uniform concept will be shared in our Term 3 Newsletters. More details including fitting events will be shared at our community update events, which are special presentations arranged for families of enrolled students, details further down in this newsletter.



Teaching and Learning

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 first step of the IPP – the 'context'. In this issue, we look more deeply at the 'experience'. The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm places a strong emphasis on the 'experience' of learning. It recognizes that students learn best when they actively engage in hands-on activities, group discussions, and reflective exercises. By immersing themselves in the learning process, students develop a deeper understanding of academic concepts and their practical application.

They are encouraged to explore, experiment, and take risks, fostering creativity and critical thinking skills. Students also develop important social and emotional competencies, such as collaboration, communication, and problem-solving. This approach encourages students to connect their learning to real-life situations, making it more relevant and meaningful. By engaging in the experience, our students gain a holistic education that prepares them for success in the ever-changing world they will navigate in the future.

Whether students are doing community-based learning, completing a maths problem set, or analysing a text, they are meant to do more than absorb the facts surrounding what's in front of them; they are meant to engage the material in a way that fully involves them. This means both cognitive and emotional involvement; personal investment; societal engagement; and behavioural investment. In this part of the IPP, the process of learning is as important as the content of learning, or perhaps even more so.

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

Stacey Harrison – Head of Faculty for Arts



Tēnā koutou katoa,

I feel very blessed and honoured to be Head of the Arts and Technology Faculties at Saint Ignatius of Loyola College.

Having been the Head of Drama and Dance at Rosehill College for the past 20 years, I know the area and community of Papakura and Drury well and am grateful to still have connections with students I have previously taught who are now sending their own children to Saint Ignatius.

I currently live in Flat Bush with my husband and two children as well as two dogs, a cat and 3 goldfish!

I have a strong reputation for producing high quality Drama and Dance education and have won numerous awards at the Auckland Secondary School Showdown Competition for productions I directed. Seeing ākonga experiencing new skills and finding new passions whilst also producing

academic excellence in the areas I teach, is something that continues to inspire me as an educator.

I am very excited at the prospect of working with our Saint Ignatian students to create innovative ways of bringing the arts and technology curriculums to life, whilst weaving in Ignatian values and pedagogies and ensuring all ākonga are given opportunities to thrive and shine.

I look forward to meeting students and families and working together to foster our 'Saint Ignatius' whanau very soon.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrea Singh – Head of Mathematics and Numeracy



Tēnā koutou katoa,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Head of Faculty Mathematics and Numeracy.

This will be my fourth school. I have previously taught at Rangitoto College, St Mary's College Ponsonby and Mt Albert Grammar School. I have been the teacher in charge of year 9 and 10 Mathematics and Statistics for 8 years, juniors are my speciality! I also teach Statistics up to Scholarship Level.

I grew up in Pukekohe and I now live in Wattle Downs with my family. I love Mathex competitions and am proud to have been a member of an all-girl team that won the Counties Year 8 competition, many many years ago!

Mathematics and Statistics are found throughout God's Creation – I find maths in all things! Nature follows patterns, has rhythms and can be measured and modelled. It is a subject that is both challenging and satisfying.

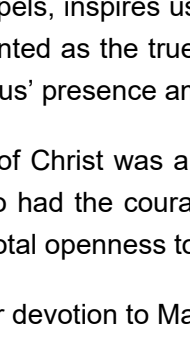
There is no such thing as a 'maths brain' – everyone can learn Mathematics and Statistics to the highest levels. Our brains are able to adapt and change in response to our experiences. All you need in order to achieve in Mathematics is to put in the effort and believe in yourself.

Ngā mihi nui

Cura Personalis

Which House will you belong to?

Marian House



Marian House is named after Mary, the mother of Christ

Mary of Nazareth, as shown in the gospels, inspires us to listen and respond to God's call with generosity and courage. Mary is presented as the true, first disciple who does the will of God. Her "yes" to God's request leads to Jesus' presence among us.

Throughout her life, Mary, the Mother of Christ was a woman totally open to what God willed for her. She was indeed a woman who had the courage to love in every circumstance of her life, be it joyful or sad, because of her total openness to God's will: "let it be done to me".

Saint Ignatius of Loyola had a particular devotion to Mary. It is believed that Saint Ignatius had a vision of Mary, the Mother of God which inspired him to turn his life around.

Watch the video to find our more about Mary, the mother of Christ

[Watch Catholics Call Mary Their Mother](#)

Buses Update

Thank you for all your feedback on the proposed bus routes. We have shared this with Broughams Buses. The next part of the process, once routes are finalised, will be to work on costings. We hope to be able to share this information with you in Term 3

Transition Events – save the date!

Community Update Events 6-7pm

Tuesday August 8 – Holy Trinity

Wednesday August 9 – St Mary's

Thursday August 10 – St Josephs

Parents and caregivers can choose one of these events to attend. Details of how to book onto this event will be sent at the beginning of Term 3.

Year Level Transition Events at St Josephs for students and families

Year 7 Thursday November 16 6-7:30pm

Year 8 Thursday November 23 6-7:30pm

Year 9 Thursday November 30 6-7:30pm

We will also be delivering some student transition events in term 3 led by our fabulous Heads of Faculties. During these events students will get to find out more about St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College and ask any burning questions. They will also be invited to take part in competitions, leadership opportunities and will even be able to sign up to join the school choir! Watch this space for more details at the start of Term 3.

Special Character

The readings at weekday Masses recently should be particularly challenging. Jesus is preaching on the mountain (Matthew 5, 6 & 7) giving more detail about what it means to be a follower of his, some of these are familiar to us including the teaching on the Our Father, the Beatitudes and many parables. In summary, these are a call to be converted again by using His criteria to orient our lives to what is really important.

In his spiritual exercises St Ignatius gives instructions to contemplate the Bible, particularly the life of Jesus. There are many different ways that a person can do this but one of the main methods that St Ignatius developed is Gospel Contemplation. It is a simple step-by-step process outlined below that allows a person to use their imagination to encounter God. We encourage you to give it a go by prioritising a few minutes this week to quiet reflection. All you will need is a reading from the Bible – an excellent reading is today's Gospel, Matthew 8:1-4; Jesus Heals the Leper – and a quiet corner. St Ignatius was convinced that if practised regularly and well it will help you to have a genuine encounter with God.

Gospel Contemplation

How to Pray:

- Select a Gospel passage where Jesus is interacting with others.
- Read through the passage a couple of times until the story is familiar.
- Close your eyes and place yourself in the scene. Play it in your mind like a movie.
- Use all your senses to experience the scene. Use your imagination to touch, smell, see, hear, and taste the scene.
- Close with prayer, speaking your heart to Jesus.

We were saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Linda Feagaiga, a Year 6 student from Holy Trinity Catholic School, Takanini this week. Linda was enrolled to join our Saint Ignatius of Loyola community in 2024.

Our loving prayers extend out to the Holy Trinity Community and especially Linda's family at this difficult time.



Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.