



### Dear Parents

#### Mid Year Reporting and National Standards

This year National Standards for reading, writing and mathematics are being implemented in all schools with Year 1—8 students. Standards aim to set clear expectations of what knowledge, understanding and skills students should be achieving at each year level to be on track to achieve National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 2.

Teachers are required to assess students' in relation to the Standards twice a year and provide plain language reports to parents. Requirements for assessment and reporting under National Standards are more prescriptive than previous assessment reporting.

We will continue to have written reporting mid year and end of year, however, because National Standards only apply to reading, writing and mathematics, the reports in those areas have a different format than the other subject areas.

There are two types of National Standard reports;

1. An Interim Report which reports on the child's progress toward the National Standards.
2. An End Report which reports the child's achievement against the National Standards.

In terms of the timing of reporting, a significant difference is that National Standards for Year 1—3 are for the anniversary of the child's school entry; that is, after one year of schooling, after two years of schooling and after three years of schooling. Therefore, there will be children in the same year group who at mid year and end of year will receive different reports, either interim or end, in relation to the National Standards closest to their anniversary of starting school. The standards for Years 4-8 are for the end of the school academic year.

There will also remain a separate report on other curriculum areas that the National Standards do not cover.

You can expect your child's report to come home on Friday 30th July.

#### Y5 & 6 Tiri Tiri Matangi Island Visits

On Wednesday June 9 and Friday June 11 the Year 5 & 6 students visited the island sanctuary of Tiri Tiri Matangi off the Whangaparoa Peninsula to gain a first hand experience of recovery efforts to restore some of our endangered native bird species. The field trip is always an adventure and a special outing for the students with a bus journey to Gulf Harbour followed by an exciting ferry crossing of the Rangitoto Channel and guided walks through native bush habitats that are home to a myriad of threatened bird species. Department of Conservation employees and volunteers provided the students with a most informative close up observation of the delicate balance of feeding, nesting and bird habitats. A real treat was when the affectionate and highly threatened takahe "Gregory" joined us for lunch. He comically attempted to unsuccessfully steal our sandwiches and engaged in a tussle with a pukeko near the lighthouse. Many thanks to all of our parent volunteers who helped with supervision on both days.

**Adrian Young**

A week after the Y5 & 6 syndicate trips to Tiri Tiri, I received the following email from Mary-Ann Rowland who is the Guiding and Shop Manager on the Island;

'I just wanted to let you know what a pleasure it was to have your students on the island. The children were obviously very well prepared. They asked intelligent questions and already knew enough for the guides to be able to add much more than they usually do for this age group. They were also very well behaved, a credit to their teachers and parents. We look forward to seeing more of your students in the future.'

#### Y3 & 4 Museum Trip

To support and enrich our topic studies, Year 3 & 4 travelled to the magnificently refurbished Auckland War Memorial Museum and nearby Winter garden over two days in order to look at different native and exotic flora and fauna and discuss how they adapt to changes in climate and the daily weather conditions. The students also spent time in the amazing Maori History section, which was full of artefacts and history. Teachers report that every child was totally engaged in their research assignment from start to finish, enjoying an action packed day full of learning. So much so that there were a few "cat naps" on the bus trip back to school on each day.

A huge warm thank you to all the parent helpers who supported us on both days on a trip that was truly memorable for all. **Sarah Mill**

## Y2 Grandparents Morning

The Year 2 syndicate have been studying “How their grandparents used to live”, finding out about schools and toys in a different generation. The students sent out an invitation to their grandparents offering them the opportunity to come into school and share a celebratory learning experience. On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June over 50 visiting grandparents arrived from near and far and were treated to a tour of St Heliers School where the excited students proudly revealed the fabulous new facilities. Back in the classrooms it was question and answer time when the students learned first-hand about what it was like for grandparents at school many years ago. There was a special assembly hosted by a group of students full of welcome songs and a nursery rhymes presentation. Everybody joined in singing ‘When I’m 64’ before enjoying a wonderful morning tea courtesy of Year 2 parents and carers. It was wonderful to meet all the grandparents and share their wealth of knowledge and experience. **Gill Johnson**

## Year 4—6 Bay Suburbs Netball

Six teams of girls and boys from Year 4- 6 had a wonderful day at the Bay Suburbs Netball Tournament on Wednesday 23 June. The competition was intense, and all our teams played extremely well, whilst displaying excellent levels of sportsmanship. The Year 6 Girls’ B team made it through to the finals, where they were narrowly defeated by Kohi Lightning. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the event, and a big thank you to all the parents who were involved in coaching these teams and supporting them on the day. **Andrea England and Kate Abela**

## Book Fair

Thank you very much to Sandra Oliver, Lynn Riddell and their team for the organisation and running of this week’s Book Fair. The children took great delight in looking at all the new books and some were lucky enough to have books purchased for them. Thank you to those of you who also generously bought for our new school library. All funds raised by the school through book sales will be used to purchase new books for the school library as well.

## PTA Trivia Evening

Congratulations to Jo Davis and her PTA team for running a most successful and enjoyable Trivia Evening. Parents and staff entered into the spirit of the evening by having a theme for their table, decorating the table and dressing accordingly!! As a result of ticket sales, the live auction, silent auction and bar sales approximately \$25,000 was raised.

What a fantastic result!!

Thank you to all.

## Book Room Helpers

We would like to extend a huge THANKS to all the amazing mums who helped out during the term with returning readers in both the junior and senior book rooms. All teachers really appreciate the time and effort that you commit to this time-consuming task.

We would also like to thank the group of mums who carried out our annual stock take this week. This is another very important job that we really appreciate assistance with.

**Patsy Torrie, Lynn Riddell and all teachers.**

## St Heliers Got Talent

In 2008 we had the very popular ‘Arts Extravaganza’ show, and this year we are staging ‘St Heliers School’s Got Talent!’ over two nights showcasing all the wonderful music, dance, drama and art that happens in our school. The show will be in Week 9 of Term 3 and there will be 3 performances over two days - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September (evening show), and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September (matinee, and evening show). All levels of the school will be involved in groups such as Choirs, Cheersquads, Jump Jam, School Band, Creative dance, and Drama items. The School Hall will be transformed and examples of wonderful art from all the classes will be displayed. Next term students and teachers will be busily preparing for this exciting event! In the meantime I am looking for parents to assist me with ticket design, programme design, ticket sales, sign writing and costume making. If this sounds like something you are interested in please email me at [kreeherbert@hotmail.com](mailto:kreeherbert@hotmail.com).

**Kerry Herbert**

## Indoor Soccer

Two mixed teams of Year 7 & 8 students recently competed in the East City Indoor Soccer Club Summer League held at ASB Stadium, Selwyn College. It was the first time for all of the players coping with a smaller field and alternative rules. Playing against a range of abilities from rep teams to beginners, the students were a credit to the school and had a lot of fun. **Odie Johnson**

## Kapa Haka

A group of Year 7 & 8 students performed at Small Miracles Childcare Centre recently. This was our third visit since 2008 and once again it was a big success. We look forward to another visit in Term 3, this time with a Ukulele group. **Odie Johnson**

## Music

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, we have ordered instruments for a Rock Band – drum kit, bass guitar, microphones and amplifier. The school already has an excellent keyboard, also courtesy of the PTA, as well as ukuleles and guitars for the students to play. We would like to offer keyboard sessions for the senior students but need more instruments to do so. If you have a music keyboard lying idle we would happily give it a home here at school. If you are able to help please contact Odie Johnson on [OdieJ@Stheliers.school.nz](mailto:OdieJ@Stheliers.school.nz) or call in at the school office. Thank you, **Odie Johnson**

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and will re-open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Kind regards,



**Principal**

## Excellence Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received Excellence Awards at assembly on Friday 18th June.

Name	Room	Year	Citation
Braden Dye	1	1	Outstanding achievement in reading and mathematics.
Emma Lattimore	2	1	Excellence in reading and for producing a high standard of work in other subjects.
Molly Spratling	3	1	Her excellence in reading, demonstrated by her recent test results.
Jack Little	7	1	His remarkable ability in reading.
Bar Avni	9	1	Using fantastic strategies when faced with mathematical problems.
Keely Schmidt	4	2	The high standard of achievement that Keely achieves in written language and spelling. Fantastic work, well done.
Antony Skyrme	5	2	Excellence in mathematics and reading
David Lawrence	6	2	Excellence in mathematics.
William Lusk	8	2	His consistent use of appropriate mathematical strategies enabling him to excel at problem solving.
Toni Wu	10	2	Excellence in reading comprehension.
Sophie Newton	11	3	Excellence in expressing her ideas in written and oral language.
Robbie Ivill	13	3	Reaching a level of excellence in numeracy and working hard to maintain this level throughout the term.
Matthew Campbell-Patston	14	3	Demonstrating excellence in a range of sporting areas and for always participating with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.
Guy Weenink	17	3	Outstanding achievement in reading and mathematics.
Francesca Treuren	16	4	Excellence at using advanced maths strategies.
Sarah Tham	18	4	Superlative results in all core curriculum areas and an overall outstandingly high standard of both presentation and content in all her completed work in the classroom.
Xialoe Zhan	19	4	Attaining levels of excellence in reading, mathematics and spelling.
Lucia Duder	25	5	Attaining an excellent level of achievement in Mathematics assessments and classwork.
Kyla Graham	26	5	Demonstrating a wide understanding of key concepts in Science and attaining excellent results for reading comprehension.
Elizabeth Tan	27	5	Creating writing which is of a consistently excellent standard.
Kalani Roberts Brothers	22	6	Attaining a level of excellence in Mathematics through recent standardised tests and in his classwork.
Milly Barber	20	6	Excellence in producing written texts that are highly descriptive and of a high standard.
Samson Aruwa	21	6	Attaining a standard of excellence on the numeracy assessment for Term 2.
Soe Khin Han	30	7	Attaining a level of excellence in numeracy knowledge, numeracy strategies and geometry.
Thiepa Sivanesan	31	7	Showing excellence in application and achievement in Mathematics, reading, writing and German.
Katherine Wu	28	8	Attaining a level of excellence in all recent assessments across a wide range of curriculum areas.
Uasi Leota	29	8	Outstanding sportsmanship, excellent rugby skills and selection in his age group for the Auckland Rugby representative team.

## Merit Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at assembly on Friday 4th June.

Name	Room	Year	Name	Room	Year	Name	Room	Year
Evelyn Kerse	1	1	Sophie Jongen	6	2	Anudi Thilakaranthe	13	3
Christina Fenwick	1	1	Kyle Heron	6	2	Campbell Jordan	13	3
Jonathan Merrill	1	1	Abdulla Farhat	6	2	Sheida Mahamoodzadeh Namin	14	3
Sean McPhee	1	1	Flynn Harbin	8	2	Emma Taylor	14	3
Dylan Pearson	2	1	Grace Li	8	2	Andrew Hughes	14	3
Riley Houghton-Lamb	2	1	Lauren Wong	8	2	William Evans	18	4
Tabitha Taylor	2	1	Riley Greaves	10	2	William Roberts	18	4
Gabriella Fenwick	3	1	Joshua Rogers	10	2	Sophie Zou	18	4
Nadia De Jong	3	1	Shay Bester	17	3	Finn Leeming	18	4
Callum Stewart	3	1	Nelson Mwagiru	17	3	Caprice Thomas	19	4
Bailee Payne	9	1	Charlize Soanes	17	3	Hannah Hill-Marks	19	4
Yeshika Weerasinghe	9	1	Magdalen Gibson	11	3	Thomas Mengel	19	4
Amelie Rinke- Mailman	7	1	Olivia Connolly	11	3	Jacob Savage	19	4
Veronica Bakewa-Aberhart	7	1	Jaden Ryan-Marshall	11	3	Chantel Anderson	16	4
Emma Thompson	4	2	Laura Oh	11	3	Sahara Ahmed	16	4
Benjamin Hill-Marks	4	2	Jareth Carlyle	13	3	William Zou	16	4
Holly Harding	5	2	Victoria Stewart	13	3	Joshua Henley	16	4
Amanpreet Kaur	5	2						

## Helen O'Grady Children's Drama Academy

- \* Helen O'Grady Children's Drama Academy has classes for students aged 5 to 17 years, in your area.
- \* We are aimed at developing on-going confidence, self-esteem and skills in verbal communication.
- \* Our programme is exciting, motivational and great fun.
- \* All our teachers are trained teachers with specialist training in the Helen O'Grady Drama System.



## AMI AUCKLAND NETBALL JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

### *"More than just netball"*

Cheerleading – School Years 1-9

Netball – School Years 1-9

Multisport – School Years 1-9

Week one 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July / Week two 12-14<sup>th</sup> July

Registration forms are available on our website [www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)

For further information phone 570 0030 ext. 204  
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## GLENDOWIE TENNIS CLUB - July Holidays 2010

Glendowie Tennis Club has a coaching course scheduled for the second week of the holidays: Monday to Friday 12-16 July, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, five mornings \$100. Focus on fun, ball and racquet skills, ball machine drills, video analysis, game rules, tactics and technique - challenges for all players aged 5-15. RAIN OR SHINE. Bring tennis shoes, hat, sunscreen, drink bottle and snack, warm/waterproof top, racquet (can be hired). Discounted rate for Junior Club members and larger families. Please contact Campbell Cramer-Roberts (GTC Coach) on 575-7845 or [CampbellCR@xtra.co.nz](mailto:CampbellCR@xtra.co.nz) to book a place, with student's name, age and phone no., then please accompany your child to registration at the Club on the first day. Looking forward to seeing you in the holidays!

## St Heliers Presbyterian Church

### Midwinter Market Evening

Join us for a mid winter ladies shopping night at St Heliers Presbyterian Church

Thursday July 22 6:00—9:00 pm

Forget the hustle of the shopping malls and enjoy a complimentary drink and nibbles while You browse our gorgeous selection of clothing, homeware, arts and crafts.  
Plenty of parking, cash only

Contact: Leanne 021 044 7689



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