



Dear Parents

Board of Trustees Elections

The first stage of the election process for May's Board of Trustees election is well underway.

One of our school parents, Sheree Garden, has been appointed as our Returning Officer (RO), and the election timetable has been set as;

- Election notice in East & Bays Courier On or about 17th March
- Call for nominations Nominations forms will be posted to all eligible voters after the election notice appears in the East & Bays Courier.

- Close roll 11th April
- Close supplementary roll 25th April
- Close of nominations 27th April
- Voting papers distributed After close of nominations and at least nine days before election day.

- Close poll 11th May
- Count votes 17th May
- Declare results As soon as result is known.

I would encourage anyone who feels they have something to offer to put their name forward as a candidate. We are looking for the people who:

- ▶ Are active leaders in the school
- ▶ Have a balance of skills and experience
- ▶ Work well in a team
- ▶ Are able to put plans in place for the future of the school
- ▶ Have good communication skills
- ▶ Enjoy managing and working with people

I would like to make a correction (from the 26th February newsletter) to the number of current Board members who are seeking re-election. We have in fact, three current Board members who will be putting their names forward again; Dave Stewart, Andrew Clark and Peter Marks and I thank them for putting their names forward again.

School Donations and Fees

In the next few days, school families will receive an account for school donations and fees. School donations complement operational funding we receive from the Ministry of Education. Ministry of Education funding pays for basic costs and hence school donations are one way of being able to provide the quality of resources and activities we want for our children. School donations are targeted toward teaching and learning resources, additional teaching staff, computers, sports equipment and library books. Every child in the school benefits from the parent contribution, and without this financial support we are

unable to provide some of those extras that make a difference to the children's schooling. Therefore I urge all school families to pay the donation and any other fees applicable to the year level for your child.

As always, if paying the donation in full at this time would cause financial hardship, arrangements can be made.

The donation rate for 2010 is the same as last year;

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| 1 | Child | \$400 p.a. |
| 2 | Children | \$650 p.a. |
| 3+ | Children | \$800 p.a. |

When a child starts during Term 3 or 4 pro-rata rates will apply.

There is a 5% discount for payments of donations made before 31st March 2010.

A reminder that school donations are fully tax deductible.

Payment can be made either by cash, cheque or through Visa and Eftpos at the School Office.

Sports Update

School Swimming Sport

Congratulations to all students in years 5 to 8 who participated in the annual swimming sport day! The day was a great success due to the students' high level of participation, competition, excellent behaviour, superb energetic cheering and caring support for each other. There was some very fierce competition which ended in very close races, the closest being between Cameron Tuckey of year 8, and Mr McCarthy. Although it looked as if the teachers were about to win after excellent races by Miss Hutchinson and Mr. Stickland, Cameron managed to out swim Mr McCarthy securing the win. Thanks you to all teachers and parents who assisted in making the day enjoyable for all.

Top Schools

On Sunday 8th March, 60 students from years 3 – 6 participated in Top Schools organised by the Rotary East Club. There was everything from husky dog sled races, wobbly wheels and a giant slippery slide to sausage sizzles, Harold the Giraffe and even Mayor John Banks. All students participated with enthusiasm and determination to win. One of our teams even placed 3rd out of the 24 teams in the year 3/4 division. Well done! I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to supervise for the day and to those who came along for support. The day would not have been such a success without your help and support. Thank you very much!

Term 2 Sports

As term 1 begins to wind down, we are looking forward to the winter sports which will begin in term 2. Term 2 has 3 major inter school events, rugby, football and netball.

Thanks to the help of Toni Edwards and Sandra Oliver the netball is up and running and teams will begin practising next week.

Tournament Dates

Year 5&6

Rugby 24th May
Football 26th May
Netball 23rd June

Year 7&8

Boys Rugby 11th May
Girls Rugby 15th June
Boys Football 18th May
Girls Football 4th May
Boys & Girls Netball 28th July
(term 3)

At this time we are looking for people to coach rugby and football. Please contact Miss Burns in room 19 if you can assist in these areas.

Thank you, **Robin Burns** Sports Coordinator

Merit Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 5—8 children who received Merit Awards at 26 February assembly.

| Name | Room | Year | Name | Room | Year | Name | Room | Year |
|------------------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|------|------|
| Eden Raven-Bevan | 12 | 5 | Takumi Nagasako | 18 | 6 | Thu Zar Kyee | 21 | 7 |
| Eve Walter | 12 | 5 | Erin Dench | 18 | 6 | Joseph North | 25 | 7 |
| Martin Jonkers | 12 | 5 | Jessica Seale | 23 | 6 | Lucy Su'a | 25 | 7 |
| Matthew Stewart | 12 | 5 | Andrew Meng | 23 | 6 | Mark Seale | 25 | 7 |
| Ella Harford | 14 | 5 | Georgia Ivill | 23 | 6 | Taine Hamon | 19 | 8 |
| Xania Wu | 14 | 5 | Alissa Skyrme | 24 | 6 | Cameron Barlow | 19 | 8 |
| Cassius Brown | 14 | 5 | Logan Larkins | 24 | 6 | India Hepburn | 19 | 8 |
| Trae Hamon | 14 | 5 | Pryde Sheridan | 24 | 6 | Bobozon Sein | 19 | 8 |
| Anton Vostrukhin | 17 | 5 | George Zou | 24 | 6 | William Clements | 20 | 8 |
| Emily Jones | 17 | 5 | Kenneth Parado | 21 | 7 | Sandith Godigamuwa | 20 | 8 |
| Rose Stephens | 17 | 5 | Aaron Cortez | 21 | 7 | Ryan Jans | 20 | 8 |
| Lauren Oliver | 18 | 6 | Ana Hu | 21 | 7 | | | |

Congratulations to the Year 1—4 children who received Merit Awards at 5 March assembly.

| Student Name | Room | Year | Student Name | Room | Year | Student Name | Room | Year |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------------------|------|------|-------------------|------|------|
| Benjamin Stearne | 1 | 1 | Ben Taylor | 6 | 2 | Victor Chinorinda | 13 | 3 |
| Sophie Campbell-Patston | 1 | 1 | Jackson Greaves | 6 | 2 | Joanne Heley | 26 | 3 |
| Samuel Luff | 1 | 1 | Amelia Eaton | 6 | 2 | Santiago Montano | 26 | 3 |
| William Massam | 2 | 1 | Molly Madill | 6 | 2 | Connor Ngan | 26 | 3 |
| Cade McAllansmith | 2 | 1 | Ashley Davis | 8 | 2 | Katie Noonan | 26 | 3 |
| Harrison Mortimer | 2 | 1 | Connor Montgomerie | 8 | 2 | Olivia Hay | 15 | 4 |
| Hayley Mason | 3 | 1 | Alex Cozens | 8 | 2 | Genevieve Trimble | 15 | 4 |
| Tiare Hansen | 3 | 1 | Yoran Sonegou | 10 | 2 | Selwyn Sein | 15 | 4 |
| Alex Roberts | 3 | 1 | Maggie Tse | 10 | 2 | James Audi | 15 | 4 |
| Brandon Lawson Jones | 9 | 1 | Isabella Johnson | 7 | 3 | Jackson Pirihi | 16 | 4 |
| Joy Harrison | 9 | 1 | Aimee Blackmore | 7 | 3 | Lazerus Hope | 16 | 4 |
| Benjamin Taulagi | 9 | 1 | Hayden Crocker | 7 | 3 | William Spratling | 16 | 4 |
| James Hall | 4 | 2 | Jordan Herbert | 11 | 3 | Ben Balsillie | 22 | 4 |
| Russell Kereru | 4 | 2 | Riley Kilgour | 11 | 3 | Greta Clark | 22 | 4 |
| Francesca Kidd | 4 | 2 | Livy Connolly | 11 | 3 | Ariel Eliahu | 22 | 4 |
| Aimee Williams | 5 | 2 | Amy Sceats | 11 | 3 | Ben Ellis | 22 | 4 |
| Jack Simons | 5 | 2 | Sophia Ye | 13 | 3 | | | |

Year 5 – 8 Swimming Sport Final Results

| | First | Second | Third |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Length Freestyle | | | |
| Year 5 | Grace Jordan | Kate Balsillie | Salome Wara |
| Year 5 | Samuel Veal | Matthew Edwards | William Heaps |
| Year 6 | Cari Morris | Victoria Brown | Ellen Davis |
| Year 6 | George Kirkman | Michael Oh | Nathan Hill-Marks |
| Year 7 | Claudia Stewart/Ruby Wallace | Morgan Cooper | |
| Year 7 | Fernando Navarette | Minghao Chen | Nicholas Ngan |
| Year 8 | Hannah Clark | Morgan Dalton Mill | Mary Phipps |
| Year 8 | Ryan Jans / Cameron Tuckey | | Samuel Aruwa |

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| 3 Lengths Freestyle | | | |
| Year 5 | Grace Jordan | Kate Balsillie | Ella Harford |
| Year 5 | William Heaps | Samuel Veal | Harry Copeland |
| Year 6 | Olivia Hofer | Cari Morris | Georgia Ivill |
| Year 6 | George Kirkman | Pablo Wilson | Devvon Monahan |
| Year 7 | Alice Gray | Olivia O'Connor Robertson | Thiepa Sivanesan |
| Year 7 | Fernando Navarette | Minghao Chen | Nicholas Ngan |
| Year 8 | Hannah Clark | Morgan Dalton Mill | Mary Phipps |
| Year 8 | Ryan Jans | Cameron Tuckey | Samuel Aruwa |

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| Breaststroke | | | |
| Year 5 | Grace Jordan | Kate Balsillie | Lucia Duder |
| Year 5 | Harry Copeland | Matthew Edwards | Tarun Muralidhar |
| Year 6 | Jessica Seal | Victoria Brown | Olivia Hofer |
| Year 6 | Michael Oh | Devvon Monahan | Pablo Wilson |
| Year 7 | Hannah French | Sophie Vreeburg | Claudia Stewart |
| Year 7 | Minghao Chen | Fernando Navarette | Tjue Vreeburg |
| Year 8 | Mary Phipps | Elin Morris | Hannah Clark |

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| Backstroke | | | |
| Year 5 | Ella Harford | Grace Jordan | Kate Balsillie |
| Year 5 | Matthew Edwards | Harry Copeland | William Heaps |
| Year 6 | Ellen Davis | Cari Morris | Isobella Rogers |
| Year 6 | George Kirkman | Michael Oh | Sam Dybvig |
| Year 7 | Ruby Wallace | Morgan Cooper | Claudia Stewart |
| Year 7 | Fernando Navarette | Minghao Chen | Nicholas Soedjanto |
| Year 8 | Mary Phipps | Hannah Clark | Elin Morris |
| Year 8 | Cameron Tuckey | Ryan Jans | Samuel Aruwa |

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| Butterfly | | |
| Year 5 | Lucia Duder | Grace Jordan |
| Year 5 | Harry Copeland | William Heaps |
| Year 6 | Cari Morris | Sophie Noonan |
| Year 6 | Olivia O'Connor Robertson | |
| Year 7 | Minghao Chen | Ben Jans |
| Year 8 | Hannah Clark | |
| Year 8 | Ryan Jans | Juan Lee |

St Heliers School Under 6, 7 & 8 Friday Night /Saturday Morning Rugby Teams

Over the past few years we have had school rugby teams, affiliated to College Rifles Rugby Club, playing on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings.

Thank you to those who responded to the notice in the previous school newsletter. We are looking for four more players in each of the U6 and U7 teams and two more players in the U8 team.

Parent Help—We have a coach and manager for the U8 team and a manager for the U6 team. We are still looking for a coach for the U6 team and a coach and manager for the U7 team. College Rifles offers support if you are interested in taking on a coaching role. If a school parent coaches the team, it also means that practises can take place on our school field rather than at College Rifles. If you are interested in any of these roles please contact me on horancn@xtra.co.nz or 575 4965. Thank you, **Charlotte Horan**.

St Heliers 'Rockets' Soap Box Derby Team

The newly named St Heliers 'Rocket' Soap Box Derby Team are two weeks away from competing in the Soap Box Derby to be held on Sunday 28th March.

The event is being held on the section of College Road that leads down towards the old Mt Wellington Quarry 'Stonefields'.

Last weekend the team were thrilled to get their car back from the painters, resplendent in black with red & yellow flames, hence the name 'Rockets'.

The picture below shows Cari Morris all set for her practice run in the newly painted car (unfortunately black and white in the newsletter).

Soon after that picture was taken another team member had their practice and like all good racing teams, the brakes gave way! (no injuries though). A slight dent in the car and a paint touch up needed...



The team are really looking forward to the 28th and if you are in town and want to watch some great action, come along from 9am onwards and support the team.

Kind regards,

Principal

Eastern Bays Mums' Recycling Sale

Sunday 28th February 2010, 9am—12 noon

St Thomas' School Hall, Cnr Allum Street & Kohimarama Road, Kohimarama

- ▶ Children's, women's' & men's' clothing
- ▶ Toys, books, baby gear & equipment
- ▶ Household goods & lots more...
- ▶ Sausage sizzle fundraiser
- ▶ Bargain box items

Please remember to bring your re-usable shopping bags!

For further details phone Tanya 521 5753 or Charlotte 575 4965 — horancn@xtra.co.nz



Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

St Heliers Kindergarten

St Heliers Kindergarten will have a stand at the upcoming St Heliers Fair on Saturday 27th March selling used toys, books, puzzles etc.

Donations Wanted

Do your cupboards need a clear out of all those old toys and books no longer used.



All Star Cheerleading

Cheerleading is a great sport for young people to get involved in. It's great fitness - combining dance, gymnastics, lifts & pyramids into a fun team sport. Cheerleading builds self confidence and raises self esteem. It teaches dedication, discipline and leadership through team work while building life long friendships. We encourage positive attitudes, healthy lifestyles, good sportsmanship and excellent work ethic.

All Star Cheerleaders is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.

Easter Holiday Camp

A Camp for Young People in years 6 -9

When: Monday 12th – Thursday 15th April

Where: Redhill Camp, Kopuru near Dargaville with a stop off on the way at Waiwera Hot Pools

An opportunity to spend time in an environment that is not dependent on 21st century gizmos!

Organised by St Heliers Church and Community Centre

Situated in rural area north of Auckland, a short hike to a beautiful beach, the camp is purpose built, with basic but clean bunk rooms and modern shower blocks and kitchen facilities.

Our daily programme will include all manner of outdoor and indoor fun activities, including camp fires, hikes, sports, team building, bush and nature walks, beach adventures, flying fox, Circus Skills and kite making/flying.

Our evenings will be spent socialising, singing, playing/learning musical instruments, discussions, games, camp fires, team building, astronomy

No swimming at camp as we do not have the necessary qualified Life Guards.

Further information and enrolment forms can be obtained from:

St Heliers Church & Community Centre Office, 100 St Heliers Bay Road. Phone 5756098.

Or by email: centre@sthelierschurch.org.nz

Or from our website: www.sthelierschurch.org.nz



Federated Farmers Farm Day

Free family fun at Federated Farmers Farm Day

On Sunday 28 March 2010, 23 farms will throw open their gates for Federated Farmers Farm Day. Farm Day is the perfect opportunity for children to learn about farm animals, take part in a guided farm walk and try their hand at some farm work. Check out the Farm Day website, www.farmday.org.nz for a Farm Day near you and don't forget to pack your gumboots!

If you need any further information on the event, please contact Andrew Hart by emailing ahart@fedfarm.org.nz or by calling 0800 327 646.

Easter Holiday Programme—OSCAR

For all 5-14 year olds.

Locally based at 100 St Heliers Bay Road our programme offers full or half day fun with KIDSOWN catering for 5-7yrs and HARD CORE 8yrs+

Activities this Easter range from day trips to the movies, Sumo Wrestling and swimming days.

Our programme is approved by Child Youth and Families and you can be assured of a safe fun environment.

Winz is available to eligible families.

Our full programme and enrolment information is available either from the school reception or by contacting the centre on **09 575 6098**. Forms may also be printed from our website: www.sthelierschurch.org.nz