



### Dear Parents

#### Staffing

At the end of this year we will be saying farewell to Cindy Malan who began as a beginning teacher at St Heliers in 2005 and has given us 7 years of wonderful teaching service. Cindy has made a huge contribution to the education of the children in her classes, being a most dedicated, enthusiastic and caring teacher and staff member. Cindy and her family are moving to Brisbane early next year and we wish them every success in their new ventures.

Anna Carr and Kate Abela (already on leave) are both taking maternity leave the 2012 school year. This is a very exciting and joyful time in their lives and we wish them all the best on the impending birth of their children.

Kerry Herbert and Amanda Vettoretti revert back to part-time teaching roles next year after opening up a new entrant class since late August this year. Thank you to Kerry and Amanda for giving the Y0 children in R13 such a great start to their schooling.

We have four new teachers next year; two for maternity leave positions and two for two new classes at Y5 and Y7. Pauline Munro (Y6), Kelly Hedgeman (Y5), Lizanne Franklin (Y4) and Jenny Coyte (Y7) will be joining us in the new year. We look forward to their contribution to, and association with our School.

Four teachers will be changing levels next year. Rebecca Owens will move to Y3, Lisa Ward to Y6, Jill Blake to Y7 and Robin Hartley to Y8.

The other big staffing news is that Mrs Palmer and Mrs Torrie have both been awarded Primary Teachers' Study Awards next year of two terms each. Mrs Palmer will be away Terms 1 & 2 to complete her Masters of Professional Studies and Mrs Torrie will be away in Terms 3 & 4 to complete her Masters of Education. Congratulations to Gordie and Patsy on their awards.

In Gordie and Patsy's absence, Mrs Adrienne Burke has been employed for three days a week to take some of their management and administrative roles, and Penny Knight and Jill Blake will be released from their classroom duties for one day a week to lead school wide numeracy and literacy respectively.

Please find attached a copy of the full staff list for 2012.

#### Students Leaving St Heliers This Year

If your child will not be returning to St Heliers next year, please would you notify the office as soon as possible. This information is crucial to us for planning 2012 classes.

#### Year 2 Trip to MOTAT

The Year 2 Syndicate experienced a hands-on interactive programme at MOTAT last week. Each class explored how technology has changed over the past 100 years through the 'Christmas in a Box' education activities. The students learnt about the Princess Mary Christmas gift box presented to ANZAC soldiers and nurses in World War 1. During the interactive classroom sessions, the students discussed how and why we share gifts, before creating their own unique gift box complete with a special message for a loved one. St Heliers School purchased several charity children's gifts as part of their admission package. These beautiful gifts will be distributed to under-privileged children around the Auckland area, through organisations such as Ronald MacDonald House. Year 2 also enjoyed the self-guided trails and traditional displays. There was great excitement in the 'Light' room with its spectacular interactive activities. Everyone had the chance to take a leisurely ride on the tram before heading home to continue with their 'Celebrations' inquiry learning topics in the lead-up to Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who supervised groups on this trip. **Gill Johnson, Y2 Team Leader**

#### APPA Performance

Last week on Tuesday night the APPA Choir performed in the Auckland Town Hall as part of the APPA Music Festival with around 400 other primary school students. What a huge success the evening was and how our students shone! Not only did Lucy Su'a, Sophie Vreeburg and Katrina Menia have small solo parts but we had our Year 4 dance troupe perform an item and even some of our girls were asked to present the bouquets at the end of the evening. I was very proud of the choir and they looked and sounded fabulous! A big thank you to Mrs Morris for putting together the Year 4 dance; to Mr McCarthy, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Torrie, Mr Young and the other 125 parents/family members/friends who came along on the night to support us; and lastly, to the choir who were just awesome!!  
**Kerry Herbert, Choir Teacher**

## Year 3 Art Gallery Trip

At the beginning of the term our very arty Y3 teachers cleverly linked in our topic of imagination with a trip to the art gallery. We loved every minute and came away full of motivation and inspiration. Here is some of the feedback from our students:

“ I loved the miniature waterfall and flower chandelier it made me feel welcome” **Ben.**

“All the pictures were really interesting because they all told stories” **Toni.**

“The art gallery was interesting because all different art works have different meanings and we found out what some of them meant” **Emily**

“It was quite amazing because it had lots of exciting paintings” **Elijah.**

We highly recommend it as an activity as there is something for everyone. The educators were fabulous and a big thanks to them for their patience, teaching, information and organisation. **Anna Kelso Y3 Team Leader**

## Book Room Parent Helpers Needed

We require a group of parents who can help out each term in 2012 to return reading books to their appropriate boxes in the Junior Book Room. Two parents work together popping into the room for 10-20 minutes to return books either before or after school for their particular week.

This is a job that teachers really appreciate assistance with.

If you are able to help please contact **Patsy Torrie** on 575 8311, [patsyt@stheliers.school.nz](mailto:patsyt@stheliers.school.nz) or call into the office.

## School-links Communication Software

We are introducing the School-links system which enables you to:

- Receive a text message and/or email notifying you that your child is absent from school.
- Securely notify our school of your student's absence 24/7, before they happen.
- Receive text and email alerts for communications such as school closures, cancellations, reminders and in the event of an emergency.
- Receive newsletters and general notices online.
- Book your Parent-Teacher interviews online.

Next Steps:

1. Please go onto our school portal at [www.school-links.org.nz](http://www.school-links.org.nz), the sign up process is easy.
2. Enter **St Heliers School** in the *Find Your School* box.
3. This will take you to a new screen. Click on *Sign Up Now* and complete the registration details.
4. Once your details are verified you will then receive a welcome email with your **Username** and **Password**, which you can use to gain access to our school portal.

Kind regards,

*M. McCarthy*

# Term Dates 2012

## Term 1

- Thursday 2 Feb 2012
- Thursday 5 April 2012

## Term 2

- Monday 23 April 2012
- Friday 29 June 2012

## Term 3

- Monday 16 July 2012
- Friday 28 September 2012

## Term 4

- Monday 15 October 2012
- Tuesday 18 December 2012

**ICAS**

Congratulations to the Year 1-8 children who received High Distinction, Distinction and Credit in the recent ICAS examinations. High Distinction is the top 1% in New Zealand, Distinction the next 10% and Credit the next 25%.

**2011 ICAS MATHEMATICS**

Year	Name	Award
4	Robbie Ivill	Distinction
4	Rebecca Stewart	Distinction
4	Emma Taylor	Distinction
4	Lucy Burrell	Credit
4	Matthew Campbell-Patston	Credit
4	Magdalen Gibson	Credit
4	Nina Harding	Credit
4	Jordan Herbert	Credit
4	Adam Jonkers	Credit
4	Matthew Kayes	Credit
4	Guy Weenink	Credit
4	Sophia Ye	Credit

Year	Name	Award
5	Benjamin Ellis	Distinction
5	Caitlin Harbrow	Credit
5	William Roberts	Credit
5	Chesie Treuren	Credit
5	Sameer Tripathi	Credit
5	Matthew White	Credit
6	Lucia Duder	Distinction
6	Jessica Ellis	Distinction
6	Cassius Brown	Credit
6	Susannah Clements	Credit
6	Joshua Taylor	Credit

Year	Name	Award
7	Samson Aruwa	High Distinction
7	Rhiannon Koni Webb	Distinction
7	Devvon Monahan	Credit
7	Elizabeth Wong	Credit
7	Jamie Young	Credit
8	Olivia O'Connor-Robertson	Distinction
8	Hannah Page	Distinction
8	Nicholas Ngan	Credit
8	Megan Singhal	Credit
8	Thiepa Sivanesan	Credit
8	Emile Vreeburg	Credit

**ICAS ENGLISH**

Year	Name	Award
4	Sophie Ye	High Distinction
4	Isabella Bartlett	Credit
4	Alanna Chen	Credit
4	Max Duder	Credit
4	Adam Jonkers	Credit
4	Oliver Milne	Credit
4	Sophie Newton	Credit
4	Melissa Pangestu	Credit
4	Rebecca Stewart	Credit
4	Guy Weenink	Credit
4	Ethan Wells	Credit
5	Xiaole Zhan	High Distinction
5	Jack Cozens	Credit

Year	Name	Award
5	Caitlin Harbrow	Credit
5	Sameer Tripathi	Credit
6	Elizabeth Tan	Distinction
6	Eve Walter	Distinction
6	Madeline Weenink	Distinction
6	Susannah Clements	Credit
6	Jessica Ellis	Credit
6	Martin Jonkers	Credit
6	Rose Stephens	Credit
7	Claire Burchett	Distinction
7	Milly Barber	Credit
7	Philippa Campbell	Credit
7	Erin Dench	Credit

Year	Name	Award
7	Nathan Hill-Marks	Credit
7	Isabella Hills-Peet	Credit
7	Olivia Hoffer	Credit
7	Mariam Salie	Credit
7	Elizabeth Wong	Credit
7	George Zou	Credit
8	Olivia O'Connor-Robertson	High Distinction
8	Hannah Page	High Distinction
8	Noam Whiteside	Distinction
8	Ryan Hubbard	Credit
8	Conor O'Neill	Credit
8	Mariam Rasheed	Credit
8	Emile Vreeburg	Credit

## Citizenship Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 1-8 children who received Citizenship Awards at 18 November assembly.

Name	Room	Year	Citation
Isabelle Barrett	10	0	Being a hard working helpful pupil who is responsible and respectful towards her
Alexander Brick	13	0	Alex consistently demonstrates the school values of responsibility, diligence and respect. He is a pleasure to have in the class.
Jorja Kane	1	1	Jorja is a great role model for the values of respect, diligence and responsibility. She works incredibly hard, always shows kindness and consideration to others, and makes
Beatrice Horan	2	1	Consistently displaying the St Heliers School values of respect, diligence, responsibility, self-discipline, care and honesty.
Joshua McHugh	3	1	Being a friendly and helpful member of Room 3. Joshua always tries his very best and has consistently made good choices this year.
Hamish Tonkin	7	1	Consistently showing an awareness and empathy for others and for making new children to our school feel very welcome.
Olivia Mager	9	1	Being a responsible and caring individual who consistently follows the St Heliers
Veronica Bakewa-Aberhart	4	2	Her diligence, her lovely smile and her willingness to help others. Well done Veronica!
Madeleine Smith-Rice	5	2	Maddie always shows consideration, kindness and inclusiveness to others. She has gone out of her way to ensure that a new member of Room 5 feels welcome.
Christina Fenwick	6	2	Displaying manners and courtesy to her classmates and for upholding the St Heliers
Harrison Mortimer	8	2	His outstanding efforts in upholding the St Heliers School values and supporting others day to day. Harrison can be relied upon to share and care for his class mates.
Marlo Devereux	11	3	Always upholding the School values and for always showing consideration and
Raymond Tran	14	3	Always following the School values and for being an excellent example to other
Vidhi Patel	15	3	Consistently upholding our School values especially the value of caring for others and
Laura Kummle	17	3	Always having beautiful manners and helping around the class without being asked.
Jordan Frederickson	12	4	Consistently upholding the School values. Jordan consistently shows care and respect to all. He is a delight to have in the class and a great role model for others. Well done Jordan!
Melissa Pangestu	16	4	Consistently displaying the values of responsibility, diligence and care.
Anna Heaps	18	4	Demonstrating the School values of Respect and Care by being generous with her time and talents for the good of others in the school community without thought of personal reward.
Alexander Paulsen	19	4	Displaying good manners at all times and showing care and consideration for others.
Ella Ryan	25	5	Exemplifying the School values at all times through her treatment of others and positive attitude towards her learning.
Jack Cozens	26	5	Display of enjoyment in all curriculum areas. Jack is always prepared to start the day and works diligently towards his goals in learning.
Nico Dudek	27	5	Showing care, fairness and encouragement towards others, both in and out of class.
Ella Harford	20	6	Consistently upholding all of the school values and for demonstrating maturity and
Emily Jones	21	6	Consistently displaying the St Heliers School values of responsibility, diligence ,
Kate Balsillie	22	6	Always displaying the School values and having exceptional manners.
Hein Tin	30	7	Modelling the school values of diligence and self-discipline. Hein is consistently respectful towards all members of the school community.
Pakao Rott	31	7	Continually upholding the School values, especially responsibility and respect, whilst displaying a positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning.
Katrina Menia	28	8	Katrina upholds all of the School values. She is a positive and friendly person who approaches her work with diligence and enthusiasm.
Gabrielle Orr	29	8	Setting an excellent example of the School values and quietly volunteering her time to help others around the school in various jobs.



# St Heliers School

## STAFF 2012

Principal Mr Craig McCarthy  
 Deputy Principal Mrs Gordie Palmer  
 Assistant Principal Mrs Patsy Torrie

Year	Room	Teacher
1	1	Mrs Astrid Herbert
1	2	Mrs Penny Knight <b>Team Leader Y0/1</b>
1	3	Mrs Stephanie Priest
1	7	Mrs Cathy Preston
1	10	Miss Kelly Blok
2	4	Mrs Sue Saxon
2	5	Miss Melissa Aris
2	6	Miss Bridget Payne
2	8	Mrs Gill Johnson <b>Team Leader Y2</b>
3	11	Miss Rebecca Owen
3	12	Miss Alison Stokoe
3	15	Miss Anna Kelso <b>Team Leader Y3</b>
3	17	Mrs Tiffany Kirby
4	18	Miss Lizanne Franklin
4	18	Miss Sarah Mill <b>Team Leader Y4</b>
4	19	Miss Katie Gornley
4	24	Miss Kelly Thomson
5	23	Miss Kelly Hedgman
5	25	Miss Jessica Needleman
5	28	Mr Jonathan Nevalagi
5	27	Miss Andrea England
6	20	Mrs Pauline Munro
6	21	Mr Adrian Young <b>Team Leader Y5&amp;6</b>
6	22	Mrs Lisa Ward
7	14	Mr Rob Stickland
7	31	Miss Jenny Coyte
7	28	Miss Jill Blake <b>Team Leader Y7&amp;8</b>
8	29	Miss Robin Burns
8	30	Mr Robin Hartley

### ESOL Teachers & International Student Managers

Mrs Donna Harris  
 Mrs Jenny Dale

### Part Time Teachers

Mrs Adrienne Burke  
 Mrs Sue Cran  
 Mrs Margaret Dunkley German Tutor  
 Mrs Kerry Herbert Choir  
 Mrs Odie Johnson  
 Mrs Rae Malone  
 Mrs Anna Millar Reading Recovery  
 Mrs Ruth Morris Dance & Drama  
 Mrs Beth Rush  
 Mrs Margaret Sweetman  
 Mrs Pene Weipers  
 Mrs Amanda Vettoretti

### Support Staff

Mrs Cindy McDonald Financial Administrator  
 Mrs Janet Raggett Secretary  
 Mrs Loretta Helleur Caretaker  
 Mrs Lynn Riddell Librarian  
 Mrs Mary Hoff Uniform Shop/Office  
 Mrs Sharon Tomkins Office Assistant

### Teacher Aides

Mrs Ambika Thillainathan  
 Mrs Jocelyn Colenutt  
 Mrs Pippa Barber  
 Mrs Raewyn Cozens  
 Mrs Ruth Morris

## Glendowie Tennis Club

Glendowie Tennis Club has two coaching courses scheduled for the holidays: pre-Christmas week of 19-23 December 2011, and later in the 23-27 January 2012 week.

Both run Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$120 for five mornings, with discounts for GTC members and for larger families. Challenges for all players aged 5-15: ball and racquet skills, ball machine drills, video analysis, game rules, tactics and technique, RAIN OR SHINE. Bring tennis shoes, hat, rainjacket, snack, water bottle (filtered water and sunscreen always provided for participants) and tennis racquet (can be hired).

Please contact Campbell Cramer-Roberts (GTC Coach) [CampbellCR@xtra.co.nz](mailto:CampbellCR@xtra.co.nz) 575-7845 to enquire or book a place. Please supply student's name, age and phone no., then accompany your child to the registration table at the Club on the first day of the course. Looking forward to St Heliers School students joining us for some fun on the tennis court!



## St Heliers Bay Christmas Markets

The details for our upcoming Christmas markets are (we have 2 markets in Dec with Santa at both!!)

**Dates:** Sundays 4th & 18th Dec 2011

**Time:** 10am-3pm

**Venue:** Tamaki Ex-Services Association Hall & Polygon Rd Carpark,  
Cnr Turua St & Polygon Rd, St Heliers Bay Village.



## AMI Auckland Netball Holiday Programme

19 –21 December 2011



**Multi-Sport** \$150 | Yrs 1-8 | 9am—4pm

An opportunity to learn and improve skills in an array of sports in a fun environment.

- AFL Kiwikick
- Badminton
- Indoor Netball
- Table Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Basketball
- Lacrosse
- Indoor Soccer
- Volleyball

**Dance** \$95 | Yrs1-9 | 9am-12pm

This dance programme is designed to cover a vast range of dance moves and styles including Hip Hop and Jazz, whilst working towards a short performance on the final day where friends and family are invited to watch. Dance is a great way to develop confidence and self-esteem while making new friends. This programme is a lot of fun and is run by experienced instructors.

Registrations close 14 December 2011 or when full

For further information phone our development team 570 0030 extn 204

or email [development@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@aucklandnetball.co.nz)

7 Allison Ferguson Dr. St Johns | PO Box 18257, Glen Innes | Facsimile: 570 0031 | [www.aucklandnetball.co.nz](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)

## Learn To Sail at Kohi Yacht Club

Come and join our new **Lets Try Sailing Holiday Programme.**

**When :** Monday 16 January 2012 (Mon to Thurs)

**Time:** 9am to 4pm.

For boys and girls aged 9+. Have fun learning the basics of sailing an Optimist boat in a friendly and well managed environment.

Then, continue your training with our **Learn to Sail** programme starting

**When:** Sunday 29 January 2012

**Time:** 10am to 3pm for 9 weeks.

Optimist charter boats available – free to the first 7 new children to register.

For further information, visit [www.kyc.org.nz](http://www.kyc.org.nz) or contact Laurie Masters 575 54 77



### Kohi Christmas Market

**Where:** ASB Stadium, Kohimarama Road, Kohimarama  
**When:** Saturday 3 December 2011  
**Time:** 10am—4pm

A fantastic selection of quality stallholders presenting products suitable for all ages and stages

- Jewellery
- Art
- Gourmet foods
- Gardening
- Crafts
- Homeware
- Gifts
- Toys

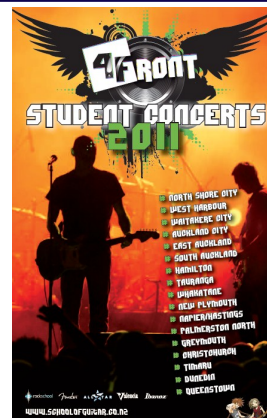
A TWAOS community fundraising event | email: [events@twaos.co.nz](mailto:events@twaos.co.nz)



### 4 Front Student Guitar Concert

**Date:** Saturday 3rd Dec 2011  
**Time:** 1pm - 2.30pm  
**Venue:** C3 Church Auditorium  
**Address:** 20 Cawley St, Ellerslie, Auckland  
**Admission by ticket:** Adult > 13 yrs - \$10  
 Children 5-12 yrs - \$5  
 Children < 5 yrs - Free

For those who are interested in booking tickets for the concert or want to sign up for guitar lessons, please contact Lih - Mobile 021 2076 231 or [lih@schoolofguitar.co.nz](mailto:lih@schoolofguitar.co.nz)



### In The Zone' Holiday Programme

In the Zone Summer Holiday Programme – Jan 16-20 This is a notice to all our families who still want register their child/ren for the In The Zone summer holiday programme being held at Saint Kentigern School's Jubilee Sports Centre. We have been informed that there are only going to be 40 places offered for each age category and that places on the programme are filling quickly. Auckland-wide advertising will begin soon and we don't want our students to miss out. You can request your registration packs by e-mailing [inthezone@1fitkid.com](mailto:inthezone@1fitkid.com) or by visiting [www.1fitkid.com](http://www.1fitkid.com).

### You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer. Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to: **Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over. Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance\*** Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers. Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters. Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

\*Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above



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 St Heliers Residents – Asking for your support

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