



### Dear Parents

This Friday sees the close of another successful year at St Heliers. At this time of the year, I am always encouraged and heartened when I read end of year reports and see the progress and achievement that children have made throughout the year.

### Class Lists

Please find attached your child's class list for 2012. On the class list is their room number and from the staff list opposite, you will see who their teacher will be. Teachers have put a lot of time and effort in to the makeup of next year's classes. Teachers take into consideration academic groupings, friendship and behavioural issues, gender and cultural mix and style of individual teachers.

One important point to note; children should not expect to be with all their friends from one year to the next. Teachers do take friendship issues into account, but the prime consideration is what is the best learning environment for each individual.

### Sports Uniform

Next year we are introducing a new school sports uniform. The new uniform has a light weight sports fabric; more breathable and quicker to dry. The predominant colour is navy blue with maroon piping on the sides of the shirt and shorts. The school logo appears on the left front of the shirt with the school name on the back. The new uniform has a smarter, modern look and feel to it. I am sure the children will enjoy wearing the new uniform and will be very prominent when out on our field during P.E. or representing the school at sporting events.

A sample of the shirt is pinned up on the noticeboard in the school office.

There is to be a year's transition to everyone wearing the new uniform. If your child has the old uniform they can continue to wear it during 2012, however if you are purchasing a sport uniform either at the start of next year or during the year, it will be the new uniform that you will be purchasing.

School sports uniforms are compulsory for children in Year 4 and upwards. In Year 3 it is optional.

Thank you to Mary Hoff, our School Uniform Manager, and Helen Stephens, BOT member, for the many hours they put into meeting suppliers, testing new fabrics, sorting through colour schemes and design patterns to get to the final product.

### Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 31 January 2012 from 9:00am until 12:00 noon for all your new year requirements.

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	Mrs Melissa Leniston-Howell (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	16	Miss Lizanne Franklin
4	18	Miss Sarah Mill <b>Team Leader Y4</b>
4	19	Miss Katie Gormley
4	24	Miss Kelly Thomson
5	23	Miss Kelly Hedgman
5	25	Miss Jessica Needleman
5	26	Mr Jonathan Nevalagi
5	27	Mrs 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	28	Mrs Jill Watson (Blake) <b>Team Leader Y7&amp;8</b>
7	31	Miss Jenny Coyte
8	29	Miss Robin Burns
8	30	Mr Robin Hartley

### Donation Receipts

If you require any replacement or duplicate donation receipts for the 2011 school year for tax purposes, please request them at the School Office before Friday. Our financial software cannot issue duplicates after the start of a new year.

## 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.

Just a reminder please to register if you haven't already done so:

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.

## School Closes

School closes for the 2011 school year at 2pm this Friday 16th December.

## 2012 School Year

The 2012 school year commences on Thursday 2nd February 2012.

Thank you to everyone who has made 2011 the successful year it has been. The contribution, dedication and support of all associated with St Heliers makes our School a positive and rewarding place.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a very happy, safe and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards



Principal

# 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



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