



Newsletter

Issue 8

Thursday 1 June 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa and Talofa Lava

We have had quite a bit to contend with lately with the large amount of rain, the uncertainty surrounding teachers' pay negotiations and yesterday, for a short time we had haze over the school from the fire in South Auckland. However, we stay positive and the children just get on with the job of learning and interacting with their classmates.

We welcome 5 additional new entrant children to Room 1 who started school on Monday. The students in Room 1 welcomed their new classmates and they have made a fabulous start to school. I look forward to seeing all the parents who are new to our school this term at our New Parents Morning Tea on Friday 2 June.

This week is Samoan Language Week. Did you know that Samoa only became independent from New Zealand in 1962? Those who migrated to New Zealand brought with them a rich culture and customs which we see to this day as part of New Zealand's multicultural society.

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday 17 May as part of Bully-Free Week. Then on Tuesday this week we celebrated Pink Ribbon Day to support breast cancer research. The staff had a lovely morning tea and raised around \$2000 through the raffles which were also supported by the community. Many thanks to the local businesses who supported this worthy cause by donating merchandise and vouchers. A huge thanks to Sarah Olphert for organising this.

Students in Year 5&6 competed in the Eastern Bays boys and girls football tournament on Thursday 18 May. For Year 5 children it was their first year of interschool competition. It was a great tournament with two of the teams gaining a first place. I was very pleased to hear back from a principal at another school who said that one of his parents commented on the amazing sportsmanship of the children from St Heliers School. It is great to hear that the children are upholding the school values in and out of the school.

Thank you to all those parents who helped your children dress in sports gear on Wednesday 24 May. Money raised from this event will be shared between those attending AIMS games next term.

Our Kiwi Competitions start in Week 8 with English first on Thursday 15 June and then Maths the following Thursday. Science is not until Term 3.

We have a number of jackets that have been handed in to the office with either no name or the name is no longer able to be read. These are expensive items to replace. Please check your child's jacket to ensure the name is clear and easy to read. If not, can you please rename. The same is also true for other uniform items, however the jackets are the most common as they are taken off when the children get warm outside.

I look forward to seeing many of you at tomorrow's Year 5 to 8 Merit Assembly or next Friday's Year 1 to 4 Merit Assembly.

Noho ora mai

Sean Valvoi
Principal

WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Tuesday May 16, 2023 five people from each class in Year 7&8 got to go to the Writers Festival, held at the Aotea Centre. Everyone hopped on a bus at 8:50 and left to go to the city. It was a super big building with a giant stage, just like the one from Britain's Got Talent. The first story we listened to, was by Jason Reynolds and it was all about how he grew up and how he got to where he is now. After that we had a 10 minute break and got to ask questions about him. Soon after, Johanna Emeney and Sarah Laing shared with us their book called Sylvia and the Birds. They talked about how they created it and how they got their images to draw in it. Then, we listened to Mary-Anne Scott and how she structured The Tomo and got all of her ideas, this was very inspiring and interesting. Lastly, Dahlia and Mani Malaelu talked about their books Tama Samoa, Teine Samoa. They were Samoan books and were all about them. At the end of the day we could get our books signed by the readers and then we went home.

By Kova

In Graci Kim's workshop, we learnt how to structure a story, with four parts: Beginning, New Life, Rock Bottom, and Resolution. We also learnt how to figure out a character's motives, what they want, why and how that changes throughout the story.

By Alice

During our workshop with Mary-Anne Scott, we learnt about the key features of action stories and how to hold suspense. We had the opportunity to share short stories written with our new knowledge, which some of us chose to do.

By Christie

In our workshop with James Norcliffe, we learnt how to write ghost stories, we were taught how to avoid using Cliches so our stories could be original. Then we were able to write our own stories and share them.

By James



2023 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates and prizes awarded

Online competition for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students

Closed



Kiwi Science Competition



Kiwi Maths Competition



Kiwi English Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

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DATES AND TIMES

We have now set the dates for 6 tests. The registrations are now closed and we have 190 test registrations.

Thursday 15 June

English—Year 5&6 9.30am

English—Year 7&8 11.30am

Thursday 22 June

Maths—Year 5&6 9.30am

Maths—Year 7&8 11.30am

(Term 3)

Thursday 20 July

Science—Year 5&6 9.30am

Science—Year 7&8 11.30am

MERIT AWARDS YEAR 1-4

Well done all those students who received Merit Certificates at the Year 1–4 Merit Award Assembly on Friday 19 May.

Merit Awards recognise those children who have made a conscientious effort to improve an aspect of their schooling. These awards are about qualities such as perseverance, commitment, determination, diligence, improvement and a positive attitude.

Merit Awards - May		
Yr	Rm	Name
1	1	Olivia F
1	1	Bodhi H
1	1	Camilla Y
1	2	Kole F
1	2	Colette L
1	2	Zoe S
1	3	Hazel P
1	3	Lewis R
1	3	Danika H
1	7	Adelaide C
1	7	Emilia L
1	7	Theo V
1	8	Quinn T
1	8	Max K
1	8	Luisa C
2	4	Aless M
2	4	Iggy JB
2	4	Alexandra B
2	5	Clara B
2	5	Dante M
2	5	Valentina K
2	6	Mason B
2	6	Emily D
2	6	Isabella McG

Merit Awards - May		
Yr	Rm	Name
3	11	Hugo H
3	11	Vicki BV
3	11	Cecilia A
3	12	Abby S
3	12	Matilda T
3	12	Josh N
3	17	Isabella H
3	17	Axel C
3	17	Emilia L
4	10	Naomi E
4	10	Joy McH
4	10	Lachlan H
4	10	Yvonna M
4	10	Harry P
4	13	Noah L
4	13	Yena K
4	13	Toby W
4	13	Isobel S
4	13	Jessie D
4	16	Liya vZ
4	16	Tyler Y
4	16	Mila N
4	16	Zara P
4	16	Hektor H

The Board have now confirmed the Term dates for 2024. We hope this helps you when you are making plans for next year.

2024 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Term 1 (10 Weeks)	Wednesday 7 February - Friday 12 April	(Easter 29 March, 1 & 2 April)
Term 2 (10 Weeks)	Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July	(Kings Birthday 3 June, Matariki 28 June)
Term 3 (10 Weeks)	Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September	
Term 4 (10 Weeks)	Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December	(Labour Day 28 October)

SPORTS UPDATE

Year 5&6 Bay Suburbs Football

On the 18th of May, two boys teams and two girls teams from Year 5 &6 from St Heliers School competed in the Bay Suburbs Football Tournament at Glover Park. The weather stayed clear for a great day of friendly competition amongst local schools. Every team gave their best effort and the SHS results were impressive. The Year 6 boys played 8 matches, winning 7 with one draw. Year 6 girls won 3 games. Year 5 boys won 3, lost 2 and tied 1. Year 5 girls won all of their competitive games. A huge thank you to the parents, coaches, managers and teachers for all their help throughout the day.

By: Catalina L and Megan W

Year 6 Boys:

- 1st - St Heliers
- 2nd - St Thomas
- 3rd - Kohimarama
- 4th - St Ignatius
- 5th - Glendowie
- 6th - Churchill Park
- 7th - Orakei
- 8th - St Joseph



Year 6 Girls:

- 1st - Glendowie
- 2nd - St Ignatius
- 3rd - St Thomas
- 4th - St Heliers
- 5th - Kohimarama
- Tied 6th - Churchill Park & St Joseph



Year 5 Boys:

- 1st - St Ignatius
- 2nd - Churchill Park
- 3rd - St Thomas
- 4th - St Heliers
- 5th - Kohimarama
- 6th - Glendowie
- 7th - Orakei



Year 5 Girls:

- 1st - St Heliers
- 2nd - St Ignatius
- 3rd - Churchill Park
- 4th - Glendowie



Year 7&8 Eastern Zone Girls Football

Eastern Zone Year 7&8 Girls Football Tournament – Madills Farm Recreation Reserve.

Wednesday 24th May

On a glorious bluebird morning Kākahi Team fronted two Girls Football Teams to compete at the EZ Girls Football Tournament.

The Year 7 team played a series of friendly round robin games against the Year 8 Teams from Glendowie, Stonefields, Churchill Park and St Thomas's Schools. The girls played extraordinarily well winning two matches and drawing in one match.

The Year 7 final against the only other Year 7 Team to enter, Glendowie School, was nail biting with the match going to extra time and the winner decided on a Golden Goal. The girls showed great sportsmanship and congratulated Glendowie's Team on scoring the winning goal.

The Year 8 girls team displayed resilience and perseverance making it through to the final game. On the way to the last game the Year 8 team racked up 3 wins in the round robin against Glendowie, St Pius X and Stanhope Road Schools. The team conceded only one goal against Baradene School. In the semi final the team went up against Churchill Park School. At full time the match was a draw. The game was decided on a penalty shoot out. Boom! 3 balls straight into the back of the net, St Heliers Girls had made it into the final against Baradene. The girls gave it their all finally conceding two goals in a tough match.

A huge thank you to the parents and staff who helped our teams on their journey to the EZ Football Tournament. It wouldn't be possible without your support.



Year 7 Girls Football Team

Isla B, Mia M, Emma D Aria C, Abigail L, Zoe C, Isla B, Lily A Charlotte G, Evie G, Brooke H, Matisse A, Freya F.



Year 8 Girls Football Team

Lucie S, Amber-Rose M, Mila L, Georgia B, Eve H, Beren M, Ella W, Ruby A Charlotte C, Katie J, Rebecca R, Holly B.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCES

Three-way Conferences

As was shared in our last newsletter, we are replacing our traditional Parent/Teacher Interviews with Three-way Conferences. These are to take place in classrooms on Thursday 29th June.



A Three-way Conference is a conversation between the child, parents/whānau, and the teacher. It is a conversation about what the child is **learning** at school.

How do Three-way conferences work?

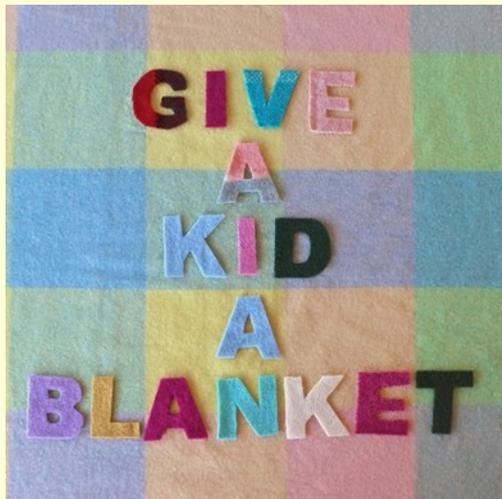
- The teacher facilitates the conference and guides the child/parent through the process.
- Parents and the teacher are encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback and encouragement to the child and to share their thoughts and ideas on what is being presented and on what goals or targets they think are appropriate.
- Provide a forum for teacher, child and parents to acknowledge the child's progress and achievement.
- Research tells us that they are a valuable avenue for involving parents and children in the learning process.

Currently our teachers are working with their classes to prepare the children for our Three-way Conferences in week 10 and their prompt sheets.

Look out for further information regarding booking times for you and your child in coming weeks.

Mrs Wood
Deputy Principal

GIVE A KID A BLANKET



St Heliers School is collecting the following pre-loved items for the Give A Kid A Blanket Charity:

- Warm bedding including duvet inners and covers - of all sizes
- Blankets - of all sizes
- Sheets - of all sizes
- Infant sleeping sacks
- PJ's and Dressing gowns
- Jackets
- **New** pillows and **new** hot water bottles

These donations go directly to the families in need, made into packs of what they need, for how they live and who is in their families. This happens with social workers, community health workers and Police teams working directly with Give a Kid a Blanket.

If you are able to support by donating any of the above items, please bring them to **Room 14** (Lower level of the Endeavour Block). We will be accepting donations until Friday 23rd June.

SENIOR MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

Auckland War Memorial Museum

The Kakahi team went to the museum where we saw a great variety of things. We went on this trip so we could learn more about ANZACs that fought in WW1 and our inquiry topic, conflict. WW1 was a good example of world conflict.

We looked at the timeline and important events of WW1, with the help of our amazing tour guide Aaron. Aaron took us around the war exhibition on the third floor of the museum, discussing the different areas and what it related to. At the end of the tour he let us touch some real artifacts from WW1 itself. It was amazing to feel how heavy the helmets were, hold a real grenade, look at the different documents they needed, and have a turn on a stretcher.

Before or after the tour the classes got to explore the museum exhibitions, where we looked at Pacifica and Maori history, went inside the marae, and saw the beautiful waka in the middle of the museum. We also had fun exploring the weird and wonderful. After we looked at the important history of New Zealand we went to everyone's favourite place... the volcano room!

By Usha and Ella



MANDARIN IN MAY

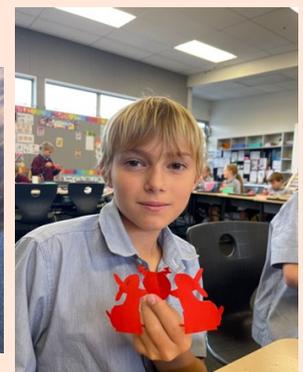
This term, we embarked on an exciting journey into Chinese culture again. We delved into different Chinese fascinating traditions and learnt how to say dates, birthdays and family members in Mandarin.

For Year 5-8 students, most have mastered these essential expressions with a simple guide. From the days of the week to the months of the year, we learnt the pronunciation and usage of these Mandarin phrases. In Mandarin, the order of date is totally opposite to English. In Mandarin, the year goes first, followed by the month, and finally the day. Additionally, we shared various ways to celebrate birthdays in different countries. In China, a longevity noodle is one kind of traditional food for birthdays.

For Year 0-4 students, we talked about family. Chinese kinship titles are very different than what is used in the English language for example, in Chinese we distinguish between elder brother (which is gē ge) and younger brother (which is dì di).

China has an ancient culture, so this term, I also arranged some cultural activities. The first one for our senior students is paper-cutting, an ancient Chinese craft that allows you to create intricate and beautiful designs using just paper and a pair of scissors. For our juniors, they learnt something about the panda-national treasure animal of China and made a panda mask.

Yanyan Lou (娄老师)



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS TERM 2

Well done all those students who received Citizenship Certificates at the Year 1–8 Citizenship Assembly on Friday 26 May

Citizenship Awards recognise those children who consistently uphold our school values and consistently display citizenship qualities of being friendly, helpful, respectful and sympathetic.

Citizenship Awards - Term 2		
Yr	Rm	Name
1	1	Emilie M
1	2	William S
1	3	Hidde S
1	7	Chloe H
1	8	Ollie P
2	4	Thomas N
2	5	Dante M
2	6	Kaia H
3	11	Addison J
3	12	William H
3	17	Eliza K
4	10	Briella D
4	13	Ruby H

Citizenship Awards - Term 2		
Yr	Rm	Name
4	16	Eva H
5	21	Isabelle W
5	24	Kylie T
5	25	Joel J
6	22	Sylvie C
6	23	Milla C
6	26	Agnes JB
7	18	Maria G
7	19	Abby O
7	27	Sam D
8	14	Sam W
8	15	Charlotte C
8	20	Annabelle C

PINK SHIRT DAY

On Wednesday 17 May, students wore pink items with their uniform to celebrate Pink Shirt day and acknowledge Bully Free Week. Thank you to the student leaders for organising this.



FAREWELL JAN

At the end of this term we are saying farewell to Jan Bryant.

Jan is retiring after 35 years of wonderful service and dedication to the teaching profession. Jan started her teaching career here at St Heliers School in the late 1970s and it is very befitting that she completes her educational journey with the last 7.5 years at our school. Jan spent most of her career teaching in various schools in the Eastern Suburbs and spent three years as an ESOL advisor in Abu Dhabi. At St Heliers School, Jan has used her experience and TESSOL qualifications to teach groups of children who are learning English as their second or third language. In Jan's time at St Heliers School and in previous schools she has made a significant contribution to the lives of hundreds of children. Jan has always been a highly skilled, thoughtful, dedicated and loyal teacher who is passionate about working alongside children whose home language is other than English. On behalf of those children, their families and the teachers that Jan has worked with, we thank Jan for a wonderful career in education and wish her every happiness and new ventures in her retirement.

Patsy Torrie

Deputy Principal



BE YOURSELF SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 24 May, students dressed in their favourite sports gear and brought a coin to raise money for the 48 children in Year 7&8 who will be attending AIMS Games this year.



WELCOME TO ST HELIERS SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our new students who started at St Heliers School since the last newsletter: Liam H, Geno J, Noah K, Louis P, Marvella P.

TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES

Year 5-8 Merit Awards Assembly	Friday 2 June	2pm
Year 0-4 Merit Awards Assembly	Friday 9 June	2pm
Whole School Excellence Awards Assembly	Friday 16 June	2pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 2 June	Y5-8 Merit Assembly @2pm
Monday 5 June	School Closed - King's Birthday
Thursday 8 June	T3 new entrant info morning
Friday 9 June	Y0-4 Merit Assembly @2pm
Monday 12 June	Glendowie College Parent's Information Evening - 2024 Enrolment Process @7pm
Tuesday 13 June	Y3&4 Jumping June Skip Off Y5&6 Bay Suburbs Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 14 June	Y5-8 Sexuality Parent Meeting @5pm
Thursday 15 June	Y5-8 Kiwi Competition - English

2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Term 2	24 April—30 June
Term 3	17 July—22 September
Term 4	9 October—15 December

BRICKS 4 KIDZ



JOURNEY THROUGH IMAGINATION



3rd - 13th
July 2023

LOCATIONS

Ellerslie Creativity Centre
407 Great South Road

Glendowie Church
197, Riddell Road



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to enrol



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Glendowie College will hold a 'Parents Information Evening – 2024 Enrolments' on **Monday 12 June 2023 at 7:00pm in the College Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to outline the programmes the school offers and to cover the enrolment process for 2024 Year 9 students' enrolments.

This is an opportunity to meet informally with Gordon Robertson, Glendowie College's Principal, to have any questions answered about the enrolment process.

We look forward to seeing you there. No RSVP is required.

Gordon Robertson, Principal



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