



Newsletter

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Thursday 7 September 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Tēnā koutou katoa

We have had 48 students competing in four team sports and five individual sports at the Zespri AIMS Games in the Bay of Plenty this week. It is fantastic to see so many children being given this opportunity and there would be few schools entering with so many students. This year there will be almost 12,000 competitors from 373 schools. We have a fantastic group of parents who give their time and offer to manage and coach students in preparation for the competition and considerable time and effort goes in to the organisation while they are away. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes, fundraising and securing sponsors. I was fortunate enough to go to the games Monday through to Wednesday and I was able to see many of the teams and individuals competing. Articles, photos and results will be published in the next newsletter.

This year we also had six children represent the school at the Year 7&8 Remuera Cluster Rehu Tai (Festival of Oral Language), the students who competed were the winners of our school competition in Speeches, Flash Talk, Spoken Word and Rap. We also had two students compete in the Mandarin and Korean speech competition. Competition was tough as the Remuera Cluster has 30 schools, both public and private. We were thrilled to hear that Sam W came first in the Rap section and Seoyoon C came third in the Korean Language section. We wish Sam and Seoyoon all the best at the Auckland finals. We look forward to hearing how our Year 5&6 winner, Emma D does in the Rehu Tai for that level.

The student leaders thank you for supporting 'Be Yourself Day/Kia noho koe i te ra' on Wednesday 23 August. We can now order the two replacement football goals and nets. If anyone has a good contact for these I would love to hear from you. It was also nice to see people wearing yellow accessories last Thursday for Daffodil Day. The school raised \$752 for Daffodil Day. The Cancer Society will really appreciate that donation. That will be the last of the 'Be Yourself Days' until the very end of next term when we have our Christmas themed 'Be Yourself Day'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their annual contribution through the school donation. This really enables us to offer the children the very best opportunities. I understand the financial difficulty families are facing as the rising cost of living begins to bite and appreciate the financial commitment to support your child's education. There are different options for paying your school donation including internet banking which you can pay by instalments by term or month if you wish.

As the weather slowly starts to get a bit warmer it is time to find your child's school hat from Term 1. You will need this as it is a requirement to wear a school sunhat outside in Term 4. If you need a new hat or you started at St Heliers in Term 2 or 3 then you can purchase a hat through the uniform shop. Please be sure to name the hat clearly as soon as you get it.

Noho ora mai

Sean Valvoi
Principal

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS TERM 3

Well done all those students who received Citizenship Certificates at the Year 0–8 Citizenship Assembly on Friday 25 August.

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 3 | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Yr | Rm | Name |
| 0 | 1 | Bodhi H |
| 1 | 2 | Mhiera M |
| 1 | 3 | Mia T |
| 1 | 7 | Atlas B |
| 1 | 8 | Taylor N |
| 2 | 4 | Harper R |
| 2 | 5 | Clara B |
| 2 | 6 | Charlotte P |
| 3 | 11 | Bonnie J |
| 3 | 12 | Abby S |
| 3 | 17 | Heidi M |
| 4 | 10 | Joy McH |
| 4 | 13 | Lera N |

| Citizenship Awards - Term 3 | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Yr | Rm | Name |
| 4 | 16 | Lucy C |
| 5 | 21 | Lottie McA |
| 5 | 24 | Georgia P |
| 5 | 25 | Sophie R |
| 6 | 22 | Panaki MW |
| 6 | 23 | Emery van Z |
| 6 | 26 | Lucas H |
| 7 | 18 | Isla B |
| 7 | 19 | Isla B |
| 7 | 27 | Kova H |
| 8 | 14 | Ian M |
| 8 | 15 | Jamie W |
| 8 | 20 | Sofia A |

WELL DONE ORAL LANGUAGE COMPETITORS

APPA 2023 Rehu Tai, Remuera Cluster, Spoken Language Finals

Congratulations Mila L (speech), Ryan C (spoken word), Marie H (flash talk) and Sam W (rap) for making it through to the APPA Remuera Cluster, Year 7&8 Rehu Tai Competition. All four students represented St Heliers School on Wednesday 30 August, performing beautifully and making us proud. Sam W was extremely successful, coming first for his Rap - an outstanding effort.



APPA 2023 Mandarin and Korean Speech Competition

Congratulations to Lulu C (Mandarin Competition) and Seoyoon C (Korean Competition) for participating in the APPA languages competitions. Both girls spoke in their native tongue after coming first in our in-school competitions. Seoyoon came third overall, having been given the feedback that she had nothing to improve on. Well done to both girls.

MERIT AWARDS YEAR 0-4

Well done all those students who received Merit Certificates at the Year 0-4 Merit Award Assembly on Friday 1 September.

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 - August | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------|
| Yr | Rm | Name |
| 0-1 | 1 | Miguel T |
| 0-1 | 1 | Emilie M |
| 0-1 | 1 | Geno J |
| 0-1 | 1 | Noah K |
| 0-1 | 1 | Louis P |
| 0-1 | 2 | Minh L |
| 0-1 | 2 | Tevita F |
| 0-1 | 2 | Parker B |
| 0-1 | 2 | Peter C |
| 0-1 | 3 | Araaf R |
| 0-1 | 3 | Mila B |
| 0-1 | 3 | Celine X |
| 0-1 | 7 | Logan T |
| 0-1 | 7 | Chloe H |
| 0-1 | 7 | Fionn H |
| 0-1 | 7 | Madden M |
| 0-1 | 8 | Anita MV |
| 0-1 | 8 | Max S |
| 0-1 | 8 | Adelaide |
| 0 | 9 | Will P |
| 0 | 9 | Mareya S |
| 0 | 9 | Caleb W |
| 2 | 4 | Maida D |
| 2 | 4 | Victoria R |
| 2 | 4 | William R |
| 2 | 5 | Chloe P |
| 2 | 5 | Zach L |

| Merit Awards - August | | |
|-----------------------|----|------------|
| Yr | Rm | Name |
| 2 | 5 | Summer D |
| 2 | 6 | Ada R |
| 2 | 6 | Felix B |
| 2 | 6 | Dante N |
| 3 | 11 | Sarah S |
| 3 | 11 | Camille S |
| 3 | 11 | Cooper T |
| 3 | 12 | Thomas S |
| 3 | 12 | Harper B |
| 3 | 12 | Melissa K |
| 3 | 12 | Serenity K |
| 3 | 17 | Cecilia W |
| 3 | 17 | Eliza K |
| 3 | 17 | Stefan M |
| 3 | 17 | Alex S |
| 4 | 10 | Deeya B |
| 4 | 10 | Delilah T |
| 4 | 10 | Olivia M |
| 4 | 10 | Toby B |
| 4 | 10 | Zachary B |
| 4 | 13 | George K |
| 4 | 13 | Cooper G |
| 4 | 13 | Ethan K |
| 4 | 13 | Henry H |
| 4 | 16 | Chihling Z |
| 4 | 16 | Yijun P |
| 4 | 16 | Shaantae D |
| 4 | 16 | May C |

STARTING SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Well done to all these students who received their Starting School Certificates on Tuesday this week. Billy M, Neil B, Will P, Lachie S, Tom S, Eloise P, Knox G, Mareya S, Mila C.

You have all made a positive start in Room 9 with Miss Pearce and Mrs Hill.



SPORTS UPDATE

AUCKLAND NETBALL CHAMPS

On Thursday 24th August, the Y8 netball boys went to Auckland Champs Competition. The tournament to qualify was Eastern Zones, at which they came first. They had a gallant fight, winning two games. Out of six games, they lost four (which were all in the pool stage). One key game was a loss to Sommerville 14-4. This was their second game of the day. The boys ended up playing Sommerville again for their last game - winning 9-7 to St Heliers.

Written by Jamie and Isaiah



THANKS A MILLION

The AIMS Year 7&8 football team were so excited to be heading to AIMS and have been very fortunate to have two sponsors help with the cost of attending the AIMS games.

Firstly, we would like to thank Mike Gibbon and the ECS group for funding a referee and providing drink bottles for all the boys. We would also like to thank James Stone from the Tooth Company who provided the funds that went towards the boys strip for the tournament. The support is much appreciated and will help to make it a great week ahead.

A huge thanks also to David Norris-Clark who provided meat at a discounted rate for our post opening ceremony BBQ. Thank you Saint Johns Butchery, on Felton Mathew Ave.

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SPORTS UPDATE cont...

HAVE A GO CRICKET PROGRAMME

Last week Auckland University Cricket Club (AUCC) visited St Heliers School over two days to deliver their '2023 Have A Go Cricket programme.'

Our Year 1-3 students and Year 4-6 girls enjoyed a number of activities out on the turf which were aimed at improving hand eye coordination and general ball skills. In the words of the girls "the coaches made it fun for us, they got us warmed up, we got to play games, we were in groups with friends and got to try new things".

We would like to thank AUCC for returning to St Heliers School and giving our students the opportunity to learn new cricket skills - they always enjoy, and look forward to, these sessions.



AUCKLAND CHAMPS CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to our four Year 7&8 students who qualified for Auckland Champs Cross Country and represented the school at Eastern Zone. The event this year was held at the Pukekohe Showgrounds. Ruby A, Sam W, Lucie S, and Isla B, gave it their all on a tough and hilly course. They all ran incredibly well and had a successful day against the best of the best from across Auckland.

FAREWELL MRS McLEAN

It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Kellie McLean who will be leaving St Heliers School in her role as Year 7 teacher of Room 27 at the end of this term.

Kellie will be moving to Fiji in the near future after her husband recently secured a contract in the country. Kellie has worked in our school for the past two years and three terms. We know that it has been a difficult decision for Kellie as she really loves her class and working at St Heliers School.

We would like to thank Kellie for her dedication and commitment to teaching our Room 27 children. She embraced the opportunity to build warm and caring relationships with all the children and to further hone her teaching skills at the Year 7 level. She has done a great job of that, and we know the children and our staff will really miss her. We are sure that you will all want to wish her well with her future endeavours.

We are happy to report that from Monday 9th October, an experienced Year 7&8 teacher, Mrs Kristin Roscherr will become our Room 27 class teacher. She will introduce herself to the community in the first newsletter in Term 4.



PAKAKĒ (YEAR 5&6) SCHOOL SPEECHES

The Pakakē team (Year 5&6) began the term learning about speeches and then writing their own speeches based around the topic 'Kaitiakitanga - Guardianship'. Students came up with some great topics and ideas which they wrote into a speech. The students learnt their speeches and then presented them individually within their classrooms.

Two students were then selected from each classroom to present their speech in the school hall last week. Everyone was very impressed with the high level of presentation and delivery which always makes it challenging for the judges.

The following students placed 1st - Emma D, 2nd Archie N and 3rd Seira A. Emma will represent the Pakekē Team in the interschool Rehu Tai Festival. We wish her all the very best.



MATHEX

By Christie B

Our Kākahi teams had an amazing time at Mathex 2023. On the 24th of August, four highly skilled teams (two Year 7 and two Year 8) gathered at Barfoot and Thompson Stadium to compete in the annual maths competition, Mathex, a fierce battle for the title of the champions. Excitement was high as the Y7s stood behind the seats, anticipating the rush of the event ahead. Once we were very enthusiastically called to come down, 128 teams from all over Tamaki Makaurau flooded the stadium, finding their desks. We spotted our teams quickly, knowing they were going to be exceptional. They carefully listened to all the instructions, impatient to get started, but understanding their importance. The organisers of the event were very enthusiastic. This reflected on the students. The runners were lightning bolts, running to their marker and back in a matter of seconds. The stadium held their breath as they watched team after team, struggle, succeed, and keep going. Numbers were punched into calculators. Answers were written on paper. The runners held onto those slips to rush to their marker like their life depended on it. St Heliers School was one of the only ten teams to score 100 points within the given timeframe of thirty minutes. Congratulations were exchanged, and a high bar was set for the Y8 students left to compete. Most of them having been here before, tactics were being actively discussed throughout. Although the high scores remained unmatched (with the highest scoring team of St Heliers getting 70), frustration, excitement, pride and anticipation were all overcome by our Y8s, who emerged filled with adrenaline half an hour later. The runners seemed to run even faster than their younger counterparts: they were exhausted as they climbed up the stairs. St Heliers School teachers and Kākahi students had a phenomenal time at Mathex 2023, and look forward to coming back next year.



WELCOME TO ST HELIERS SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our new students who started at St Heliers School since the last newsletter: Oleg B, Lera B and Isa P.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Monday 11 September | EZ Basketball Y7&8 |
| Wednesday 13 September | Y3&4 Poetry Recital, school hall |
| Friday 15 September | Y5-8 Merit Assembly @ 2pm |
| Tuesday 19 September | Y5&6 Bay Suburbs Hockey Tournament |
| Wednesday 20 September | Māori Hui 5.30-6.30pm |
| Thursday 21 September | Term 4 New Entrant visit 8.30am-12.30pm |
| Friday 22 September | Excellence Assembly @2pm |
| | Last day of Term 3 school finishes @3pm |

| 2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Term 3 | 17 July—22 Sept. |
| Term 4 | 9 October—15 Dec. |

STAFF ONLY DAY
Tuesday 24 October 2023

TERM 3 ASSEMBLIES

| Date | Week | Event | Time |
|---------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
| Friday 15 September | 9 | Year 5-8 Merit Assembly | 2pm |
| Friday 22 September | 10 | Whole School Excellence Assembly | 2pm |

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Juniors: 5-8 Year Olds

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| Monday 25th September Kids In Action It's the first day of the holidays! Let's get moving! Come along for a day filled with challenges, games and much more. ONSITE \$40.00 | Tuesday 26th September Mystery & Magic Step inside the world of mystery and magic! Solve mysteries, become a detective and learn a new magic trick. ONSITE \$50.00 | Wednesday 27th September Kiwi Valley We're off to Kiwi Valley! Come along for a real life farming experience where you can feed the animals and much more. TRIP \$60.00 | Thursday 28th September Butterfly Creek We're off to Butterfly Creek! Explore the amazing animals up close & experience the entertaining attractions! TRIP \$60.00 | Friday 29th September Smarty Arty Come and show off your creative side! We will be using different colours and techniques to create wonderful art! ONSITE \$52.00 |
| Monday 2nd October Design, Build & Create Team up with your mates to compete in our challenges. It's all about speed, creativity & imagination! ONSITE ART \$52.00 | Tuesday 3rd October Wacky Wheels Bring along a set of wheels to tackle our challenge course! Heaps of other wheezy fun games too! NO HELMET = NO WHEELS ONSITE \$50.00 | Wednesday 4th October Rock Climbing Face your fears & scale new heights at Extreme Edge in Panmure. (A waiver will need to be completed). TRIP \$60.00 | Thursday 5th October Movie Madness We're off to the movies at Hoyts Mission Bay to watch Paw Patrol! Book now to secure your spot. TRIP \$60.00 | Friday 6th October Holiday Wrap Up! It's children's choice today! We will have games and activities for you to choose from to finish up your holidays! ONSITE \$50.00 |

Seniors: 9-13 Year Olds

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Location

Based at Glendowie Community Centre
7.30am - 6.00pm

Prices

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- Select 'Holiday Programme'.
- To book a session, choose Juniors or Seniors, then select book for 'Main Programme' and select which child/ren will attend that day.
- If you require care before 9.00am or after 3.00pm, you will need to book 'Before Care' or 'After Care'.

Please bring daily

- Morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle

Bookings

- Bookings can be made on or before the day of attendance however please note there are limited spaces available.
- You can select either the Junior or Senior session based on your child's age.

Payment/WINZ

- Payment is required at time of booking to be confirmed.
- WINZ forms need to be submitted when making your booking.
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When: Thursday 5th October 2023
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Cost: Koha

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