

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers Tēnā koutou katoa

If you had the opportunity to visit the St Heliers School Christmas Market in the hall yesterday you would have seen a large variety of stalls selling all sorts of things. A fantastic fundraiser which is largely the result of a lot of organising and hard work by Marisa Kyd, Andrea Woolley and Nicole Cooper along with the help of Victoria Harbinson on raffles and money. This is the last year at St Heliers School for Marisa, Andrea and Nicole so we are looking for parents who would like to help with organising next year's Christmas Market.

Unfortunately it is that time of the year when we must farewell some of our staff. Mr Adrian Young has taught at St Heliers School for the last nineteen years and been in education for the last thirty eight years. Sadly Adrian will be retiring at the end of the year, he certainly deserves a break and there are many things he and his wife have planned for the coming years. I thank Adrian from a huge number of children that he has made a difference to, both at St Heliers School and the other schools he has taught at.

Miss April Smith has been teaching in Year 3, Room 11 for the last 2 years. Sadly we will be farewelling April at the end of the year. Parents whose children have been in her class know what an amazing and committed teacher she is and the children know how special Miss Smith is. April gets to know her students really well and care about their progress and welfare. We wish April well next year as she takes up a teaching position at Diocesan School for Girls.

Miss Anita Minnaar arrived all the way from South Africa and took over Room 21 at the beginning of Term 3. I would like to thank Anita for taking over the class with only a little knowledge of how the New Zealand school system operates. Anita is joining St Thomas' School next year and we wish her all the best.

Mr Ben Christie, Year 8 teacher in Room 20 this year will be heading off on his OE next year and to also teach in the Middle-East. This is a great opportunity for Ben to see the world while seeing what it is like teaching abroad. Ben has been at St Heliers School for the last 3 years and has grown to be a very capable teacher. Ben is certainly leaving his mark on the school. We hope this is not the last we have seen of Mr Ben Christie at St Heliers. We wish him safe travels and exciting adventures ahead.

We have three new teachers joining the school next year and I look forward to introducing them to you in the New Year. They are very excited about starting at St Heliers School and I know they will fit perfectly into our team.

I would like to wish the Year 5&6 students a fantastic camp next week. Going at this time of year should be warmer and drier so the children get to participate on all of the activities. I am sure they will all enjoy themselves and display the school values at all times. Thank you to the parents who will be helping out at camp and I will see you out there if you are helping on the Year 6 camp in the first half of the week.

I do not think I need to tell parents that this is a very busy time for teachers and other staff at school with reports, classes to organise for next year, awards to be sorted and many events to be coordinated. Please understand that this is a pressure point for all schools and your patience and respect is greatly appreciated.

In the last newsletter of the year we will share the class and staff organisation for 2024.

Noho ora mai Sean Valvoi Principal

STUDENT PLACEMENTS 2024

At this time of the year, teachers have been organising classes for 2024. All current classes are split into next year's classes with teachers considering the following:

- Academic abilities of individuals and groups
- Style of next year's teachers
- Friendships
- Behaviour
- Gender balance
- Cultural mix

I would like to stress that although teachers consider friendships, it is not the overriding factor. The overriding factor is what is best for the learning of individuals and groups; therefore, children should not expect to be with their best friends every year. If your child is not in the same class as one of their friends and gets upset about this, it is important that you teach them about resilience in such situations; they will have the opportunity to get to know other children, make new friends, and continue existing friendship in the playground.

Please do not approach your child's class teacher to request a particular teacher for next year. It is simply not possible to do this, as we would not be able to meet everyone's requests. In addition, moving one child has a flow-on effect for other groups of children.

Class lists will be sent home on Wednesday 13th December and your child will have the opportunity to meet their 2024 teacher and classmates on Friday 15th December.

MATHEX

On November 16th 2023, a group of 16 students (two Year 5 and two Year 6 teams)competed in the Mathex competition held in Saint Kentigern Boys School auditorium. Each group had 4 team members where one was also a runner. The Year 5&6 teams had 30 minutes each to complete 20 math problems.

There was an intense and competitive atmosphere which made it even more interesting. It all went very well and we had fun but unfortunately none of our teams placed. The host was constantly keeping us up to date on the microphone with the scores.

We competed against eighteen Year 5 teams and sixteen Year 6 teams. To prepare all of the St Heliers competitors, we came to a weekly practice on a Thursday lunch in Term 3 and Term 4. Without our coach/teacher Miss Franklin, we would not have been able to get the best out of this experience. A huge thank you to our supporters watching from the sideline as well.

By Zara C, Aanya DR, Toby C and Poppy Thomas

YEAR 5 MATHEX TEAM



YEAR 6 MATHEX TEAM



TEREHU'S (Year 0-1) INQUIRY UNIT ON TOYS

On Wednesday 22nd November the Year 0-1 classes were treated to a talk by Phil, a friend of Mrs Hills who is also a grandfather to the Harbin boys who have been students at St Heliers School over the past 20 years. Phil makes wooden toys out of recycled wood and he brought along a selection





of them to share with the students. They were fascinated when he told them he didn't use nails. The toys had no batteries and there was not a scrap of plastic in sight. His visit fitted in perfectly with Terehu's Inquiry unit on toys.

MANDARIN UPDATE

In the past few weeks, students have delved into the rich tapestry of China's animal zodiac signs. For the senior students, a highlight of the topic was the creation of stunning zodiac posters. Armed with curiosity and creativity, these students embarked on a journey of research, sourcing information about the characteristics and significance of each zodiac animal. The result was a series of visually striking posters that adorned the classroom walls, showcasing both the students' artistic talents and their newfound knowledge of the Chinese zodiac. Meanwhile, the junior students were equally enchanted by the theme. They enthusiastically participated in crafting vibrant zodiac bookmarks.

Y7-8 students had the unique opportunity to explore traditional Chinese arts such as calligraphy and Chinese painting. Armed with ink brushes, they experienced the ancient art of calligraphy on delicate rice paper.

Lou Laoshi (娄老师)



















MOTAT TEREHU (YEAR 2)

On Tuesday, 28 November, the Year 2 children went for a visit to MOTAT to further our Term 4 study of toys. We have been finding out about toys of the past and how our parents and grandparents used them. MOTAT has a very comprehensive collection of very old toys which we could learn about and play with. It has been a very interesting study for us to find out how many toys were used without batteries.

"I loved the Jack-in-the-box" - Chloe P.
"I wonder how that works?" - Thomas S.

While we were there we were able to take in some of the

other educational displays of transport and technology at the museum. The children were able to sit in the seat of a helicopter, a car and old plane. They also were able to enjoy an interactive

display of telephones from the past.





For some of the children it was their first visit to MOTAT and we were able to travel between the educator's classroom in the Aviation Hall in Meola Road to the main MOTAT museum by tram, which was one of the highlights of our trip.

The Year 0-1 children have also experienced the same adventure as we did this week and we know they had a great time interacting with all of the displays at MOTAT just as we did!



CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas Market was a fantastic success. Thank you to the organisers Marisa, Andrea, Nicole and all those who helped out. Thank you to parents who provided baking, Jolly jars and other goods. Thanks to the stall holders, staff, board and the choir for their wonderful singing. It was a lovely event which not only was a good fundraiser but also brought the community together.



SCHOOL DISCO

The children had a a wonderful time at the Discos on Friday night last week. Thank you to all the staff for organising the event, to those who really got into the spirit of the night and the parents who helped out.

















SPORTS UPDATE

BAY SUBURBS ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, 21st of November, Saint Heliers School sent thirty Year 5&6 students to Glover Park to compete in Bay Suburbs Athletics. The field events were high jump, shot put, long jump and discus. The track events were 100, 200, 400 and 800m sprints and school relays. St Heliers School achieved impressive results all round!

Year 6

Reuben H: 1st in 100m, high jump, long jump, shot put

Hayley W: 1st in 100, 200 and 800m sprints and 2nd in 400m sprint

Lauren W: 2nd in high jump Agnes JB: 1st in shotput

Isshi F: 3rd in high jump and shot put

Boys relay team: 1st place (Diego R, Baxter B, Archie N, Reuben H) Girls relay team: 1st place (Hayley W, Agnes JB, Megan, Alice McD)

Year 5

Fatai T: 1st in High jump Sofie R: 2nd 100m Seira A: 3nd Shotput

Max E: 1st 400m sprint and 3rd 800m sprint

Year 5 Boys Relay team: 2nd (Max E, Joel J, Fletcher S, Ethan D) Year 5 Girls Relay Team: 3rd (Sofie R, Emma D, Avery McC, Fatai T)



Everyone had an enjoyable day and showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to the teachers and parent helpers for transporting us and for the support you gave us throughout the day. We greatly appreciate you! By Lauren, Bella and Alice (Room 23)



Swished On Basketball School Holiday Programmes! Dec 2023 & Jan 2024

VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRNXIF9UUL4

REGISTRATION BELOW:

Remuera (Dec): https://forms.gle/ZiYA7u8EmyZg7dYV6

Glendowie (Dec & Jan): https://forms.gle/sNeF5E1T6R81XA3M9

Email thrive@swishedon.basketball with any questions!

SPORTS UPDATE continued

EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

We had some excellent results at Eastern Zone Athletics on Thursday. The following students have qualified to represent the EZ at AAIMS (Auckland Association Intermediate & Middle Schooling) this Thursday at Mt Smart.

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Team Name	Event Code	Event Division
Homik	Kova	F	St Heliers	400	7
Blair	Isla	F	St Heliers	1500	7
Dunbar	Ruby	F	St Heliers	Long Jump	7
Farnell	Tabitha	F	St Heliers	Discus	7
Handy	Eve	F	St Heliers	100	8
Abbott	Ruby	F	St Heliers	400	8
Sudoma	Lucie	F	St Heliers	1500	8
Handy	Eve	F	St Heliers	Long Jump	8
Whiteman	Sam	М	St Heliers	800	8
Handy	Eve	F	St Heliers	Relay	8
Sudoma	Lucie	F	St Heliers	Relay	8
Chadwick	Charlotte	F	St Heliers	Relay	8
Mumini	Beren	F	St Heliers	Relay	8



International Experience available to your school Cricket Team!

Are you or your team members looking for additional coaching over the cricket season or during the school holidays?

SNLCC has some very talented international coaches/players available, to give specialist coaching. We are happy to offer two options.

1 on 1's at \$50 per hour.

Pod training, a maximum of 4 players for 90 mins - \$125

These fees include use of the Indoor training facility at Ken Maunder Park. New Lynn – full run up, newly re-laid artificial turf, 5 nets.

Or the training could take place in school training facilities, but a travel/petrol fee would apply.

The coaches would also be happy to tailor a programme if you had any other requirements.

 ${\bf Email\ manager@suburbsnewlynncricket.com\ to\ book.}$

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

2023 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all the families that responded to our Health and Physical Education Survey. This will be shared with our Leadership Team for planning for Health and PE 2024.

From the Health and PE Curriculum, rate how well St Heliers School implements the seven key learning areas with 1 being the strongest to 7 being the weakest.

62% of respondents rated Mental Health as being well implemented at St Heliers School 5% of respondents felt Mental Health was poorly implemented

47% of respondents rated Sexuality Education as being well implemented at St Heliers School 9% of respondents rated Sexuality Education as being poorly implemented

52% of respondents rated Food and Nutrition as being well implemented at St Heliers School 7% of respondents rated Food and Nutrition as being poorly implemented

64% of respondents rated Body Care and Physical Safety as being well implemented at St Heliers School

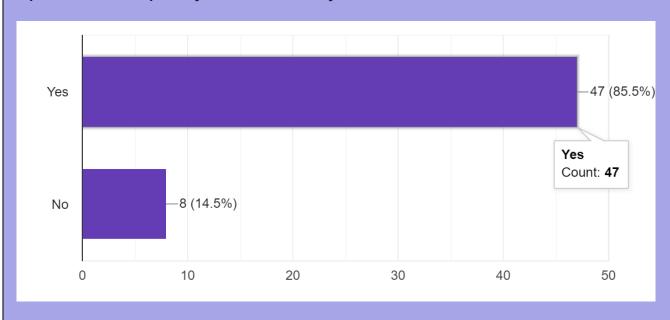
5% of respondents rated Body Care and Physical Safety as being poorly implemented

76% of respondents rated Physical Activity as being well implemented at St Heliers School 5% of respondents rated Physical Activity as being poorly implemented

65% of respondents rated Sports Studies rated as being well implemented at St Heliers School 13% of respondents rated Sports Studies as being poorly implemented

66% of respondents rated Outdoor Education as being well implemented at St Heliers School 7% of respondents rated Outdoor Education as being poorly implemented

Does the St Heliers School Health and Physical Education overview cover all seven learning aspects across the primary and intermediate years?



CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

2023 ENGAGING WITH OUR SHS ASIAN PARENTS SURVEY SUMMARY

Thank you to our Asian family community for responding to our Term 4 survey. We are pleased to say that thirty-six families shared their thoughts and aspirations for their child/ren.

What their child/ren like about our school

94.4% value their friends

88.9% value learning

83.3% value their teachers

What enhances strength, pride and identity of their child/ren

- Sharing their culture with others
- Encouragement and acceptance by teachers and peers
- A sense of belonging and inclusion

What diminishes strength, pride and identity of their child/ren

Most respondents reported 'Nothing'

Does your child get the opportunity to share and celebrate their culture?

88.9% of children have opportunities to share

Things we do well at SHS

86.1% Ensuring that my child is made to feel happy and included

75% Reporting on my child's progress and achievement

72.2% Family are made to feel welcome at SHS

66.7% Child receives a high calibre of teaching and learning

Improvements needed at SHS

50% Children understanding where they are at and their next learning steps 33.3% Ensure that children are made to feel happy and included

Ways that parents help their child/ren to learn

- Extra homework and tutoring provided
- Learning together
- Time for reinforcing learning
- Promoting independence

Skills or outcomes desired for their child/ren

- Confidence
- Literacy and numeracy skills

Overall, does St Heliers School meet your expectations?

91.7% Yes

Other Comments

St Heliers has a strong inclusive culture which embraces diversity and global differences. It is great that our child does not feel "different" which fosters a positive environment for learning.

We are absolutely blessed to be part of a school community where there is no exclusivity and we definitely feel safe. We are extremely grateful.

Brought to you by the SHS Student Leaders



Bring a gold coin to help buy gifts for children who have nothing to open on Christmas

Wear christmas themed clothes

Wednesday 13th of December



UNIFORM SHOP

There will be a slight revision of our school uniform prices effective 2024.

We have been absorbing price increases from our suppliers since 2018.

The new price list is available on the school website.

The Back To School Sale will be held in the school hall on Monday, 5th February 2024 from 9am to 12pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1 December Citizenship Assembly @ 2pm

Y7&8 Senior Choir performing at The Helier Retirement Village

Monday 4 December Y6 Camp Carey Park

Y0-2 Fun Athletics Morning (9.00am-10.40am)

Y3-4 Fun Athletics Morning (11.10-12.40pm)

Wednesday 6 December Y5 Camp Carey Park

Paikea Y3&4 Beach day (12.45-2.45pm)

Thursday 7 December Y7 Tennis Fun Day

Friday 8 December Excellence Assembly @2pm

Monday 11 December Y8 Beach Day

Tuesday 12 December Distinction Assembly @1pm

Wednesday 13 December Christmas themed Be Yourself Day - Gold coin donation

We have included the STAFF ONLY DAYS FOR 2024 TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR PLANNING.

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 (King's Birthday 3 June, Matariki 28 June)

(STAFF ONLY DAY FRIDAY 31 MAY)

Term 4

Term 3 (10 Weeks) Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 (10 Weeks) Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December (Labour Day 28 October)

(STAFF ONLY DAY TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER)

2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

9 October—15 Dec.

TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES

Date	Week	Event	Time
Friday 1 December	8	WHOLE SCHOLE CITIZENSHIP ASSEMBLY (and Year 5 Excellence Certificates)	2pm
Friday 8 December	9	WHOLE SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY	2pm
Tuesday 12 December	10	WHOLE SCHOOL DISTINCTION ASSEMBLY	1PM
Thursday 14 December	10	YEAR 8 GRADUATION	6РМ

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

We have been thinking of how we can help families who don't have a lot of money to spend at Christmas time. Some people can barely afford food, let alone toothbrushes, soap and other basic items. We came up with the idea of Santa's Shoebox, a box filled with some practical items and some treats. The things we suggest are: a bar of soap, 2 non-electric toothbrushes, a tube of toothpaste, some coloured pencils, a pack of normal pencils, a few pens, an eraser, a sharpener, a simple card game, a face cloth and some long lasting lollies, like fruit burst. You can add other things of course! We're asking families to spend no more than \$35 and to cover their shoebox in Christmas paper. The final touch is a handmade Christmas card.

If you can help, please deliver your Santa shoebox to your child's classroom teacher. We will be delivering the shoeboxes around Auckland in December. Thank you for your support and we hope you have fun making your Santa's Shoebox!

Caitlin S, Francisca A, Seren H, Sophia W, Xiran Z - Room 26 students



























UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!!

Skill Development | Social Development | Fun Actvities Small-sided games | Individual Challenges + Prizes!

DATES: 18.19.20th December LOCATION: Pinehurst School, 75 Bush Road, Albany

more info and sign up: www.topcornerkids.co.nz





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Age: 8–12 y.o.

FilmKids

3 DAY CREATIVE HOLIDAY LAB

18.19.20 December

9:30am-3pm

109 Tarawera Terrace, St.Heliers

0212454549

dashavolga@hotmail.com





JOURNEY THROUGH TIME & SPACE



DEC - JAN LEGO® STEAM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 18 Dec - 26 Jan



Locations
7 Harrison Rd , Ellerslie
197 Riddell Road, Glendowie
(Glendowie only available in January)



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- acting skills
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Register here for term 1 lessons, beginning Tuesday 13 February 2024. Term fees are \$250 for group lessons with 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Shine also offers exam lessons for students enrolled in SpeechNZ or Trinity College exams. These lessons are small groups of 4, with 8 lessons guaranteed per term. Term fees are \$310 per team. Sibling discount of 10% for any siblings enrolling (excluding exam lessons).

Any questions please don't hesitate to email or call Nina on nina@shine.school.nz or 021-160 9197



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Everybody Deserves to Smile This Christmas

We are supporting **Starship Children's Hospital**, because everyone should receive a gift this Christmas.

We are reaching out to the community asking for donations of new toys (unwrapped), 1-12 years age groups.

Plush/soft toys, puzzles, board games, activity sets, lego & building blocks, art & crafts sets, etc.

Drop a present into any of our 6 offices by Friday, 8th December and we'll make sure it gets to a deserving child.

Ray White St Heliers

10 Polygon Rd

Ray White Mission Bay

33-35 Tamaki Dr

Ray White Eastridge

224 Kepa Rd

Ray White Kohimarama

5 Averill Ave

Ray White Stonefields

63 Lunn Ave

Ray White Greenlane

139 Great Sth Rd







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Ray White St Heliers

10 Polygon Rd 33-35 Tamaki Dr

Ray White

Mission Bay

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St Heliers Glendowie **Community Centre**

15th - 22nd December 2023 & 15th January - 5th February 2024 7.30am - 6.00pm

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Enquiries

09 530 9020 admin@bizzybodz.co.nz 021 837 031 (Programme direct dial)

8th - 12th Jan **Programme** avalible at our East **Auckland Programme**

Wednesday 20th Dec

Crazy

Carnival!

oil up to the Bizzy Bodz azy Carnival Challenge urself with our fun-filled carnival games.

We wish uou a safe and happy Christmas & **New Year!**

Thursday 21st Dec

Backyard

Bonanza

Come along and enjoy a day filled with backyard games, crafts, and some tasty treats!

Last Dau Chill Zone!

A programme will run from the end of school as a 'special day' with Aftercare running as per usual from 3pm.

'SPECIAL DAY' \$20.00 Friday 22nd Dec

Xmas Party!

Schools Out!

Monday 18th Dec

ONSITE 550.00

Monday 15th Jan

Sweet Tooth

ONSITE \$50.00

Tuesday 19th Dec

Minute to win it

ONSITE \$50.00

Auckland Zoo

Water Wars

ONSITE \$50.00

ONSITE \$50.00 Games Galore

Come and join us for a day filled with indoor and outdoor games. There will be plenty of games to choose from!

ONSITE 550.00

Friday 19th Jan

ONSITE \$50.00

TRIP \$60.00

Wheels Day

ONSITE \$50.00

Tuesday 23rd jan Top Town

Join us for a day filled with fun on the field ⊕ Elm Park Primary. There will be races, outrageous obstade courses, sports & heaps more fun!

TRIP \$60.00

Maraetai Beach

We are off to Maraetai Beach! Join us for our sandcastle competitions, beach games and a dip in the ocean!

Movies

Chill out at the movies in Mission Bey with your metes today and watch Migration. Spaces are limited, so book quickly!

TRIP \$60.00

Friday 26th Jan

Wet 'n' Wild

ONSITE \$50.00

Monday 29th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day

Playful Prints

ONSITE \$54.00

Wednesday 31st Jan Park Day

Join us for a fun day out at the local park! There will be plenty of fun games to challenge your friends in!

TRIP \$60.00

Thursday 1st Feb Extravaganza

Friday 2nd Feb Kiwiana

Come along and celebrate the kiwi summer! There will be loads of games, a BBQ, and some ice cream!

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End of Summer Party

It's children's choice today! We will have plenty of games and activities for you to choose from.

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Please bring a hat, drink bottle and lunch with you everyday!

Location

Based at Glendowie Community Centre 7.30am - 6.00pm

7.30am - 9.00am \$10.00 9.00am - 3.00pm see above 3.00pm - 4.30pm \$12.00 3.00pm - 6.00pm \$15.00

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How to book

Visit bit22yood2.aimyprus.com of register/login or visit our website. Once you have registered and have an account for your child. Select 'Make a Booking'. Ensure your child's name is selected & select Bizzy Bodz St Heliers 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

- Lunch and a drink bottle
- Sun hat and sunblock
- Togs and a towel

Holiday Bookings

Bookings can be made on or before the day of attendance however please note there are limited spaces available

Important info

- · Payment is required at time of booking to be confirmed
- · WINZ forms need to be submitted when making your booking. A 25% deposit is required to secure your booking.

