



Newsletter

Issue 1
Thursday 9 February 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

I hope you all had an enjoyable long weekend for Waitangi Day. It was nice to see some fine weather over the weekend.

I would like to say how nice it was to see families returning to school both on Friday last week and Tuesday this week. The children all looked very happy to be returning to school and have settled into their new classes extremely well. After the stalled start due to the terrible Auckland flood we are now well into the routine of school. As devastating as it was, it has been a much smoother start to the year than it was last year when parents were not able to enter the school and masking made it hard to identify children.

I would like to warmly welcome our new families to St Heliers School. We have many children in Year 1 who have just started school, families who have moved into the area and their children have started across the whole school. As well, we welcome our International Students who come to New Zealand with their family and usually stay for the year. On Thursday 2 March we have a special morning tea for new families starting this year. The Senior Leadership Team will be hosting this and it is a lovely opportunity to meet other families, find out a little more about the school and ask any questions you have. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

I would also like to welcome our new teachers; Mrs Alison Copeland who is teaching Year 7 in Room 18, Miss Allegra Scales, also teaching Year 7 in Room 19, Mrs Kiley Gillingham, teaching Year 6 in Room 23 and Melanie Mosmen, teaching Year 5 in Room 21. They are already saying how much they are enjoying their new classes.

I am delighted to welcome Lou Yanyan (known to the children as Lou laoshi) from China who is our Mandarin Language Assistant (MLA) for the whole year. She is being hosted by one of our lovely school families, the Paul family. Yanyan will be teaching Mandarin for the whole year from Year 1 through to Year 8.

Miss Katie Gormley also started this week as our specialist Science Teacher. From next week every class in Year 7 and 8 will have a block of science every week. This is a new initiative and we know the children will benefit greatly from it. Katie will be working in conjunction with the class teacher so that the science can compliment the inquiry being undertaken in class. This year, Year 7&8 students will continue with technology at Selwyn College, they will all attend on a Monday,

You will know by now that your child belongs to a team of 6 or 7 classes covering 2 Year levels. This is different from last year where the team only comprised of 3 or 4 classes. Rather than calling the teams by their year level we wanted to come up with a name for the teams. I will be announcing the common theme to the children at the morning assemblies next week and you will be able to ask them what it is. From there we will need the children's help to decide the individual names for each of the four teams.

Noho ora mai
Sean Valvoi
Principal



STAFF 2023 Term 1

Principal	Mr Sean Valvoi
Deputy Principal	Mrs Patsy Torrie
Deputy Principal	Mrs Alex Wood

Year Room Teacher

1	3	Mrs Helen Banks	
1	2	Mrs Jackie Lyon	Team Leader Y0-2
1	7	Mrs Sue Cran	
1	8	Ms Claire Smith	
2	4	Mrs Kate Abela	
2	5	Mrs Linda Bartlam	Team Leader Y0-2
2	6	Miss Gemma Lynex	
3	11	Miss April Smith	
3	12	Mrs Brittany Abrahams	
3	17	Mrs Louise Morton	
4	16	Mrs Cathy Preston	
4	10	Mrs Sherine Hall	
4	13	Miss Sarah Mill	Team Leader Y3&4
5	24	Mr Adrian Young	
5	25	Miss Catherine Jackson & Mrs Pauline Munro	Team Leader Y5&6
5	21	Miss Melanie Momsen	
6	22	Miss Lizanne Franklin	Team Leader Y5&6
6	23	Mrs Kiley Gillingham	
6	26	Mrs Julie Oakford	
7	18	Mrs Alison Copeland	
7	19	Miss Allegra Scales	
7	27	Mrs Kellie McLean	
8	14	Mrs Kerry Herbert	
8	15	Mrs Lisa Ward	Team Leader Y7&8
8	20	Mr Ben Christie	

ESOL Teachers & International Student Manager

Mrs Jan Bryant	ESOL Co-ordinator & Teacher
Mrs Kate Hawkins	International Student Manager & Resource Manager

Specialist & Part Time Teachers

Miss Yanyan Lou	Mandarin Language Assistant
Miss Kelly Blok	Reading Recovery
Miss Katie Gormley	Science Specialist (Tues/Wednesday)
Mrs Odie Johnson	
Mrs Pene Weipers	
Mrs Sharron Buer	Learning Support Coordinator

Support Staff

Mrs Tara King	Secretary
Mrs Raewyn Cozens	Secretary
Mrs Philippa van Ryn	Executive Officer
Mrs Mary Hoff	Uniform Shop Manager & Financial Assistant
Ms Jenny Howie	Librarian & Learning Assistant
Jeffrey Burke	IT Support (Wednesday only)
Mrs Nicola Gray	Sports Co-ordinator
Mr Billy Shoer	Caretaker

Learning Assistants

Mrs Ambi Siva
Mrs Joanne Rennie
Mrs Joanna Macdonald
Mrs Marjon Gerson
Mrs Robyn Hope
Ms Sarah Olphert

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023

KOWHAI

Lucy S Sam W

WHERO

Eve K Lewis I

KIKORANGI

Felix H D'Arcy L

KAKARIKI

Alex M Mila L

Well done to the Year 8 students selected to be House Captains for 2023. Mr Christie will be the teacher in charge of House Captains this year.



STAFF WELCOMES

We are delighted to welcome these staff to the school community. They have each written something to tell you a little more about them.

MISS ALLEGRA SCALES



Kia ora. My name is Allegra Scales and I am in Room 19 with a wonderful Year 7 class this year.

At the end of 2021, I moved to New Zealand from London. I am a UK/NZ dual national as my Dad is originally from Dunedin. My partner and I are over the moon to be here in Auckland and we've loved discovering the city and the North Island over this past year.

I completed my BA in English Literature at the University of Warwick and my MA in Creative Writing at the University of Royal Holloway, London. Between these, I taught English in Hanoi, Vietnam for three years. I have also been tutoring A-Level English and History for the past four years.

I'm so excited to be starting my primary teaching career at St Heliers School and I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

MRS ALISON COPELAND

Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofalahi atu, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Kia Orana, Salaam, Sawatdi, Hola, Ni Hao, Mingala ba.

My name is Alison Copeland and this year I have the pleasure of working as the kaiko with the ākonga in Room 18.

I have lived in the St Heliers area since emigrating from the United Kingdom in 2010. Both my children, Harry and George have very fond memories of their time at St Heliers School.

For many years I have been a Deputy Principal, then in 2022 I took the decision to take a sabbatical and reconnect with whanau overseas. On my return I took up day to day relieving and I was able to work at St Heliers School in the Intermediate and Year 5 and 6 classes.

My qualities as a kaiako include my strong, culturally appropriate, and respectful ako relationship with Ākonga and hoa mahi, effective classroom pedagogy and in depth knowledge of the New Zealand Curriculum.

When I am not at work I enjoy watching movies, going to live music events, theatre, art galleries and checking out restaurants.

I value open and honest communication, and I look forward to getting to meet and know you all in 2023.



Melanie Momsen

Hello, my name is Melanie Momsen and I will be teaching a Year 5 class in Room 21. I am originally from Cape Town, South Africa and have been living in New Zealand for the last 4 years. I have taught a range of age groups from Year 0 to Year 6 and look forward to joining the incredible St Heliers School community as a member of the Year 5 / 6 Team.

I have a love for literacy, maths and being creative. I have taught at schools in South Africa, South Korea and New Zealand and really appreciate the diversity and uniqueness of every learning experience life gives us.

Outside of school I enjoy exploring new places, being in nature and spending quality time with family, friends and animals!

I look forward to meeting you throughout the year! :)



MRS KILEY GILLINGHAM

Kia ora everyone,

My name is Kiley Gillingham, and I'm thrilled to be working at St. Heliers School this year teaching Year 6. Both of my children attend St. Heliers School, and I have always been impressed by the school's efforts and love for their students. Raised in Los Angeles and married to a kiwi, we agreed this would be the best place to raise our children, and we've chosen well.

I have taught in America, China for a brief stint, England and this will be my 8th year teaching in New Zealand. I hope to bring international knowledge to our school, and I'll continue to learn from the extraordinary staff here.

I've always had a love of literacy, but also love teaching ways to "feel" maths. I enjoy the buzz in the air while teaching science and how deeply students can reflect on history. Outside of the classroom, I love exploring the Hauraki Gulf with my family and getting involved in water sports, finding new adventures around NZ, taking my kids to sports and activities, walking my silly dog and snuggling my wise cat, finding time to stay connected to friends, watching the Lakers when possible, seeking out horses anywhere I can find them, reading and traveling. I am fortunate to know so many lovely families here already, and look forward to meeting the rest!



INTRODUCING OUR MANDARIN LANGUAGE ASSISTANT - MISS LOU YANYAN

Ni hao!

My name is Lou Yanyan, Lou is my surname and Yanyan is my first name. I am pleased to be working at St. Heliers School this year as a Mandarin Language Assistant (MLA). I will be teaching Mandarin for 40 minutes in Years 1 to 8 each week.

I am a postgraduate, majoring in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages in Shanghai Jiao Tong University and I am carrying out my internship here at St Heliers School.

I am very happy to stay with James, Lottie, Jack Paul, and their parents. They have made me feel very welcomed.

Outside of the classroom, I really love to travel and explore new places. I plan to visit many parts of New Zealand. I also enjoy singing, especially modern Chinese songs and I hope to teach some of these to the children. I like trying different cuisines as I love eating delicious food.



Welcome to Scholastic Book club 2023. Children will have the opportunity to bring home the bigger and more sustainable format, Book Club News, twice a term where you are able to purchase books should you wish to do so. Miss Franklin in Y6 is the school Scholastic Coordinator. All purchases of books must be ordered online please. Some benefits of Book club:

- Age appropriate titles
- Value for money
- Books are priced as low as \$3

Rewards go back to the school to buy more books and educational resources

To find out more information online www.scholastic.co.nz



SPORTS UPDATE

Weet-bix Tryathlon 2023

The Weetbix Tryathlon has been postponed due to the water quality at Auckland beaches following the floods.

It is now Sunday 26th March 2023.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER—MAKE SURE YOU ADD YOURSELF TO THE ST HELIERS SCHOOL TEAM ON THE ENROLMENT FORM

This is a wonderful opportunity for children aged 7 -15 to experience what it feels like to swim, bike, and run toward the finish line. It's not about being the fastest and best, but about the joy and pride we can find in physical activity and pushing ourselves to achieve a goal.



There is also a 'splash and dash' event for 6 year olds which includes the swim and run only.

St Heliers School has always had a big team participating in this event, and it will definitely be a memorable morning for our athletes and their families.

Enrol now and be sure to add yourself to the St Heliers School Team on the enrolment form.

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/central-east-auckland/>

I will offer training sessions leading up to race day to have the children feeling confident, comfortable and excited. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kathy Harding

Running Club Coach and Board Chair

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St Heliers School Swimming Sports - Years 5-8

Years 5-6 Wednesday 8 March 9.30am -2.30pm

Years 7-8 Friday 10 March 9.30am -2.30pm

We are looking forward to holding our annual school swimming sports for Years 5-8 at Glen Innes Pool and Leisure Centre. More will be communicated over the coming weeks, however we are now looking for parent helpers to assist with timing. If you can help please email Nicola Gray at nicolag@stheliers.school.nz with the day you are available.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Janine Cosgrove, Dante M and his grandmother for helping out at the 'Garden Bee' on 18 January, and to Brett Dobson, Orla Kennedy, Katie McNally, Helen Wallwork, Richard Moxon, teachers and the children who helped out at the 'Working Bee' last Thursday. A great job by everyone!

LOST PROPERTY

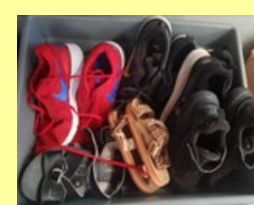
For those of you who do not know, we house our 'Lost Property' in the school hall. Believe it or not, we have a vast array of items which I would like to be returned to the rightful owners.

Last term, we displayed these items to the children but they did not claim what remains on our racks. If you recognise anything in the photos, please come and collect them as soon as possible.

This is also a timely reminder that if all items are named, we can quickly return them to your child.

Thank you

Patsy Torrie Deputy Principal



MEET THE TEACHER EVENING 2023

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 5PM—6.45PM

Meet the Teacher Evening is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. This year will be a little different from previous years. This year your child will join you when you visit the class. We want you to be able to visit the classes for all your children so this year the teacher won't be standing in front to talk, rather he or she will be introduced by your child when you choose to go to the class. All the information needed about the class will be given as a handout, be in the class newsletter or provided electronically. We want this to be a fun evening so if you want to talk to your child's teacher about your child then another time can be arranged for this.

5pm –5.45pm

Visit all the teachers and classes of all your children with your child.

5.50pm—6.10pm

Make your way down to the Endeavour block where Mr Valvoi, School Principal, will speak and introduce the teachers.

6.10pm—6.40pm

House Captains will be running games for the children, parents and teachers on the large field and basketball court.

6.40pm

The evening will conclude with a tug of war on the large field.

5pm—6.45pm

There will be a sausage sizzle on the hard court area near the tuck shop. This will be \$2 each. Please no food on the turf.



Senior Leadership Team will be running the BBQ and welcome any extra pair of hands on the night.



WELCOME TO ST HELIERS SCHOOL

We would like to welcome all the students who have started at St Heliers School since the beginning

Year 7 and 8



Year 5 and 6



Year 3 and 4



Year 1 and 2



TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 24 April

The Ministry of Education has given all schools in New Zealand permission to take have a Teacher Only Day to help with professional learning for teachers of the New Zealand Refreshed Curriculum.

We are required to take this day in the first two weeks of Term 2.

Term 2 starts on Monday 24 April and on 25 April there is no school as it is ANZAC Day. We have decided, to make it easier for families, that Monday 24 April will be a Teacher Only Day, so effectively Term 2 starts for children on Wednesday 26 April.

We have also been told that we will also have a Teacher Only Day in the second half of the year. The dates when this can be taken have not yet been provided.

TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES

Year 5—8 Merit Awards Assembly	Friday 3 March	2pm
Year 1—4 Merit Awards Assembly	Friday 17 March	2pm
Whole School Citizenship Awards Assembly	Friday 24 March	2pm
Whole School Excellence Awards Assembly	Thursday 30 March	2pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15 Feb	Y5&6 Tiritiri Matangi Trip
Thursday 16 Feb	Y5&6 Tiritiri Matangi Trip
Friday 17 Feb	Y5&6 Tiritiri Matangi Trip
Monday 20 February	Dental Van visiting school until 3 March
Tuesday 21 Feb	Meet The Teacher Evening
Tuesday 28 February	Musiqhub 'Have a Go' morning @ 8.15am in the Dance & Drama Rm
Thursday 2 March	Midterm Cohort preschool visit 8.30am-12.40pm New Parent Information Morning @9.00am

2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Term 1	1 February—6 April
Term 2	24 April—30 June
Term 3	17 July—22 September
Term 4	9 October—15 December



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We are excited to get basketball started this term.

*This year, Youth Basketball New Zealand (YBNZ) will be rebranding to - **Swished On**.*

More of this will be released through of website and social media platforms which you will all be shared on soon. Along with the new brand we will also be utilizing Hero as a management platform for all of our operations. Some of you may be familiar with Hero through your school. For those of you who are brand new to it however, here are some benefits...

- *Booking information (School Programme, Club Programme, Holiday Programme & Competitions)*
- *Online Finance (which includes payment and credit);*
- *Attendance keeping;*
- *Basketball Skills Progression;*
- *Photo/Video Training update from the coaches;*
- *Easy contact with staff/coaches;*
- *Easy to see each sibling's information.*

Use of the HERO Community Feed to stay up to date!

There will be plenty of supporting material to help guide you and your children through Hero. It will take their basketball development at home and on the court to a new level!

*Term 1 St Helier School **Year 5 -8** Basketball Session Info:*

- *Week 3 (14th Feb) - Week 10 (4th Apr);*
- *Tuesday Lunchtime 12:45 pm - 1:25 pm;*
- *Term Fee: **\$72** (8 sessions);*

*Hero Annual Fee: **\$35** (per year);*

1 Enrolment steps:

*Please click the enrol link: <https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/SwishedOn>. Fill up the form for each player, choose the school programme, **and/or** club time and year you would like to book for your child.*

*1. Each player will need to pay **\$107** to enrol in HERO(Year) and Term 1, Please transfer the money to our bank account: 02-0108-0531348-000 (Reference - "**Child's Full Name + SHS**", example James Smith SHS);*

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