



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and school holiday if you managed to get time off from work. It was nice to see most of the children back on the first day of the term last Wednesday and it was great to hear about all the interesting things the children have been doing. Some attended competitions in their chosen sport, while others went away to a holiday destinations with their families and others learnt a new skill.

A huge welcome all our new families to the school community. We had 21 new students starting on the first day of term. Ten of those children had their very first day of school as 5 year olds. They are in a new class, Room 1, and their teacher is Mrs Katrina Barber. Mrs Barber is new to St Heliers School and we are delighted that she has joined us.

It is that time during the change of season when we often see colds and the flu appearing. As children have to stay inside more during the wet days, such as those we have been experiencing this week, classrooms become efficient incubators for colds and the like. You can help stop the spread of cold and flu by keeping your children at home if they have symptoms. Although the temperature has not cooled during the day yet, I expect us to experience single digits any week now.

Understandably we are seeing a lot more cars making school drop off and pick ups on wet days. This week I reminded the younger children to get out on the footpath side. Please do not double park to let your child/ren in or out, as this can be dangerous. Please park properly, even if this does mean an extra two minute walk. We ask children to use the crossing on Walmsley Road and the crossings at the traffic lights. We also ask that you use the crossings with your children. We want to model safe behaviour to the children and sometimes other children will even follow behind a parent crossing.

Thank you to those parents who have been filling in the Student Leave Request Forms. This process ensures everyone knows when your child will be away from school and when they will be returning.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend some after hours events this term. Most will still go ahead while others will need to be deferred. You can see the reason for this on the next page. Our Pasifika Fono will now be Term 3, but in the meantime we will be asking pasifika families their preferred time and date to meet. Teachers have received another offer from the Ministry of Education and they will be voting on whether to accept this shortly.

I know that all the teachers and children are looking forward to an exciting term over the next 2 months and I look forward to meeting our new students and families.

Noho ora mai
Sean Valvoi
Principal

Collective Statement from Principals

You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI TE Riu Roa members have voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit work hours. We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations.

We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time. Our day-to-day work to do this will continue, but we will no longer be working with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us.

We will continue to meet with our boards.

We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays. This includes sending or receiving digital communications. We also will not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays.

We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.

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.

Register Now!

www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/



DATES SET

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

WELCOME MRS BARBER

Hello, my name is Katrina Barber and I have previously taught at Remuera Primary and Orakei Primary. I have a special interest in teaching New Entrants and am a passionate junior school teacher having taught in Years 0 - 2. It is a great privilege to meet children at the beginning of their learning journey as they take the first steps to becoming confident learners. I enjoy creating a safe and nurturing environment where children can take risks and develop a love of learning.

Prior to my teaching career, I worked as a social worker and counsellor, which has given me a unique perspective in understanding the diverse needs of children and families.

Andrew and I have three grown up children and have lived locally for the last 20 years. We love our seaside suburb and when I'm not at school I can be found swimming in the high tide.



WATERWISE—KĀKAHI (Y7&8 Team)

St Heliers school students always look forward to waterwise with great enthusiasm and this year, it was no different. Following their 3-day camp Year 7&8 students went on a fun-packed day trip to Okahu Bay. This day consisted of sailing, kayaking and playing around on the beach. Sadly three of the six classes missed their second day due to poor water quality, but that didn't mean those who did go took a lackadaisical approach.

The sailing was done in small boats called optimists, opti's or bathtubs. We were asked to sail in these opti's to a buoy about 50m off the shore and back. After this challenge, we were given the difficult task of getting back on the coast without crashing the boats or losing anyone, which we managed successfully.

Whilst kayaking we were in small red, orange, yellow or green banana-shaped kayaks and just paddled around in the salty, greenish-blue water. The kayaks, which probably originated from Greenland (where it was used by Inuit's instead of the world-popular canoe), were small 1-person vessels piloted by a student clutching a matte black paddle.

When we were not enjoying the convivial water activities, we were playing games on the beach or the vast playground which stood nearby.

The Year 7&8 students of St Heliers school have enjoyed many activities in Term 1 yet the intrepid - and wet - waterwise trip stood out!

By Ella C

SPORTS UPDATE

Year 7&8 Boys Futsal Team

Congratulations to the Year 7&8 Boys Futsal team who were School and Division Champions in the A1 league for Auckland Futsal in Term 1

A massive achievement going into the semi-finals in 4th place and winning the next two games to come 1st.

Swished On Basketball

Swished On Basketball will continue their sessions at St Heliers School in Term 2 for Years 5-8.

- Week 2 (2nd May) - Week 10 (27th Jun)
- Tuesday Lunchtime 12:45 pm - 1:25 pm
- Term Fee: **\$81** (9 sessions)

If not enrolled in Term 1, Hero Annual Fee: \$35.

New players are welcome and can enrol here: <https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/SwishedOn>.

WELCOME TO ST HELIERS SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our new students who started at St Heliers School since the last newsletter: Kazumi A, Julian C, Dylan C, Peter C, Osheel G, Theshanya G, Althea G, Tobia G, Vidun TG, Harper R, Millie S, Thomas D, Olivia F, Abby G, Pippa H, Bodhi H, Fernando J, Emilie M, Miguel T, Austin W and Camilla Y

TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES

Year 5-8 Merit Awards Assembly	Friday 12 May	2pm
Year 0-4 Merit Awards Assembly	Friday 19 May	2pm
Whole School Citizenship Awards Assembly	Friday 26 May	2pm
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

Thursday 11 May Y8 Museum Trip
 Student Leaders attending National Young Leaders Day with Mr Valvoi
 Y4 Bike Safety with AT

2023 SCHOOL YEAR DATES	
Term 3	17 July—22 September
Term 4	9 October—15 December

Friday 12 May Y3 Bike Safety with AT
 Y5-8 Merit Assembly @2pm
 AIMS Fundraiser Y7&8 Boys Football Team Bake Sale & Raffle @ lunchtime & after school

Wednesday 17 May Pink Shirt Day (wear something pink to school) - Bullying Free Week
 Ella Harford NZ Water Polo talk @ lunchtime in the Dance & Drama Rm

Thursday 18 May Y5&6 Bay Suburbs Football Tournament

Bullying Free Week

Bullying Free New Zealand Week will be from 15-19 May in conjunction with Pink Shirt Day. This year pink shirt day for our school is on Wednesday 17 May instead of Friday as there are children on trips on Friday. The week follows the theme **Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora! Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!** Many of the classes in school will be taking part in activities which help to raise awareness of how to prevent and deal with bullying.



Is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is

RUDE

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is

MEAN

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them you are upset – that is

BULLYING

Pink Shirt day

About the Pink Shirt

Pink shirt day is a day where everyone can feel safe, valued, and respected. We wear pink shirts to raise awareness for anti-bullying and to take a stand against this problem. This campaign celebrates diversity and acceptance. There is no donation required to take part, but we strongly encourage your participation.



What to wear

Wear something pink with your uniform. If you have a pink shirt you can wear that instead of your uniform top.

Reminder

Wear something pink with your uniform. Be creative!



Date

Wednesday
17 May

Kind Regards

Student Leaders



Speak UP
**STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**
KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

Wear anything pink or you can purchase this shirt from Cotton on. Children's Shirts are \$15.

<https://cottonon.com/NZ/co/pink-shirt-day/>



Ordering
**School
Lunches**
couldn't be easier



kindo.
making school payments simple



Your Term 2 menu

I hope you had a nice break and enjoyed Easter with family and friends after what was a busy Term 1.

The Term 2 ezlunch menu is now on our school website.

SPOIL MUM ON MOTHER'S DAY

Order ezlunch for delivery between 26 April & 12 May 2023 and go in the draw to win a flower bouquet!

*T&C's apply. Flowers will vary from image shown.



All orders will go into the draw to WIN a beautiful bunch of flowers for Mum!

STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder that our staff car park is for the staff of St Heliers School only. Please refrain from dropping or collecting your child/ren before or after school in the staff car park.





EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth

\$200,000



★ **RUNS THROUGH TO
END OF TERM 3**

**EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL
SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...**

Yummy Apples at



NEW WORLD

PAK'nSAVE

