



# St Heliers School

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

*St Heliers School PTA.....working for our children's futures*

### UPCOMING EVENTS



Next PTA meeting  
Wednesday 4 November  
7:00pm



Senior  
Athletics BBQ  
9 November

# MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 6 November  
5pm Junior Movie & 7pm Senior Movie  
in the School Hall



### November 2020

From the Chairman:

Welcome families to Term 4. It is so hard to believe that Xmas is just around the corner.. and what a year it has been! Unfortunately, as far as the PTA goes, we have planned events all year but nothing has been able to go ahead and it has been quite deflating to put so much hard work into planning these events only to then have them canceled.

Next year would have been the year for a fair. However, due to the very unpredictable nature of the world due to Covid, we have decided to postpone this to 2022. The PTA work incredibly hard to put on events that bring our community together and the hours spent planning and sourcing are countless. I felt that it would not be fair to our team, the community and businesses to put in an enormous amount of effort in to a fair that could potentially be cancelled at any moment.

In saying that however, we are excited for what we have planned for next year. We will start the year off with our successful back to school picnic and in March we have planned an Easter Carnival which will be fun for both children and adults. We also intend holding our wonderful Trivia Night as well as putting on something new: 'The Amazing Race'. All of these functions couldn't happen without support from parents, the school and the community, so if you would like to contribute in any way, please do get in touch.

We have our Movie Night on Friday 6th November, with popcorn machine, drinks and lolly bags available, along with pizza and hot chips. Make sure you book your tickets on Kindo.

In December we are holding our annual Xmas Market and this year we are stepping it up. We will have a band, food trucks and Mr Whippy, along with wonderful and various stall holders. If you know someone who would be interested in having a stall, please send us an email: [shsxmasmarket@gmail.com](mailto:shsxmasmarket@gmail.com)

We are so looking forward to bringing our community together again and seeing you all at our upcoming get togethers.

Have a wonderful Term 4!

Tarryn



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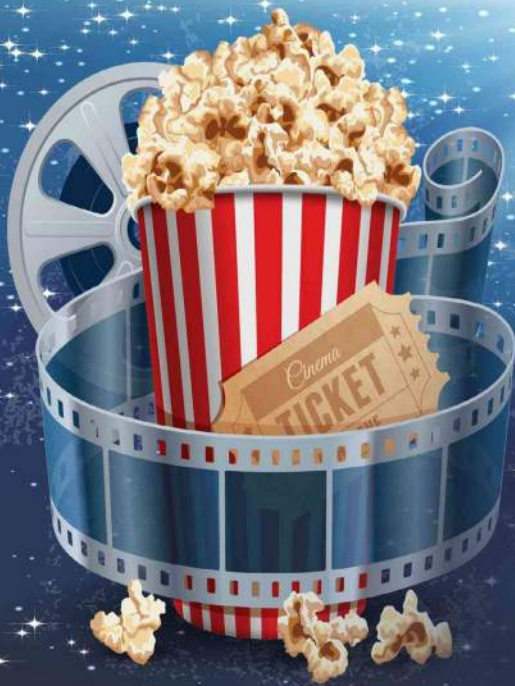
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# MOVIE NIGHT

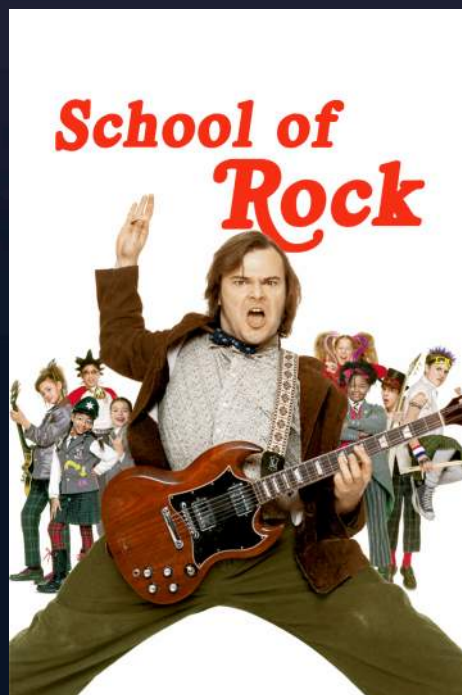
**FRIDAY**  
**06**  
**NOV**

Our next movie night will be on 6 November with a junior and senior movie and a short pause in between. The junior movie will start at 5pm and senior movie at 7pm. All are welcome to attend one or both sessions. The entry fee will be \$5 per person. Pizza will be available for pre-sale. Popcorn, sprite, water, chocolate bars, & bagged lollies sold at the door. You may bring refreshments and food.

Booking available **soon** through your child's Kindo account or pay at the door.  
**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES NEED TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.**

**JUNIOR MOVIE** STARTS 5PM

**SENIOR MOVIE** STARTS 7PM







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# CHRISTMAS MARKET

**WEDNESDAY**

# DEC 2ND

**5:30-9pm SCHOOL HALL**

**ENTRY GOLD COIN DONATION**

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## St Heliers School's Christmas Market!

We are very excited about our annual St Heliers School Christmas Market which will take place on Wednesday 2 December between 5:30pm and 9:00pm.

We are planning an enjoyable evening of shopping and socialising, with many stalls providing an array of lovely goodies including Christmas decorations, beautiful jewellery, clothing, food (Christmas cakes, slices, fresh strawberries, jams...), lovely homewares, stationery, fresh cut flowers and lots more.

Make sure you check out the PTA fund raising stalls with great goodies to help busy mums and their crafting!

After all that hard work shopping, our Christmas themed café will be selling tea, coffee, various baked goods and savoury items to refresh you while you listen to the school choir sing Christmas Carols.

Remember to bring cash with you as there are limited EFTPOS facilities available.  
Gold coin donation at the door.  
See you there!

## What has the PTA recently helped to fund?

### Senior Playground Upgrade!

Our school is fortunate to have Amanda Aitken volunteer to search out and apply for funding grants for our school. Currently Amanda is working to secure grants for the Senior Playground Replacement which will begin after Term 4 of this year. Currently, she has secured \$35,000 in grants for this work.

#### What is grant funding?

Some projects that we undertake as a school are eligible for funding by charitable trusts who return millions of dollars back into local communities – supporting organisations within the education, sporting and arts sectors.

There are fairly strict criteria that must be complied with and funds must be spent within a certain time frame. Funds can't be used retrospectively and all submissions are audited when the project is completed.

## Calling all Bakers and Volunteers!

Do you like to bake? Enjoy making holiday treats and cookies? If so, please consider making your baked goods for the SHS PTA Stall at the Christmas Market.

Do you want to volunteer for the Christmas market? There will be multiple short time commitments to man the PTA stall, help at the door, work in the cafe, etc.

Volunteers can donate baked goods or sign up for an hour of time. The volunteer spreadsheet will be on google docs and sent out via email. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date of the market.





### Face of the PTA: Amanda Aitken



Hi, I am Amanda Aitken. I have been a St Heliers school parent since 2013 when my eldest boy Tom began in Year 0. My youngest, Will, is now in Year 4. I am a PTA member and also on the Board of Trustees. I really love being part of a school that has such caring and supportive staff and parents.

A big part of my role over the last couple years has involved putting together proposals for grant funding on behalf of the school. It has been really rewarding seeing the grants go towards important resources for our children. So far the grants have brought in over \$40k to go towards the junior school astroturf and the proposed senior school playground upgrade.

Being part of the PTA has been a great way to connect with other parents and be a part of events that create memories for our children and also the parents too. It is run really well by positive, organised parents (thanks Tarryn, Nicole and Vic!) and there are heaps of opportunities to get involved – whether you have a little or a lot of time to spare.



### **Planned PTA Events!!!**

***February: Back to School Picnic***

***March: Easter Carnival***

***June: Movie Night***

***August: Trivia Night***

***November: Amazing Race***

***\*Plus Coffee Mornings and Ice Block Friday!***

### Senior Athletics Day BBQ 9 November



Students in Years 5 through 8 will be participating in the Senior Athletics Day. The PTA, with help from parent volunteers, organises a popular sausage sizzle for students on the day. Drinks and food will be sold and proceeds go toward the PTA funds.

Please look for emails from the school for volunteer opportunities as well as other useful information about the day.

Thank you for your support!

### Join us in the PTA!

There are many opportunities to get involved with the PTA from volunteering for events, joining planning committees, and attending events.

Come join us for one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. We encourage everyone to attend and join the discussions.







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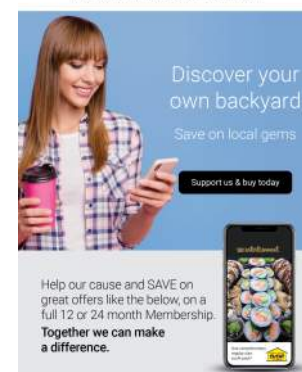
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Any questions, please contact me:  
 Kathy Harding 027 2818 007  
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Thank you  
Your support makes a big difference.



## Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon - Sunday 14 February 2021

The annual Weetbix Tryathlon is open for registration! Each year students from St Heliers register under our school team to participate in the always popular event.

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is designed for Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. The series has been running since 1992 and is a rite of passage for Kiwi kids, to date over 300,000 Kiwi kids have given it a TRY. Open to Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun day out for kids, parents and families. Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age appropriate courses, either as an individual or as part of a team of two.

Click on this link to take you to the registration home page. And remember to register with the school team. Kathy Harding will run trainings in January and February to help new and returning athletes to get ready for the race!

**ENTER NOW!**





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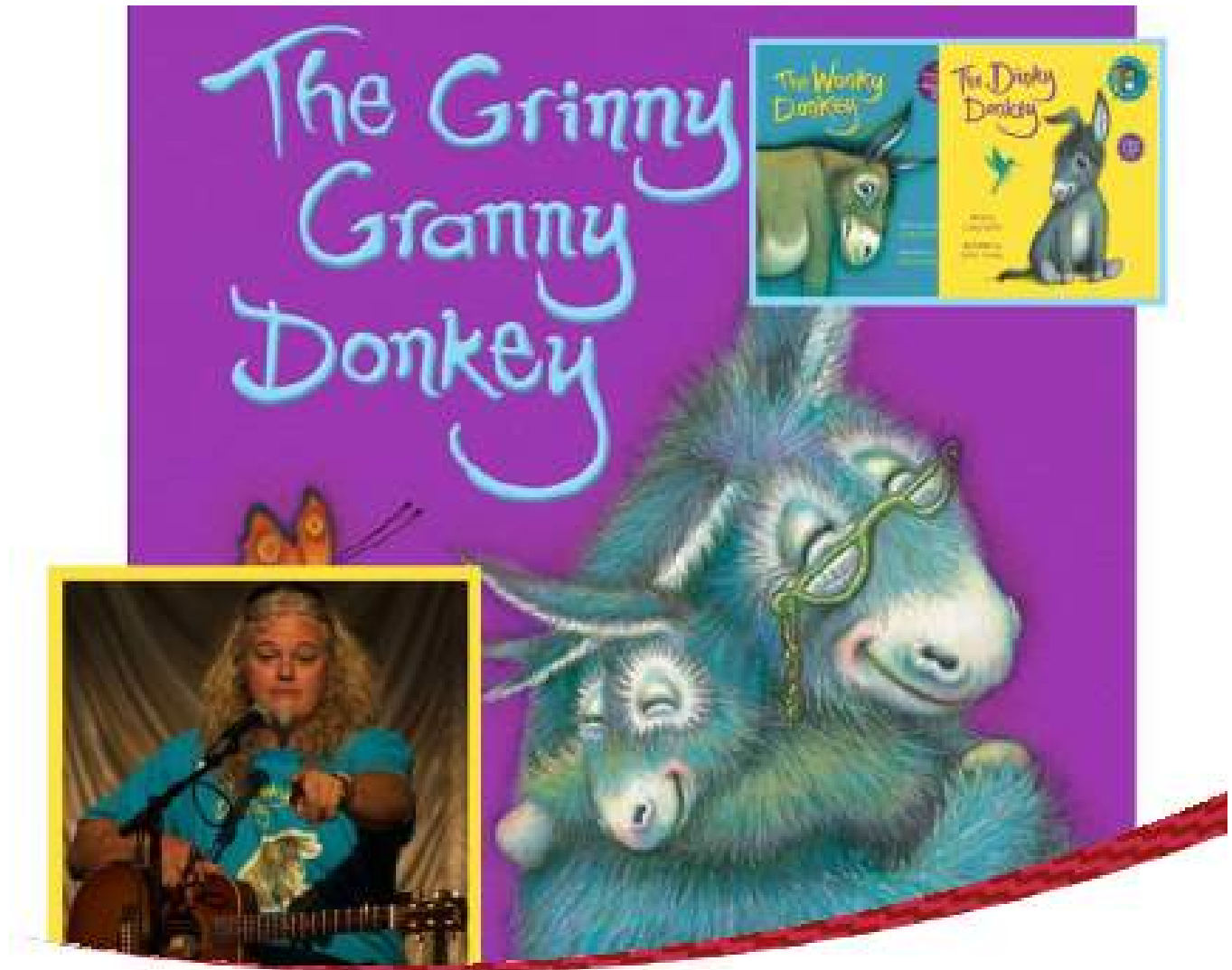
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**St Heliers Library – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Meet author Craig Smith as he reads his new book, and sings and plays his guitar!

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Two sessions: 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm

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## *stuck together*

*recipes to share with the people you love – Sarah Tuck*

Join us at The Heliers Bay Café & Bistro for an evening with Sarah, during which she'll chat about her new book: *stuck together*

A complimentary glass of Amisfield bubbles on arrival, then enjoy a selection of Sarah's delicious dishes made up as share plates and receive a signed copy of her new cookbook, plus a goodie bag.

When: 6.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

How: tickets available from Paper Plus St Heliers: \$119 per ticket Limited to 80 people only.

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