



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tēnā koutou kātoa

Thank you to all who have warmly welcomed me to the school community. There is certainly a whānau atmosphere at the school. The staff have been amazing, and I must say that I feel very fortunate to be leading such a talented group. They have been very supportive of my transition into the school.

We had hoped to have had a 'handing over' ceremony or pōwhiri which would involve Opaheke School representatives and the St Heliers School community. For obvious reasons we have had to cancel this. However, I am very much looking forward to meeting parents and will be at the main gate on the first day and then rotate around the rest of the gates throughout the week so that I can have the opportunity to see many of you as you drop off and pick up your children. For hygiene reasons we won't be able to shake hands but that will not stop us greeting each other.

We are all excited for the students to arrive and I have already arranged with the teachers a short outside distanced meeting with each team of 3 classes during the day so all the children will have an opportunity to meet and hear from me.

We also will be welcoming 50 new students on the first day a little later than the rest of the students and especially welcoming all those families who are brand new to St Heliers School. We can all be new together!

I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable Waitangi Weekend and the extra day holiday on Monday and I will see you all on Tuesday.

Noho ora mai

Sean Valvoi

Principal