



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

At times Term 1 seems to have flown by, but at other times Thursday February 4, the start of Term 1 seems a long time ago because of the two Covid related lockdowns that Auckland experienced.

Each time we experience a lockdown we review and look what the challenges have been for children, staff and parents, the key lessons going forward and practical steps to respond to ongoing challenges. Student engagement, learning and wellbeing are the key areas we focus on.

I want to congratulate staff, children and parents in the way you have responded to the disruption that lockdowns inevitably have on both school and home life, and in particular distance learning, but at the same time acknowledging that each family's circumstances are diverse, and the impact of lockdowns can be quite different from one family to the next.

After an eventful Term 1 I hope everyone has a relaxing, safe and fun-filled school holiday.

Staffing

Over the past two weeks we have welcomed three new support staff:

- Nicola Gray Sports Coordinator
- Kate Hawkins Resource Manager
- Adriaan Bosch IT Support

All three will be working between 12 – 15 hours per week. We look forward to their contribution to our school as staff members.

2021 PTA Members Needed



Are you looking for a way to give back to the school? We are currently looking for members for our PTA. There are no set obligations. Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. You can help at events as little or as many as you like, meet other parents, meet Senior Leadership Staff and Board Members, and discuss St Heliers School and how to make it even better! We welcome anyone to come and check it out at our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 5 May at 7pm in the staffroom at school or email us at sthelierspta1@gmail.com if you can help us

out.

PTA Newsletter Role

The PTA issues a newsletter to the school once every 2 months and we are looking for someone to design and write these newsletters. PTA members write articles for the newsletter, so your role is to design and put the newsletter together. You will have the support of the PTA. Please email sthelierspta1@gmail.com if you are interested in this role. We would love to discuss the role with you and have you on our team.

School Swimming Sports

Our Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 swimming sport days were held at the Glen Innes Pool on March 15 & 16. The level of competition and sportsmanship was excellent. Whether it was heats or the extremely close racing in the finals, everyone set out to swim their best, whilst at the same time displaying great sportsmanship and support to one and other. The children's behaviour over both days was also excellent. Many thanks to the parents who assisted as time keepers over the two days – your help is greatly appreciated.

Easter Themed Mufti Day for the Glen Innes Food Bank

Our enthusiastic Middle School Student Council (Years 4&5) organised a school mufti day to support the Glen Innes Food bank which provides food assistance to residents of Glen Innes and Point England. Peter, a volunteer from the food bank, was overwhelmed with the generosity of our school. He told us that there is an increasing demand from families seeking assistance for basic food items to feed their families. Our donations were very timely.

The children looked amazing in their Easter themed costumes; I do not think I have ever seen so many pairs of bunny ears before!

Mrs Torrie & The Middle School Student Council



Bike and Scooter Safety

It is good to have so many of our children riding bikes and scooters to and from school. This is something that we encourage as it helps alleviate congestion of cars around our school grounds, promotes fitness and independence.

There are some safety pointers that we would like you to discuss with your child:

- Always wear a helmet
- Children should be supervised until you are comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own. Every child is different, but developmentally, it can be hard for children to judge speed and distance of cars until approximately age 10.
- Stay alert and watch for cars coming out of driveways. Always approach driveways with care.
- Walk bikes or scooters across pedestrian crossings.
- Adults, model correct behaviour, you will be surprised how much children learn from observation.
- Remember to lock bikes and scooters securely in the school grounds.

Year 8 Camp

Camp Week proved to be a very lucky for Year 8 because the week before Auckland had been at Covid-19 Alert Level 3 which would have meant no camp, therefore we headed off to Camp Adair on Tuesday 9 March with much excitement for an action-packed week. Our days were filled with adventures and many challenges, with everyone pushing themselves to great heights, both literally and figuratively. The Pamper Pole was an absolute favourite. Most of the students never expected to conquer this incredible challenge - yet they did. This year Mountain Biking was a new activity, which proved a great success.

Teamwork was also the feature of our evening activities, as we walked through the bush in the pitch black to catch sight of the glow worms and then relying on each other to navigate the Burma Trail on the way back to the camp.

After missing out on a campfire for the last two years due to a fire ban, it was an absolute treat to have two of our parents organise the perfect fire for toasting marshmallows.

All of us - students, teachers, parents - came away from the week, glowing with the complete success of the 2021 Y8 Camp.

Lisa Ward Y8 Team Leader



Year 8 Landmark Walk

Did you know that Churchill Park was named after Winston Churchill and it was originally a golf course? These facts, among many others, were discovered by Year 8 students as part of our Term 1 Inquiry 'Our Little Place in the World', focusing on the history of St Heliers and Glendowie. To consolidate the knowledge that was learnt, we all embarked on a 7km Landmark Walk around significant historical landmarks in St Heliers and Glendowie. At each landmark students presented a 50 second speech, sharing its history and significance to fellow Year 8 students. Everyone came away from the day with considerably more knowledge and understanding about each place and why it is important to our area. A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Mrs Torrie, Mrs Wood and Mrs Hill who accompanied us on our trip.

Mrs Herbert Year 8 Teacher



The New Zealand Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools (NZAIMS) Games

One of the premier sports competitions for Intermediate (Year 7 & 8) students in NZ is the annual Anchor AIMS Games. The Games is an inter-school sporting competition for young sportspeople across New Zealand and the wider South Pacific.

Every September, many thousands of 11 to 13-year-olds gather in Tauranga to compete against their age in a variety of individual and team sports. For many, this is their first experience of a super-scale sports event, complete with an opening ceremony, professional livestream coverage and world-class facilities. Anchor AIMS Games encourages an active life, fair play, and participation across a variety of sports. Many professional Kiwi athletes have come through the Games on their way to specialisation and achievement on the world stage.

If there are any parents who wish to enter teams or individuals, now is the time to send a registration of interest to our sports coordinator Nicola Gray nicolag@stheliers.school.nz. Please bear in mind that this is a high-level competition, therefore entrants require a good degree of skill and willingness to train and most often fundraise for associated costs.

Year 7 Challenges Week

In Week 6 the Year 7 students took part in 'Challenges Week'. The activities physically challenged the students in education outside the classroom settings, promoted awareness and respect for the environment, built self-esteem, self-confidence and developed a sense of community between all the Year 7 classes.

Challenges Week this year involved zip lining, lugging and other adrenaline spiking activities at Silverdale Adventure Park, white water rafting at Vector Wero, rock climbing at Extreme Edge as well as various team building activities based at school.

The Year 7 Teachers were very impressed with how positively the students engaged in the week.
Miss Clarke, Year 7 Team Leader



House Flags

Last year, one of our Year 8 students, Ella Halford, used her ingenuity and initiative, during her own time, to create logos for our four houses: Whero, Kikorangi, Kakariki and Kowhai. The symbol that Ella used in her design is a Tiki which is a talisman of Maori culture. From ancient times the tiki has been regarded as a good luck charm and represents a powerful spirit for warding off bad luck. Tiki are handed down through the generations.

With the help of one of our parents, David King of DK Signs Ltd, this year Ella's creations were made into flags. Ella is an inspiration for other artists and is proof that ideas can come to life. At our next SHS sporting event, keep an eye out for our brilliant flags. Which house will you be supporting?

Mrs Ward Year 8 Team Leader



Year 2 Zoo Trip

Despite the very unpredictable weather we had last week, the Year 2 children braved their trip to the Auckland Zoo. The rain stayed away for most of our day and the slightly damp conditions meant that the zoo provided a very entertaining experience for us, with most of the animals venturing out of their sun shelters to where they could be visible and close enough for observation. Our learning at the zoo focused on New Zealand species in an education programme called 'Awesome Aotearoa'.

The children were able to walk through Te Awo Nui to view the New Zealand forest birds and explore the impact of environmental change. After our educational sessions, our class groups were free to explore the other exciting zookeeper talks and feeding experiences that the zoo had to offer.

Mrs Bartlam Year 2 Team Leader



Auckland Rugby Union Ball Skills Year 1 - 4

At the beginning of this term the Year 1 - 4 children were given the opportunity to learn and develop some rugby skills. Auckland Rugby Union coaches visited our school on Friday mornings and the children participated in fun games that required them to listen, move in a variety of ways, practice throwing and catching a rugby ball with a partner and discovered a new way to play tag. Everyone had lots of fun and enjoyed learning new skills and games that we can use in our school PE and sport lessons. Many thanks to the Auckland Rugby Union and University Rugby Club coaches for coming and sharing their knowledge with us all.

Mrs Cran Year 1 Teacher



PTA Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the PTA Easter Raffle. The raffle was well-supported, and we raised approximately \$3,700 to help the Board of Trustees fund the building of an outdoor learning area and weather-shelter outside Rooms 4 – 6. Congratulations to Jennifer McCartney who won the adults hamper and Chloe Cao who the children's hamper.



Entertainment Book

Do not miss your opportunity to make big savings these holidays with your Entertainment Book.

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Do not hesitate to contact Kathy Harding if you have any question kathy@theolympic.co.nz

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Year 3 Trip to Te Tuhi Art Centre

'I am NZ We are the World', was the name of the Year 3 Inquiry this term. We focused on culture and what this means in our whanau and classrooms. We discovered that culture means so much more than just the language you speak or where you were born.

To conclude our learning, we went to Te Tuhi Art Centre, where Bree, our teacher at the Centre, took us on an art gallery tour and we saw the most amazing art from artists from all different cultures that talked about Covid and how important it is to be kind to each other.

We took art that we had prepared in our classes and made a big sign for our classrooms that says "Our Home Aotearoa New Zealand", using the technique of etching with paint.

Nga mihi nui ki a koe to all our whanau that came to help us. We cannot go on trips like this without your support.

Miss Kelso Year 3 Team Leader



Kind regards

M. Kelly

Principal

Set a good example... walk to school!

Why not walk to and from school with your child? It's the perfect opportunity to teach your child road safety skills and it is good for family fitness.

Walking is Fun, Free, and Fast!



Congratulations to these students who received Merit Awards:

Merit Awards - March		
Yr	Rm	Name
1	2	Georgia Carr
1	2	Zac Edenborough
1	2	Aaron McHugh
1	3	Matthew Ball
1	3	Ava Williams
1	3	Sylvie Hosken
1	7	Georgia Smith
1	7	Flynn Burdett
1	7	Matilda Thompson
1	8	Amelia Moxon
1	8	Zan Prasnikar
1	8	Bastian Harison
2	4	Sophia Blache
2	4	Allegra Crooks
2	4	Kayden Driver
2	4	Ethan Banks
2	5	Lucas Elliott
2	5	Finn Nash
2	5	Yena Kim
2	5	Carys Peterson
2	6	Hektor Homik
2	6	Yvonna Mitalauskas
2	6	Felix Mitchell
2	6	Chelsea Ng
3	11	Max Dilks
3	11	Emma Davies
3	11	Huxley Savage
3	11	Sloane Whitehead
3	12	Fatai Tangi
3	12	Genevieve Young
3	12	Ryker Christian
3	12	Oscar Pottinger
3	13	Jemma Keightley-Wills
3	13	Darius Asis-Laskoy
3	13	David Lee
4	16	Edgar Reid
4	16	Baxter Bedwell

Merit Awards - March		
Yr	Rm	Name
4	16	Sylvie Cooper
4	16	Viktor Milosevic
4	17	Alice McDougall
4	17	Spencer Gillingham
4	17	Georgie Gascoigne
4	17	Anna Poelhekke
4	17	Blake Burdett
4	17	Luca Simmons
4	18	Ryan Lowe
4	18	Hayley Whiteman
4	18	Lauren Wallwork
4	18	Zara Concannon
4	18	Reuben Handy
5	25	Ryan Lim
5	25	Josie Liefing
5	25	James Pitcaithly
5	25	Tabitha Farnell
5	25	Leo Hope
5	26	Elia Manni
5	26	Henry Fan
5	26	Braden Shaw
5	26	Theresa Duan
5	26	Livia Poelhekke
5	27	Alice Carter
5	27	Lucas Peryer
5	27	Sam Darwen
5	27	Amelia Hallam
5	27	Billy Friend
6	20	Mila Leith
6	20	Nathan Concannon
6	20	Aisha McHugh
6	20	Adam Almahi
6	20	Annabelle Collier
6	21	Zala Prasnikar
6	21	Jona Jaka
6	21	Dorea Morina
6	21	Nyan Thompson

Merit Awards - March		
Yr	Rm	Name
6	21	Alex Morris
6	22	Flora Csuhaj
6	22	Aaron Gollan
6	22	Niene Nortje
6	22	Lewis Ishmael
6	23	Scarlett McCall
6	23	Will Bannister
6	23	Seoyoon Cho
6	23	Christie Berenshteyn
6	23	D'Arcy Larsen
7	28	Nina Derber
7	28	Rishiaani Khetarpal
7	28	Alvin ChenLau
7	28	Sofia Lowe
7	29	Finn Cresswell
7	29	Emmie Young
7	29	Sofia Read
7	29	Charlie Lilley
7	30	Zac van der Heever
7	30	Paige Lund-Stone
7	30	Aaron Concannon
7	30	Kate Ye
8	14	Mirahkle Lio-Jones
8	14	Emily Stanton
8	14	Yunseong Jeong
8	14	Daniel Newitt
8	14	Lear Morina
8	15	Chanel Mears
8	15	Finlay Leary
8	15	Jakob Handy
8	15	Lola Paterson
8	15	Vinnie Carter
8	19	Rory Smith-Rice
8	19	Yufeng Ouyang
8	19	Amelie Friend
8	19	Jocelyn Harper
8	19	Artem Nadirli

Congratulations to these students who received Excellence Awards:

Excellence Awards - March			
Yr	Rm	Name	Citation
1	2	Yumi Chen	Achieving a level of excellence in all curriculum areas. Yumi regularly demonstrates excellent work habits by working independently and with diligence.
1	3	Sarah Stonebridge	Displaying excellence across the curriculum. Sarah is an independent, self-motivated student who always strives for her personal best.
1	7	Frankie Sturge	Demonstrating excellence in all areas of the curriculum especially in reading and writing. Frankie is a diligent learner who always tries her best.
1	8	William Harbinson	Demonstrating excellence in reading. William is a curious learner who loves discussing what he knows about the books he is reading.
2	4	Sophia Blache	Displaying excellence in all her work, particularly reading and writing. Sophia is a focused student who loves to learn.
2	5	Steven Han	Attaining excellent academic results in reading. Steven is able to apply his focused approach to his weekly reading contract.
2	6	Henry Ham	Demonstrating excellence across all curriculum areas. Henry is a self-motivated and curious student who thinks deeply about his learning.
3	11	Alice Penman	Demonstrating excellence across all curriculum areas. Alice is a motivated and focused learner who shows the determination to achieve at the highest standard.
3	12	Poppy Thomas	Demonstrating excellence and maturity in all areas of the curriculum. Poppy always applies herself to every task and completes her work to a high standard.
3	13	Emily Ball	An outstanding level of achievement across the curriculum. Emily is a motivated and eager learner who is able to apply new skills to enhance her work immediately. Ka pai to mahi Emily.
4	16	Bryan Le-Gia	Achieving levels of excellence in reading and maths. Bryan is a reflective and hardworking student who tries his best to achieve across the curriculum.
4	17	Archie Nichols	His dedication to maintain excellence in all curriculum areas. Archie is diligent and motivated with results reflecting his effort and determination to succeed.
4	18	Aanya DR	Maintaining a high level of excellence across the curriculum and in recent assessments. Aanya is focused, inquisitive and diligent.
5	25	Reid Sowerby	Attaining excellent results in numeracy. Reid is a self-motivated and curious learner who actively seeks new pathways to extend his learning.
5	27	Ryan Chan	Achieving high levels of excellence in all curriculum areas. Ryan is a self-motivated and diligent learner, who approaches all learning with a positive attitude
6	20	Maggie Berenshteyn	Achieving high levels of success across the curriculum, with particular strength in literacy. Maggie works diligently and is always looking for ways to improve her learning.
6	21	Will Hay	Achieving high levels of excellence in mathematics. Will is a motivated learner who is able to apply his problem-solving skills to reach a high standard in maths.
6	22	Jess Paterson	Complete dedication to maintaining excellence in all curriculum areas. Jess is a diligent, motivated learner whose exemplary results reflect her determination to succeed.
6	23	Jocelyn Le-Gia	Consistently achieving excellence across all areas of the curriculum. Jocelyn is a diligent student who consistently strives to achieve her full potential.
7	28	Sofia Lowe	Maintaining excellence across the curriculum with particular strengths in literacy and mathematics. Sofia is diligent, highly motivated and strives to achieve her personal best.
7	29	Blake Sowerby	Achieving a high level of excellence across the curriculum with particular strength in Mathematics. Blake is a highly motivated and diligent student.
7	30	Alex Mount	Displaying mathematical excellence. Alex is engaged and determined, especially during problem solving.
8	14	Olivia Grace	Achieving an excellent academic standard in literacy. Olivia is a diligent and highly self-motivated learner.
8	15	Manith Naidu	Consistently achieving a level of excellence in Mathematics. Manith is a highly engaged, self-directed learner.
8	19	Christopher McNally	Consistently achieving excellence in literacy and mathematics. Christopher is a conscientious and diligent learner who always strives for excellence in all curriculum areas.

STOW AUSTIN STUDIO

If you would like to enrol for a modern jazz, hip hop, contemporary dance or ballet class with our experienced dance school Stow Austin Studio based in St Heliers for Term 2 please see our website www.stowaustinstudio.co.nz or email kristy@stowaustinstudio.co.nz or marie@stowaustinstudio.co.nz

Positive and affirming classes are available for students from 4.5 years and above. All enquiries welcome.



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With Counsellor Shirley Pastiroff

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ART CLASSES

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Term 2 2021 @ St Heliers School TUES & WED

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Every term, children take part in an exciting new programme based on the works of well-know local and international artists. Our 8-week course is the perfect way to develop your child's artistic potential.

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Colours of Earth Competition

The St Heliers Library along with the St Heliers business Association are excited to be running our annual "Celebration of Art" Competition which is open to all children from our local Schools.

This year the theme is "Colours of the Earth" and we are very excited to see what wonderful art the children create.

There are some great prizes and art will be displayed in the St Heliers Library.

All art entries must be delivered to the library by **6.00 pm on Monday 24th of May**.

An entry form **must be attached to each entry**.

Celebration of Art 2021

St Heliers Library & St Heliers Village Association present ...

Children's Art Competition



Chloe Or, *Views from Port Hills*, Digital painting, 2021

Draw, paint or create an A3 or A4 picture themed "Colours of the Earth" and be in to win great prizes!

Bring your art to St Heliers Library by **Monday 24th May 2021, 6pm**

Competition is open to children who live in or go to school in the Orakei area. One entry per child ~ Age groups: **5-6yrs / 7-8yrs / 9-10yrs / 11-12yrs**

All being well ~ Prize giving will be on **Saturday 12th June 2021, 1pm**

Entries will be on display at the Library from Friday 4th June to Saturday 19th June 2021.

Entry Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____