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*"Summer afternoon... summer afternoon....the two most beautiful words in the English language."* Henry James

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Dear St. Andrew's Families, Faculty and Friends,

We all need the summer to reflect and recharge with our loved ones, and this letter is not intended to interrupt any of those moments. I hope you are finding things to do that would have suited Henry James: fun, relaxing and preferably not involving television or social media.

I have been at St. Andrew's for about a month now and it is a pleasure settling in to the neighborhood, meeting some of you on campus and getting to know the school. I appreciate the bits of advice about the Crescent City and the many offers of help extended to Inka and myself. Thank you!

Before we get near the start of the school year, allow me to inform you of some recent faculty appointments. Rebecca Reinders will be joining us as Kindergarten Associate and Ana Napier as Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Music Teacher. Rebecca has taught in Scotland, France and New Zealand, and since coming to New Orleans, at Catholic Charities. Ana has taught early childhood music and performed as percussionist and vocalist in her native Australia. She received her Master of Music Education degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

In addition, Jill Aucoin has agreed to serve as our first Student Support Coordinator. Jill has been a learning issues consultant in primary and adolescent special programs in several local schools and will be working in tandem with the faculty and Theresa Daly, our School Counselor, on student support needs. She has a Master's degree in Communication Disorders from LSU Medical Center. Please join me in welcoming our new faculty to the St. Andrew's community.

You will receive further information about the start of school. Meanwhile, please continue to enjoy these summer afternoons and invite your children to bring some memories back to share with us at school.

Kind regards,

Melville Brown