



ST ALBANS SCHOOL

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Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back everyone, and to our new whānau welcome to our school! It was wonderful to touch base with so many of you during our Getting Connected sessions last week. As usual, Term 1 promises to be very busy with lots of exciting events for students, staff and whānau to be involved in.

COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS

SCHOOL APP: Daily messages are sent each morning reminding you of the day's events. You can also send a student absence notice, access the school website, hub blogs and STAR reporting via this app.

Download our free **School App**. It is the most efficient way for us to inform you.

1. Use this URL <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/st-albans-school/id1133501573?ls=1&mt=8>
2. Go to iTunes, search for the St Albans School app and click download or android users simply search in the Google Play store
3. Use the QR code (both Apple and Android)



Please allow PUSH notifications as this will allow alerts to come to your phone.

WEBSITE: The school website is constantly updated. A full staff list, classrooms blogs, information about school events and the school calendar can be accessed via www.stalbans.school.nz

HUB BLOGS: Blogs are also on line now; please take time to visit these and celebrate what is happening in your child's home base/hub.

PLEASE NOTE: We will no longer be sending Facebook or Twitter updates, as we are streamlining our communication feeds.

PROPERTY PROJECTS

We have two major projects starting this year:

- R14 (adjacent to the hall) is being refurbished and will become our library. With a large starting roll our current library space will become Parerā Hub. As you know we are passionate about books and reading, hence we have ensured we will continue to have a library space.
- The re-development of the 'Big A' playground next to the school pool.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As you know we are a sun safe school. Thank you for ensuring your child has a hat or cap to wear at school when they are outdoors. We also recommend the application of sunscreen before they leave home. Sunscreen is positioned in areas around the school, allowing students to 'top up' their level of protection should it be required.

We ask that no students arrive at school before 8.15am and that all children and whānau gather in the areas of the blue and green Astroturf courts before 8.30am. Children are welcome to play and enjoy themselves, however, we ask that they do not enter the hubs until the music sounds at 8.30am. We also ask them to stay off the adventure playgrounds as no active supervision is in place at this time. We appreciate your support in this matter, as it ensures the teachers have uninterrupted time to prepare for the busy day ahead.

**PTA sausage sizzle begins on Friday 8th February - \$2 – orders are placed at the hall.
Subway orders begin Tuesday 12th February for delivery on Wednesday 13th.**

Celebrating Out of School Events and Achievements

We love to celebrate the many opportunities, talents and achievements experienced by our students. If you would like something included in the newsletter please send your photos and a brief explanation to diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz.

Ngā mihi

Ginnie and the team

NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following pupils who have joined our school: Gus, Elliott, Noah, Zubair, Scarlett, Mylo, Ashley, Dylan, Theodore, Hugo, Leonardo, Harriet, Harsh, T.J, Zaiden, Elise, Jack, Muimui, Toby, Aalia, Shanaya, Ines, Frida, Kayda, Teira-Grace, Nikau, Poi, Alani, Reyne, Milani, India, Ngaia, Mataias, Assisi, Chahath, Emma, Yanamarie, Blake G, Mabel, Monika, Angel, Eirmano, Wenxi, Afarina, Trevor, Mason, Ella, Chance, Aria, Kosuke, Kento, Blake T, Brady, Mica, Ace and Jacob.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Expenses

Student accounts have been billed for the following 2019 expenses:

- Activity Contribution - \$80 for each child for the year
- AquaGym Programme - \$25 for Yr 1-2, \$37 for Yr 3-6
- School Donation - \$100 for one child at school, \$180 for two or more children

Online payments are preferred to our bank account 12-3151-0178176-00. Please use your eldest child's name as a reference. You do not need to make separate payments for each activity or child. If you prefer, you may wish to start a weekly or fortnightly automatic payment to spread the cost over the year. If you already have an automatic payment in place, it may be time to review the amount if your child has moved into the senior school or if another sibling has started school.

E tipu e rea. In our children lies our future.

ACORN Fund

The Board of Trustees with the generous support of the PTA and other community members provides funding for families in financial need. Up to \$70 per child is available. If you would like to apply to this fund to help cover some of your child's expenses, please email diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz or call into the office.

Scholastic Books

Book orders close on Tuesday 19 February. Payment may be made online at Scholastic using the LOOP system or at the office by cash, cheque or eftpos.

Uniforms

Please ensure all uniform items are named so we can return any stray items. The lost property box is located outside the office alongside the Astroturf court.

PTA NEWS

- ✂ **Friday Sausage Sizzle** - \$2 per sausage, gluten-free and vegetarian available on request. Order between 8.30am and 9am in the hall.
- ✂ **Volunteers Needed** – If you would like to volunteer for our sausage sizzle roster we would love your help. Options are taking orders on a Friday morning before school, or cooking sausages from 11.30am – 12.30pm, or serving from 12 - 1pm. Please pop your name on the roster in the Oak Leaf Café. There will be other volunteers there to show you the ropes.
- ✂ **Secondhand Uniforms** – Please call into the café in the mornings if you are interested in purchasing secondhand school uniform items.
- ✂ **PTA Facebook Page** - If you would like to keep up to date with PTA happenings, please like or follow our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansSchoolPTA/>
- ✂ **PTA Meeting** – Our next meeting is on Wednesday February at 7pm in the staffroom. New members most welcome!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CFC Junior Rugby Registration Dates - Calling all boys and girls who are ready to have fun, learn new skills and become part of the Christchurch Football Club Rugby family!

We are proud to be the second oldest rugby club in the world, with our Club Rooms located within the Christchurch Park Facilities on 250 Westminster Street. We provide rugby teams for boys and girls aged between 4 and 13 years old. Games are played on Saturday mornings and it's a great way to make new friends and experience the CFC Club environment. It doesn't matter if you've played as part of the CFC Club before or are new to the Club – either way, we'll make sure you're given a warm welcome for the 2019 season! Registration dates are as follows: **Sunday 17th February 11am – 2pm, Tuesday 19th February: 3.30pm – 6pm, Thursday 21st February: 3.30pm – 6pm.** Come down and see us on one of the dates above to find out more. You can also get useful information and contact details for our Grade Advisors via our website

www.christchurchfootballclub.co.nz . *Please note - CRFU Weight requirements within age groups are observed with players to be weighed on registration – no dispensations will be allowed in line with CRFU rules.

GET INTO FOOTBALL



Join Western AFC

All ages / levels welcome
Training at Westminster Park, Mairehau
Juniors / Mens / Womens & Masters teams available

For further information visit our website at www.westernafc.com
or contact us at westernafc@gmail.com or 027 500 5274

DEFY DANCE ACADEMY



2019
ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN!

BALLET
JAZZ
CONTEMPORARY
HIP HOP
ACROBATICS
BOYS CLASSES
AND MUCH MORE!

To start the enrollment process please email:
defydanceteam@gmail.com

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