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Kia ora whānau,

Health Update: Measles

Please do not be alarmed, we have NOT had a confirmed case of measles at our school. What we are doing is making sure we are ready should this happen. If your child is not immunised or is partially immunised you will have received an email from us yesterday asking you to let us know if this has changed.

If it has please contact Diane via office@stalbans.school.nz immediately and she will update our records. We need to know if your child has been fully immunised, or, if they have been partly immunised please state which vaccinations they have received.

Should a case of measles be confirmed at St Albans School children who are not fully immunised against measles will have to remain at home until we have been given the 'all clear' by the Medical Officer of Health.

Message from the Board of Trustees

There are two important pieces of consultation happening right now, that affect this community and the wider education sector. We encourage you to read about these proposals below and then have your say. Kahikatea tū i te uru ~ Strength in numbers. The Board of Trustees will be submitting on both, so if you would like to see a copy of our submissions please contact bot@stalbans.school.nz.

Have your say on roading plans in your neighbourhood - The Christchurch Northern Corridor traffic mitigation plan is now open for consultation - <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/226> The Board of Trustees is taking an active interest in this because of our concerns for the safety of St Albans School children travelling to and from school. If you would like to learn more about the current proposal, the Christchurch City Council is holding public meetings on the following dates (including two here at school):

- Wednesday 20 March, 10.30am – 12.30pm in the Scottish Society Hall (136 Caledonian Road)
- Monday 25 March, 5pm – 7pm in the St Albans School Hall
- Tuesday 26 March, 3.30pm – 5.30pm in the Scottish Society Hall
- Thursday 4 April, 5pm – 7pm in the St Albans School Hall

Submissions close on 15 April 2019.

Have your say on the future of Education - The Government is currently reviewing 'Tomorrow's Schools' – the name given to the reforms that dramatically changed the governance, management, and administration of our schools nearly 30 years ago. The

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Independent Taskforce report: *Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together* / Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini has been released for public consultation. The report covers eight key issues: Governance; Schooling Provision; Competition and Choice; Disability and Learning Support; Teaching; Leadership; Resourcing; and Central Government Agencies, and makes a number of significant recommendations for changes to the current education system. If you are interested in learning more or making a submission, there is plenty of information at the following links:

- Read the full report
here: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Review-Report-13Dec2018.PDF>,
- Read the summary of the recommendations
here: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Intro-and-Summary-ENGLISH.pdf>
- Watch this video - <https://vimeo.com/304723142>
- And learn how to have your say here
- <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/have-your-say-today/>

Submissions close on 7 April 2019.

Principal's Message

Principal's Report for the PTA AGM

It is with pleasure that I present my report to the PTA and acknowledge another busy year in partnership. I would like to recognise and thank all the hard-working members of this group, in particular, our outgoing office holders.

Our Board of Trustees certainly values the significant support from the members of our PTA and thank them for the difference they make to students, staff and community. Our team also recognises and appreciates the significant number of volunteer hours donated by the PTA and its group of volunteers.

Every year I like to make a point of acknowledging the hours of effort that go into making each of the PTA events such a success. A small and dedicated group of parents work tirelessly to provide support for ALL students within the school. Without the funds raised by the PTA and their support of community events, our team would not be able to involve our students in such a broad range of authentic learning experiences. We are very grateful for all this support.

Main Fundraising Events that Support Community Connections



The Monster Fair

After a four-year hiatus, due to the Ministry of Education's lengthy post-earthquake rebuild, our Monster Fair returned. The dedicated members of our fair sub-committee

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worked tirelessly in the months leading up to the event. Supported by their partners, community volunteers, staff and students, St Albans once again hosted a very successful fundraiser that not only raised significant funds to go towards our new playground but also created the most incredible community feel and sense of belonging. The money raised will help us to reach out to charitable trusts for additional funding, as we push ahead with plans to develop our new playground.

Quiz Night

Our incredibly popular Quiz Night also returned home to our school hall. Our talented MC supported by the quiz night sub-committee and volunteers ensured attendees had a great night. Newly implemented systems added to the already slick event management.

Oak Leaf Café

With the café continuing to be a place for whānau to gather together and connect with other community members, we are certainly grateful to the baristas, café treasurer and volunteers for the great work they do in running the café. The focus on sustainability has seen an uptake of reusable cups, this aligned beautifully to our 2018 Inquiry – Turangawaewae – Our Big Backyard.

Other key fundraising events in 2018, included:

- *Calendars*
- *Entertainment Books*
- *Sausage sizzle*
- *Second-hand uniform sales*
- *Croissant/hot cross bun sales*
- *Egg sales*
- *Reusable bag sales*
- *School cap sales*

The PTA donated considerable resources and time to support student learning and achievement in relation to the school's strategic and annual plan including:

- *Completion of our school library*
- *Support for community events*
- *Rock band tuition costs*
- *Donation towards fees for inter-regional events and competitions*
- *Pool painting - biennial contribution*
- *Musical instruments for the orchestra and orchestra revival group*
- *Interior blinds for hubs and hall*
- *Donations for learning resources, e.g., guillotines, paper trimmers, storage containers*
- *Donations for camp*
- *Leavers' dinner*
- *Sweatshirts for school leaders*
- *End of year ice blocks*
- *Decorating the hall for Christmas events*

- *Lost property management*
- *Piano accompanist for our choirs*
- *Acorn fund donation*
- *Support for targeted learning programmes*
- *Attendance at the new entrant transition to school meetings*

Support for our staff continues to be high on the agenda of the PTA. Your morale-boosting actions are much appreciated by the staff.

Cherie Lynn as Chairperson, Tamara Moriarty as Treasurer, Sue Bagnall as Café Treasurer, Angela Harden as Secretary and Juliet Calder marketing co-ordinator thank you for all you have done to ensure such positive outcomes for the school and its community. These portfolios add significant time pressures to your already busy lives, and it is essential that you know your work is valued.

Thank you to every individual member of the PTA for your work in 2018.

Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti pai te mahi.

Everybody has a role to play in order to get the job done.

*All jobs are equally important whether you are out the front on the paepae,
or out the back in the kitchen.*

One could not work without the other.

Please view our Digi Leaders' message from our students - <https://youtu.be/8F-SxACDzRQ>

Ngā mihi

Ginnie and the team

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Arthur, Dhruvi and Jaydon who joined our school this week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Contact Form on Website – We have become aware of a glitch over the past couple of weeks where emails sent via the contact form on the website have not been coming through. This has now been resolved but if you have had no response to your query please email office@stalbans.school.nz or send your message again through the website contact form.



St Albans School Sunflower Competition - We will be holding a sunflower competition on Friday 15 March. If you would like to enter, please bring your home grown sunflower (cut at the soil line) to school. There will be buckets by the 2 storey black and entry forms to fill in. If it's raining please take sunflowers to the hall verandah. Mrs Warren will be the judge and there will be prizes for the tallest sunflower, biggest flower, best in show and people's choice. Children will be able to vote for their favourite flower between 9.15 - 9.45am. If you have any questions, please email nicky.simmons@stalbans.school.nz

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Volunteer Rugby Coach - We are starting to get organised for our winter weekly sports and are requiring a person to coach and referee our rugby team. The person willing to do this needs to be knowledgeable in the game and able to commit to coaching the team on Friday afternoons and will need to complete a free short coaching course. If you are keen to come on board or know of someone that could do this please let me know. The position is subject to a Police Vet. Please email Shaye at sport@stalbans.school.nz.

PTA NEWS

- ✂ **Congratulations to our New Executive Members!** - At our AGM last night, Sheena Brown and Sara Currie were elected as the new Co-Chairs for the PTA, and Regan De Burgh was elected as the new Marketing Officer - congratulations to all of you! A big thank you to the outgoing PTA office holders: Cherie Lynn as Chair, Ange Harden as Secretary, Tamara Moriarty as Treasurer, Sue Bagnall as Cafe Accounts and Juliet Calder as Marketing Officer; thank you for your time and commitment in those roles.
- ✂ **Treasurer and Secretary Still Needed** - Unfortunately the PTA received no nominations for the roles of Secretary or Treasurer. These are vital roles that will need to be filled for the PTA to continue doing the work it does to support the school. In the case of the Treasurer, if we are not able to fill the role soon we will have to look to use PTA funds that would otherwise go to the school, to outsource the job. So we are urgently on the hunt for some willing and wonderful members of our school community who may be able to take on these roles. If you may be interested, please contact ptachairperson@stalbans.school.nz
 - **Treasurer Duties:** Pay bills (monthly and sometimes weekly/fortnightly depending on fundraising activities); reconcile transactions in Xero (weekly); coding cash in and out to the correct fundraising accounts; generate monthly reports: Profit & Loss, Balance sheet - accrual basis; provide some input in general to the committee as to how things are going; coordinate float money for fundraising activities (quiz night, monster fair, market day); review payables and provide considered recommendation on maintaining term deposits, if any. In general this role should take no more than 30 mins to 1 hour per week plus an extra hour each month to finalise the reports - that's a max of 5 hours per month.
 - **Secretary Duties:** Deal with correspondence, including responding to comments and private messages through the St Albans School PTA Facebook page; prepare and distribute committee meeting agendas each month; take the minutes of meetings, type them up and distribute them; uphold the rules as set out in the PTA's constitution, and take the lead on the process to update this when required; maintain an up to date membership/contact list; work closely with the Marketing Officer and fundraiser sub-committees in the preparation of publicity flyers, posters, tickets, etc. for events.
- ✂ **Trialling new PTA Meeting Time** - In an attempt to make it easier for parents to come along to PTA meetings, we are going to trial a new morning meeting time. The next meeting will now take place on Wednesday 10 April from 8am - 9am. Our intention is that parents can come in with their children before school so a safe space will be

provided for your children to hangout during the meeting (until it is time to go to class) and we will make every effort to have meetings finish promptly by 9am. We would love to see some new faces coming along.

- ✂ **Croissants** - It's one of our favourite fundraisers, the Easter croissants! These come in bags of 20 croissants or pain au chocolate for \$20 per bag. They come frozen and unproven so that you can bake them fresh when you are ready. These are seriously the best croissants in town and you can't buy them at supermarkets. Check the school bag for the order form that came home yesterday, ask around your family and friends (prize for the family that sells the most) and get your order in to the school office by 9am Friday 29th March.
- ✂ **Disco Date** - Circle the date on your calendar, the school disco is coming up on Friday 29 March in our school hall! Juniors (Years 0 - 2) will get the party started at 4.15pm; Year 3 and 4's will crank it up a notch from 5.15pm; and the seniors will dance up a storm from 6.15 – 7.15pm. More information including ticket orders will be sent out soon.
- ✂ **Friday Sausage Sizzle** - Order between 8.30am and 9am in the hall.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OSCAR in St Albans April Holiday Programme April - Bookings for our interesting April holiday programme have started. Please book early to ensure your child gets a place. Dates: 15 – 18 April and 23, 24 and 26 April from 7.30am to 6pm. For an enrolment form and activities list, please contact the office at 19 Thames Street or email oscarinstalbans@gmail.com or phone 355 4918 or 027 355 4919.



FABULOUS FAMILY FUN
ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GALA

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019
11 - 3 pm
49 RUTLAND STREET



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GirlGuiding NZ Leaders - GirlGuiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic leaders that will provide positive support to girls aged 5 – 17 years old while delivering exciting programmes once a week. Group meetings run for up to 2 hours once a week during school terms. We have developed an amazing programme that uses fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills to help grow the next generation of female leaders. All support and training is provided by a dedicated team to help you do a great job. You can choose the age group you work with and you can take on a level of commitment that suits. You just need to bring a drive and a passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future! If this sounds like you, find out more information

here <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/leaders-volunteers>. Alternatively, you can email Andrea on andrea.mcclean@girlguidingnz.org.nz to talk about the different options.

Scholarships at Selwyn House School - Girls starting Year 6 or 7 during the 2020 school year are eligible to apply for the following scholarships: Academic, All Rounder, Boarding, Music, Performing Arts, Sports. The scholarship application deadline is 17 May, 4pm. For more information on scholarships and to download an application please visit <https://selwynhouse.school.nz/scholarships/>

Papanui Neighbourhood Fair - Sunday 17 March, 12.30 - 3pm: , on wet or fine! (inside if wet), at 95A Sawyers Arms Road. Clown Adam Allsorts, horizontal bungee, inflatable sumo wrestling, spray-on tattoos, face-painting, games and activities, bouncy castles, Zion Hip-hop dancers, kapahaka, live music, candyfloss, icecream, baking, sausage sizzle, barista coffee and more! Great for youth, kids, senior citizens and the whole whanau! Almost everything low-cost or free.

Skate Jam - Sunday 31 March, 2-3pm at St Albans Park re-opening, 1-4pm. The Papanui-Innes Community Board invite you to help celebrate the reopening of the St Albans Park. There will also be a bouncy castle and free sausage sizzle. (Cancelled if wet).



Bacon Fundraiser!!

All funds raised are going to the Blair family who lost Mum, Sarah, recently. Sarah was a beloved teacher at our preschool.

\$14 for 1kg

All orders **must** be emailed to

baconfundraiser@gmail.com

(include your location in the email)

Location: _____

No cash sales. All payments made to

02-0865-0197711-06

(Enter your name as reference)

Order must be in by March 28th.

Pick up dates and locations will be emailed as confirmation of your order.

Please help us to reach our fundraising goal to help this family.



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Avebury Gala - Sunday 31 March, 10am to 3pm, at Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue. Avebury House in conjunction with the Richmond Community Garden will be celebrating the harvest in fine fashion with loads of food & craft stalls, games, entertainment, high tea and a car boot sale to boot! All happening at once across the entire site. It's going to be a huge fun day for the family so come along!

Dyspraxia Support Group of NZ Parent Support Talk –Wednesday 20 March May 7.30pm (DSGNZ National Office, old Kendal School premises, 53 Kendal Ave, Room 10). Members free, non-members - gold coin donation. Topic is 'What to look for at school open nights.' This is an evening of tips and information about this time of transition between schools for a child with DCD/dyspraxia. Call Sue 03 358 3249 or email dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz to confirm your place.



Avon/St. Michael's Junior Hockey Club

Avon/St. Michael's Junior Hockey Club welcome players from all over Christchurch.

We offer hockey to all junior ages, from Year 1 right through to Year 8.

Come along to our practices and Trials @ Shirley Boys High School turf

Start Dates:

Year 7-8 Players: 14 March,
Boy's: 5.30 -6:30pm, Girl's 6.30 – 7.30pm

Year 5-6 Players: 21 March, 5:30-6.00pm

Year 3-4 Players: 21 March, 4:30-5:30pm

Year 1-2 Players: 2 May at 4:30-5:30pm

We offer a 12 week "fun sticks" course for these players

To register your interest;

1. Junior Club Registrations online link <https://goo.gl/forms/zlfeQhCylHlUldaB3>
2. Contact our club Captain: Hugh Williams Email: juniors@avonhockey.co.nz

Also, check out our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/AvonSt.MichaelsHockey>

Website: www.avonhockey.co.nz

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