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**Kia ora whānau,**

**Message from the Board of Trustees**

We are pleased to be able to now share with you the final report from the Education Review Office (ERO). ERO visits schools to review and report on the quality of education and learning outcomes for our tamariki. The frequency of those reviews is determined by how well the school is doing - i.e. if there are concerns there will be more frequent ERO reviews; if a school is seen to be doing well there will be less frequent ERO reviews. We are therefore thrilled to have received the best possible outcome in this regard - a 4 - 5 year review. Here are a few of the highlights from our review report:

- *The school is making very positive progress towards ensuring that all students experience equitable and excellent outcomes;*
- *Most students achieve at or above curriculum expectations in reading, writing and mathematics;*
- *Most TTRR (Te Tikanga Rua Reo) students achieve success in te reo-ā-waha (Māori oral language), with all TTRR students achieving at or above curriculum expectations in reading, writing and mathematics by the end of Year 6;*
- *The school is effectively accelerating achievement for targeted children. The 2018 mid-year information showed high rates of acceleration in reading, writing, mathematics and kōrero;*
- *There is a high level of professional capability and collective capacity amongst the board, leaders and teachers. Leaders and teaching staff are highly committed and actively promote the school's vision, goals and targets for equity and excellence for every child;*
- *Students are well supported to be confident, connected, actively involved learners and leaders.*

We have attached the 4-page report, which is not yet on the ERO website. Also attached is a congratulatory letter from the Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins. This is a report the St Albans School community can feel very proud of - well done to everyone.

**Northern Arterial Community Consultation - Save the Date** - The Christchurch City Council will be holding public meetings on the Northern Arterial Route and its impact on the St Albans community on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 5 - 7pm in our school hall. It would be great to get as many representatives of our school community there as possible, as we have significant concerns about the impacts these plans will have on the safety of our students travelling to and from school. We will provide further information about these meetings as soon as we receive it.

*Whangia ka tupu, ka puawai. That which is nurtured, blossoms and grows.*

**NZEI Union Meetings** - The NZEI has advised us that it is holding a further round of paid union meetings for all teachers who are covered by the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement and all principals covered by the Primary Principals Collective Agreement. These meetings will take place nationally from 18 - 22 March. We owe a huge thank you to all of our staff for working together to ensure that there is cover for all staff attending the meetings, without needing to close the school early on any day.

**New Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson - New Board Positions** - At our March meeting, the new Board Chair, Deputy Chair and portfolio holders were elected. We are thrilled to welcome Vaughan Hartland to the role of Board Chair and Aaron Tunnicliff to the Deputy Chair position. Aaron will also join the Finance and Property portfolio, while Juliet Calder will join the Employer Responsibilities portfolio and the Documentation and Self-Review portfolio. We thank Chris Wallace for doing an outstanding job as Board Chair over the last four years. He has led capably and shown huge commitment to the success of this school, its students and the staff throughout his tenure. Whakawhetai ki a koe nui atu.

**Pool Closing Time** - Please note that from this Monday 11 March, the school pool will close an hour earlier at 7pm each night.

### **Principal's Message**

#### **A Focus on Keeping Our Kids Safe**

**Information regarding Measles Outbreak March 2019** – Please see the back page of this newsletter for some important information from the Canterbury District Health Board regarding the current measles outbreak in Canterbury.

**Momo Challenge** - Please take time to read the information we sent home earlier this week regarding this very concerning Momo Challenge that is sweeping the world. NetSafe has a very useful article here: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/momo-challenge-advisory-february-2019/> Please report any incidents via NetSafe <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

#### **Keeping Ourselves Safe - Advice for whānau from the NZ Police**

- We encourage families, whānau and caregivers to have discussions with their children about keeping safe.
- Have sensible family safety guidelines.
- Have discussions around behaviours and actions that are inappropriate or that make them feel uncomfortable, rather than concentrating on the types of people that could harm them.
- Encourage children and young people to take action when they feel unsafe or uncomfortable.
- Make it easy for your child to talk to you and tell you about anything that is bothering them.
- Listen carefully to what your child is saying. They are unlikely to tell you directly that they are being abused so you may need to read between the lines.
- Establish a safety word to be used if someone other than the usual family member is picking up your child.

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If you have knowledge of any concerning behaviour in the community we encourage you to contact Papanui Police Station (03) 374 1700.

**Ngā mihi,  
Ginnie and the team**

### **Out of School Experiences and Achievements**

Xanthe completed the Pub to Pass Mountain Bike Race in 1 hr 55 mins. It was a very challenging race with some monster hills, river crossings and some white knuckle down hills. Xanthe won a cool helmet for being one of the youngest competitors in the field. Well done, Xanthe!



### **NEW PUPILS**

We welcome Rain, Esther, Abigail and Ana Maria who joined our school this week.

### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

**2019 Board of Trustee Elections** – There will be 3 informal Kōrari sessions run by NZSTA for parents interested in standing for election. Attendance is free. RSVP to [lshelley@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:lshelley@nzsta.org.nz)

4 April	6 - 8pm	Rangiora – Rangiora High School
9 April	6 - 8pm	ChCh East – Haeata Community Campus
11 April	6 - 8pm	Hornby – Hornby High School

Kōrari is a programme that provides governance training to help parents understand the role of school boards of trustees. To find our more about what is involved with this governance role go to <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz>

### **PTA NEWS**

✂ **PTA AGM - We need you!** The AGM is coming up next Wednesday, and this is when our new executive will be formed. All current executive members - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Marketing Officer - are stepping down, so if you or anyone you know may be interested in doing any of these roles please fill in a nomination here - <https://goo.gl/forms/cYnLINNmYWAPIR7J2> or feel free to contact any of the current office holders for more information:

- Chair, Cherie Lynn - [ptachairperson@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:ptachairperson@stalbans.school.nz)
- Secretary, Angela Harden - [ptasecretary@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:ptasecretary@stalbans.school.nz)
- Treasurer, Tamara Moriarty - [ptatreasurer@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:ptatreasurer@stalbans.school.nz)
- Marketing, Juliet Calder - [ptamarketing@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:ptamarketing@stalbans.school.nz)

✂ **Croissants are coming** - Check the school bags on Friday, as order forms will be coming home with the kids. Orders will be due by 1 April and deliveries will be on 10 April in time for Easter. We even have an amazing new option on top of the usual delicious croissants....did I hear someone say pain au chocolat?! YUM!

✂ **Friday Sausage Sizzle** - Order between 8.30am and 9am in the hall.

6 March 2019

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury measles outbreak has been steadily climbing and as at 5 March we have had ten confirmed cases, with more likely to be confirmed over the next days and weeks. Some are children who have yet to complete their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations, but four are adults aged between 27 and 50 who have had only one measles vaccination, which was standard practice between 1969 and 1990. Cases have now spread throughout Christchurch.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious, viral disease where up to 30 percent of those who catch it will develop complications – usually children under 5 and adults over the age of 20. Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature labour and low birth-weight in babies. Measles is spread through droplets in the air and through contact, so that anyone unprotected who has been in the same room as someone with measles will likely get it.

The surest protection is for people to have had both of their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations, scheduled to be given to children at 15 months and at four years. As long as children of school age are up-to-date with their vaccinations they should be protected against measles. People vaccinated between 1969 and 1990 should contact their GP team who will provide a booster vaccination. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to measles and will be immune.

Family members who aren't sure if they have been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine should talk to their GP team who will be able to provide a vaccination if they need it. An extra vaccination will not cause any harm.

Measles symptoms include:

- o A respiratory type of illness with dry cough, runny nose, headache
- o Temperature over 38.5 C and feeling very unwell
- o A red blotchy rash starts on day 4-5 of the illness usually on the face and moves to the chest and arms.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>

If you think a child has measles keep them away from other children. If they are already sick they should stay home for at least five days after symptoms such as a rash appeared. Once measles has been in your school, parents of any children who are not fully immune (2 doses of MMR) are advised to keep them home for 14 days from the likely date of exposure.