



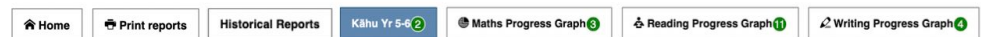
## Kia ora whānau,

Tomorrow STAR (St Albans Reporting) will go live and you will see a number of changes have taken place. The move away from National Standards has provided us with the opportunity to reconnect the curriculum and provide you with a more connected and holistic report on your child as a learner. In making our changes we also took into account feedback from our 2018 reporting survey.

### Here's what's changed:

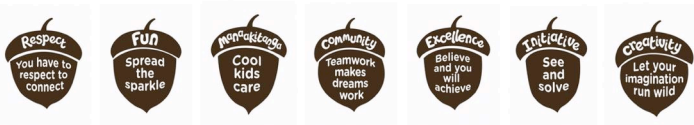
- from this year you will be able to celebrate your child's learning on one page
- pages are labelled: Parerā, Pīwakawaka, Pūkeko, Kererū, Kāhu, Te Tikanga Rua Reo
- the most recent posts will always be at the top
- reading, writing and maths pages will continue to be visible, however, these will only show the graphs, as all commentary will be on the main reporting page
- a newly developed Historical Reports tab contains reporting prior to 2019 for: general comments, integrated studies, PE and health and self-portrait

e.g., Whānau of a student in Kāhu Hub would click the Kāhu Yr 5 - 6 tab to access the latest reporting post. The number in the green circle indicates the total number of posts on that page.



**In term one reporting is based around Key Competencies and St Albans School Values.**

Five Key Competencies are identified in *The New Zealand Curriculum*:

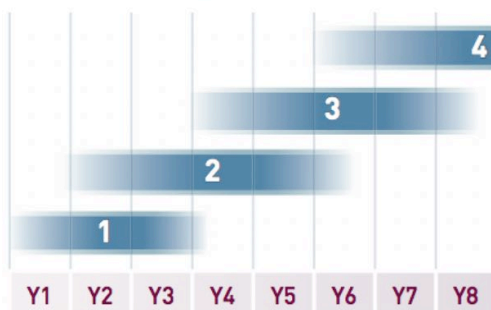


- Managing self
- Participating and contributing
- Relating to others
- Thinking
- Using language, texts and symbols

As in previous years we will personalise your child's report by including their hand drawn self-portrait.



## Years and Curriculum Levels



This diagram shows how the levels of the New Zealand Curriculum typically relate to years at school. Many students do not, however, fit this pattern.

This includes those with special learning needs, those who are gifted and those who come from non-English-speaking backgrounds.

Students learning an additional language are also unlikely to follow the suggested progression: level 1 is the entry level for those with no prior knowledge of the

language being learned, regardless of their school year.

Please note:

- this information has been included in a slideshow on your child's homepage allowing you to refer to it at any time
- we will continue to report each term
- you will be kept up to date with these changes prior to STAR going live each term

**Tomorrow school finishes for the term at the usual time of 3pm.**

**We look forward to students returning on Monday 29th April.**

**We will begin the term with a mihi whakatau at 9.30am in the hall - whānau are most welcome to join us.**

*Have a safe and restful break,  
Ginnie and the team*

### Message from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees wishes all of our children and whānau a safe and enjoyable term break and Easter. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our school safe too, so if you are around the school over the holidays and notice any suspicious or dangerous behaviour on the school grounds, please call our security company, Code 9 - ph. 3743424. Below are few final notices for this term, and we look forward to seeing you in term two.

**BOT Elections** - The Board of Trustees elections will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June with nominations closing Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We have a number of Trustees standing down this year, so if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Trustee please feel free to contact any of the current Board members on the email addresses below:

- Vaughan Hartland - [vaughanhartland@gmail.com](mailto:vaughanhartland@gmail.com)
- Aaron Tunncliff - [aaron.tunncliff@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.tunncliff@gmail.com)
- Juliet Calder - [juliet@caldercommunications.co.nz](mailto:juliet@caldercommunications.co.nz)
- Chris Wallace - [Chris.Wallace@vbase.co.nz](mailto:Chris.Wallace@vbase.co.nz) (not seeking re-election)
- Karen Wiese - [howie.karen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:howie.karen@xtra.co.nz) (not seeking re-election)

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- Tony Boon - [Tony.Boon@iag.co.nz](mailto:Tony.Boon@iag.co.nz) (not seeking re-election)

**Have your say on the Northern Corridor traffic mitigation plans** - The Christchurch City Council is currently inviting feedback on their plans to manage the increase in traffic when the Christchurch Northern Corridor opens. We encourage as many members of the public as possible to send in a submission. Information about how to do that is available here - <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/226> The Board of Trustees is preparing a submission along the following key themes:

- **Safety** - particularly around our students crossing Cranford Street to get to school and the danger that increased traffic volumes will bring if not managed well;
- **Accessibility** - we are concerned that the proposal as outlined will make access to our school a lot more difficult;
- **Community** - we are concerned that the increased traffic on Cranford Street and proposed traffic mitigation measures will create an unintended barrier or division through the middle of our community.

**Tomorrow's Schools Review** - The Government is currently undertaking a major review of New Zealand's education system, known as the 'Tomorrow's Schools Review'. An Independent Taskforce released a report at the end of last year, and public consultation on that report has just closed. The Board sent in a submission as part of that process, supporting many of the recommendations and also pointing out some of the potential issues or restraints we had identified. If you would like to know more about this review, please visit <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

**Lockdown Feedback** - Many thanks to everyone who participated in the lockdown survey that we sent out. It was great to receive many constructive comments, positive feedback and useful suggestions. We will use this feedback as part of our contribution to the Ministry of Education's review of lockdown procedures, and following the results of that we will be able to come back to you with more information about how that will affect our own procedures. In the meantime, the school has taken some immediate actions to improve our

- Developed pre-written comms that can be used in an emergency and refined our procedures for sending these out;
- Taken down the school Facebook page in the wake of this event due to concerns about this social media platform, and will use our School App, Linc-Ed (STAR) email and text options for communication.
- We will prepare laminated signs for easy use, should there be another event. The message on these will be depend on the outcome of the review and the actions we will take.

## **NEW PUPIL**

We welcome Zoe who started school this week.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**School Donation Prize Draw** – We are very grateful that such a large percentage of families at St Albans choose to pay the school donation. As a token of our appreciation we have held a prize draw and the winning families are the Halviti family and the Thompson family. There will be prize draws at the end of the next three terms. If you require a donation receipt to claim your tax refund for the 2018/19 tax year, please email [diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz)

## PTA NEWS

- ✂ **Entertainment Books** - Order your Entertainment Book or digital membership filled with offers and discounts. The St Albans School PTA will receive \$14 for each membership purchased. Pop into the office and take a look at our copy and see for yourself all the great offers and discounts.
- ✂ **PTA Committee** - Thanks to everyone who responded to our call for help. Last night we elected our two remaining executives. Congratulations to Keri Page – Treasurer and Chloe Jolliffe – Secretary. It's great to have you on the team. The PTA is keen to get more members involved so please drop us an email to [ptachairperson@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:ptachairperson@stalbans.school.nz) if you want to know more about the PTA or you're keen to get involved.
- ✂ **Sausage Sizzle** - Every Friday \$2, order before 9am outside the hall. If you are keen to help, pop your name on the roster in the café – it's a great way to get involved and meet other parents.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Edgeware Pool AGM** – 7.30pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at Crisp Real Fruit Parlour, Edgeware Village Shopping Centre: usual business and election of officers, update on project, drinks and nibbles. Sale goods: T- Shirts \$20, Swim Caps \$5, Pool History Book \$15. Become a member for \$5pp. Follow us on Facebook “Edgeware Pool”. Account for donations: 38-9005-0757580-000, St Albans Pavilion and Pool Inc. Become part of this amazing community project!

## Holiday Programmes

**OSCAR in St Albans** – email [oscarinstalbans@gmail.com](mailto:oscarinstalbans@gmail.com) or ph 355 4918 or 027 355 4919

**MASH** – email [info@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:info@mashkids.co.nz) ph 366 9408 [www.mashkids.co.nz](http://www.mashkids.co.nz)

**Tae Kwon Do at St Albans School** – Training times are Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 5.30-7.30pm in the school hall (kids and adults classes). Membership is only \$10 per week! For those that want to 'try it out', the first 2 weeks of sessions are FREE - just bring a drink and comfortable clothing for training in. For more information call Joe on 027 571 5423 to reserve a spot to a particular session for more information email [shirleyolympictaekwondo@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyolympictaekwondo@gmail.com)

**Marist Hockey Have-a-Go Funsticks & Ministicks** – 9.50 - 10.50am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Marist Park for Years 1 - 4. Any queries please email [maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com](mailto:maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com)

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