



**ST ALBANS SCHOOL**  
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**Kia ora whānau,**

### **Message from the Board of Trustees - Strike Action**

You will be aware that recent negotiations between the government and the teachers' union (NZEI) have once again broken down. A mega teacher strike has been confirmed for **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May** and means both primary and secondary teachers across the country will be on strike.

The proposed day-long strike makes it too difficult to staff our school as almost all St Albans School teachers are NZEI members. The Board has considered carefully the availability of teaching staff, but because we are not able to provide sufficient staffing to safely supervise children, we have made the decision to close the school on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

***It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. There will be no supervision available at school on that day.***

We realise this is a considerable inconvenience for families. Please be aware that the over-riding aim for this action is for teaching to become a better supported and resourced profession, which enables teachers to provide more for our children.

The Board of Trustees hopes that there is a resolution prior to 29<sup>th</sup> May. If there is, we will let you know immediately. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Our Support Staff**

This morning the teachers presented our Support Staff with their very own 'Survival Supplies' and treated them to a special morning tea. We are incredibly fortunate to have such committed, professional and hardworking support staff on our team. Each and everyone of them makes a difference for our learners, staff, whānau and community members. It is very important to us that they feel valued and celebrating Support Staff Day is one way we can.



*He iti wai kōwhao waka e tahuri te waka.*

*A little storm and then a rainbow appears.*

## New School App

In the coming weeks we will be launching our new and improved School App. The team who bought out the previous provider has been working behind the scenes to improve connectivity and reliability. We will be able to update you soon and will outline what changes you will need to make on your device.

## Donation from 0800 Hungry

Last week we received a donation of Cadbury Favourites from the 0800 Hungry organisation. These are past their 'best before' date but we have been reassured that they are safe to eat. A box will be sent home with each child tomorrow. These had been donated prior to Mother's Day, however, many of our students had made a little something special for a mother, aunt, grandmother or carer in their life and we felt the chocolates were best distributed at a different time. I know the team at 0800 Hungry do so much for so many and would appreciate your support should you be able to reciprocate this generosity in some way.



**Kereru Artwork** - Here is the Kereru artwork that Sienna's and Levi's grandfather, Bill Joyce, has made for us. He has used water colours as his medium. It is a hobby that he has picked up in his retirement. It will be displayed in K19 - K21 space.



## Out of School Achievement

On Saturday this awesome little group of St Albans girls played each other at hockey. St Albans Sweetstix (Yr 4 team) vs Marist Matai (Yr 3 team - all from St Albans bar one). Some great skills out there and lots of smiles.

## Ngā mihi, Ginnie and the team

## NEW PUPILS

We welcome Harjaap, Beckett and Nityajitsinh who joined our school this week.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**2019 Board of Trustees Election Update** – Nomination forms have now been delivered. Please contact the office if you did not receive one. The main voting roll has closed and the supplementary roll is open until Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Completed nomination forms

may be sent to the office with candidate statements and photos emailed at a later date, by noon 24<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. A list of candidates to date is displayed at the office.

### **Election Time-line:**

Close Supplementary Roll:	Wednesday 22 May
Nominations Close:	Noon, Friday 24 May
Voting Papers Sent By:	Wednesday 29 May
Election Day:	Noon, Friday 7 June
Count Votes:	Thursday 13 June
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June

**Chess Club 2019** - A BIG thank you to Wendy who is currently organising the many children who are interested in taking up Chess Club at St Albans. Due to the popular demand we have been fortunate to receive 20 new sets at half price from Toy World at Tower Junction. Thank you to the team at Toy World for their wonderful contribution to our club. Also thank you to Maxi's mum Barbara who was able to source the great discount from Toy World, and a final thank you to our fabulous PTA who have paid for the new sets. We really do appreciate all those who have helped to get the Chess Club up and running.



Here are some of our St Albans senior students who are learning to play so that they can support our younger players in learning the game. Looks like serious concentration!



**Hockey Coach Needed** - We are in need of a Hockey coach to take the Hockey B team. This involves being at games on Friday afternoons at Nunweek Park. Coaches must referee games so do need to have a basic understanding of the sport. We fully understand that many parents cannot help due to work commitments, however, without help we are unable to enter these teams into the competitions. If you can help or would like more information, please email [sport@stalbens.school.nz](mailto:sport@stalbens.school.nz)

## Year 1-4 Cross-Country – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- Yr 4 Girls - 9.30am, Yr 4 Boys - 9.40am, Yr 3 Girls - 9.50am, Yr 3 Boys - 10am
- Yr 2 Girls - 10.50am, Yr 2 Boys - 11am, Yr 1 Girls - 11.10am, Yr 1 Boys - 11.20am

**Scooters and a Bike** – Please see Heather if your child is missing a scooter or a bike.

## PTA NEWS

- ✂ **Sausage Sizzle Friday** - Take a day off making lunches: \$2 a sausage, gluten free and vegetarian options available. Order and pay before school every Friday outside the Hall. Struggle to find \$2 in change? Then buy a sausage card for \$10 or \$20, eftpos available at the café.
- ✂ **2019/20 Entertainment Book - Only \$70** - Order your new Entertainment Book or Digital Membership - filled with offers and discounts from the most popular restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more. The St Albans School PTA will receive \$14 for each membership purchased. And this will help us continue to raise funds for the new playground. To order yours now, pop into the office or go online [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134943x](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134943x)
- ✂ **PTA Disco** – Coming soon on Friday 24 May!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**St Albans School**

**Disco**

FRIENDS \* FUN \* GLOW \* MUSIC \* DANCE

**FRIDAY 24 MAY**  
Junior (9-2): 4.15-5pm  
Middle (3-4): 5.15-6pm  
Senior (5-6): 6.15-7.15pm

**SCHOOL HALL**  
Bring coins:  
Glowsticks \$1  
Sausage sizzle \$2

Tickets on sale at the Oakleaf Café from 3pm next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
\$3 per child or \$6 per family (3 or more children).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CREATIVE Junk**  
Recycle Reuse Rethink

Passionate about reusing waste

**OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 18 May 2019

10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
25 Disraeli St, Addington

enjoy activities, make friends and share waste, reuse and upcycle ideas

Waste and art activities  
**THE BIG KNIT**  
FREE have a go knitting activities  
**MAKE A BAG**  
in our MAKERSPACE area

Raffle  
Sausage Sizzle

Meet Sarah from The Artbreakers  
Receive info about art workshops

Imagine Youth Theatre presents

**THE SNOW QUEEN**

Adapted and directed by Martin Howells

**9-20 JULY**

11am and 1pm every day except Sunday

Professional actors with children

**AUDITIONS**  
3.30-5.30 • Friday 17 May  
St Ninian's Church Hall Puriri St Riccarton

Information and Registrations see  
[www.imagineyouththeatre.co.nz](http://www.imagineyouththeatre.co.nz)  
021 044 1909

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