



ST ALBANS SCHOOL
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Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to term 2. By now you will have read your child's report comment for term one. We hope you have shared this with them, celebrating the many highlights and talking through the key areas for development for the weeks ahead.

Next week our teachers are attending 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 were deferred in term one and will now take place from 6 - 9 May. I am very grateful to all 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.

This term our staff will delve deeper into our Digital Technology professional development programme. The overarching aim of this project is to grow confident, capable, connected, collaborative tamariki who can use digital technology to share their learning locally and globally. It will also develop confidence in staff to explore new and innovative ways to use technology to enhance learning. Students will be given greater voice and choice in their learning, engage in learning that connects curriculum areas making thinking visible. Elements of this will be showcased throughout the term through hub blogs and other forms of communication.

Next Tuesday (7 May) we host our annual Cross Country event. We love the support we receive from whānau and look forward to seeing those of you able to attend. Please encourage your child to wear their house colours. Morning tea will be 10.25 till 10.45am. If you are coming to watch, please be seated in the two bays in the stand closest to the Port Hills. You will need to be there in plenty of time and will need to keep clear of the entrance to English Park as this is part of the course. The best place to watch is in the stands at English Park. Please note Wednesday 8 May is our postponement date.

Programme: *Start times are approximate only*

Senior Team - Spectators to be seated by 9.20am

9.25am	Year 6 girls	9.40am	Year 6 boys
9.55am	Year 5 girls	10.10am	Year 5 boys

Junior Team - Spectators to be seated by 11am

11.05am	Year 2 girls	11.15am	Year 2 boys
11.25am	Year 1 girls	11.35am	Year 1 boys

Middle Team - Spectators to be seated by 11.45am

11.55am	Year 4 girls	12.05pm	Year 4 boys
12.15pm	Year 3 girls	12.25	Year 3 boys

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Some reminders for the start of the term:

- Drive safely and leave time to get to school as parking can be problematic.
- If your details have changed please take time to let us know.
- Gumboots and slippers are a great option on rainy days

Thank you to Nafim (Pīwakawaka 22) and his whānau for sending through this photo of their meeting with our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern last week.

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Gurnoor, Oscar, Shay, Ritsuki, Maia, Sofia and Skyla who joined our school this week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

2019 Board of Trustees Election - The following notice will be published in the 2nd May edition of The Star. Nomination forms will be arriving in your mailboxes next week. If you have not received one by Friday 10 May please contact the office urgently as it means we either have the wrong address or you are not on our voting roll.



St Albans School – 2019 Board of Trustees Election - Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and a photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.

Signed: Diane Mawhinney - Returning Officer

The time-line for the election is as follows:

Close Main Roll:	Wednesday 8 May
Call for Nominations:	Friday 10 May
Close Supplementary Roll:	Wednesday 22 May
Nominations Close:	Noon, Friday 24 May
Voting Papers Sent By:	Wednesday 29 May

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Election Day:	Noon, Friday 7 June
Count Votes:	Thursday 13 June
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a trustee please feel free to contact any of the current Board members at the email addresses below:

- Vaughan Hartland - vaughanhartland@gmail.com
- Aaron Tunnickliff - aaron.tunnickliff@gmail.com
- Juliet Calder - juliet@caldercommunications.co.nz
- Chris Wallace - Chris.Wallace@vbase.co.nz (not seeking re-election)
- Karen Wiese - howie.karen@xtra.co.nz (not seeking re-election)
- Tony Boon - Tony.Boon@iag.co.nz (not seeking re-election)

For information on what is involved in this important governance role, please check the website: <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz>

Scholastic Books - Issue 3 is out now. Orders are due back on Tuesday 14 May.

2019 ICAS and Australian Maths Competitions - Registrations are now open. If you would like your child to participate in the ICAS assessments or AMS competition this year please collect a form from your classroom teacher or spare forms can be collected from the office. These forms are due back to the office in a named envelope with payment by Thursday 23 May.

- **ICAS Information** - Each year at St Albans we offer Year 4-6 children the opportunity to participate in formal competitions run by UNSW Educational Assessment, Australia. The tests are called International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These tests cover six curriculum areas and are designed to test and report to schools and parents on a variety of skills within subjects. A charge is made to cover each paper. Papers are quite challenging so are best suited to learners showing a particular strength or interest in the subject.

Our school has been participating in these tests for a number of years and we have been pleased with the opportunities that the children have been given and the results that have been achieved. Certificates are awarded for High Distinction, Distinction, Credit and Participation. Parents are provided with a detailed report showing strengths and weaknesses. For more information and ways to prepare visit <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au>

- **AMC Information** - We have also taken part in a second maths competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. This is a competitive paper and will be good for children who enjoy the challenge of problem solving in maths. This is a one-off test where the children have 60 minutes to work through 30 questions. As with the UNSW competitions, children receive a certificate and report indicating their achievement. Sample questions are available online at: www.amt.edu.au

This year these assessments will be administered in September. Subjects offered include: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English, Mathematics and Australian

Maths Competition. Any queries please email Jo Lidstone or pop in and see me at the office jo.lidstone@stalbans.school.nz GATE Coordinator, Deputy Principal.

PTA NEWS

✂ **PTA Meeting Wednesday 8 May** - Come and join us in the staff room for a coffee at 6.45pm before the meeting starts at 7pm. We aim to keep these meetings to an hour. It's a great way to be involved and meet other parents.

✂ **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

✂ **PTA Disco** – Coming soon on Friday 24 May!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tae Kwon Do at St Albans School – Training on 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 or email - shirleyolympictaekwondo@gmail.com

O'Callahan Dance Studio - Nurturing and developing young dancers - now taking enrolments for Term 2. Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Lyrical and Acro classes. Corner of Knowles St and Nancy Ave. Free trial class. Contact Ciara for more information on 027 335 2759 or ocdancestudio@hotmail.co.nz

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SAVE THE DATE

St Albans School

Disco

FRIENDS * FUN * GLOW * MUSIC * DANCE

FRIDAY 24 MAY

Junior (0-2): 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).