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Kia ora whānau,

We finally completed our Cross Country event on Tuesday, and thankfully, the weather played its part. This event is one of my favourites, as it showcases 'tuakana-teina' with our senior students supporting those younger than them. Thanks to Glen McKenzie and the team for making this event such a success once again and to all the supporters who offered encouragement to the competitors.

A reminder that school will be CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 29th MAY as both primary and secondary teachers across the country will be on strike.

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.

DISCO

Thanks to our fabulous PTA, volunteers and staff for stepping up once again to do something special for our children. Tickets are being sold at the Oak Leaf Cafe this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3pm – limited door sales will also be available. Tickets are \$3 per child or \$6 per family.

A reminder of the time for the different year groups;

- Junior (Years 0 - 2) 4.15pm to 5pm
- Middle (Years 3 & 4) 5.15pm to 6pm
- Senior (Years 5 & 6) 6.15pm to 7.15pm

On the night there will be a sausage sizzle for \$2 and glow sticks available for \$1.



GETTING CONNECTED

Yesterday our English Language Learners came together and spent time with others of the same culture who speak the same language as them. It was so lovely hearing them chatting away together in their home language as they had fun colouring and creating their kites. June

Thompson and Trish Bunting are our drivers of learning for this group, and with our wonderful teacher aides created a day full of fun, laughter and connectivity. My thanks to this team for their fantastic support of these young learners.

Ngā mihi, Ginnie and the team

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Out of School Experiences and Achievements – Well done Monica from Kereru 20 who won a silver and a bronze medal at the NZ Grappler Competition in Dunedin last weekend.

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Harjaap, Beckett, Nityajitsinh, Sofie, Nicah, Madhava and Kororia who joined our school this week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

2019 Board of Trustees Election Update – Nominations close tomorrow, Friday 24 May at 12 noon. Completed nomination forms must be sent to the office with candidate statements and photos emailed to the Returning Officer diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz by the deadline of 12 noon. To date we have 6 nominations for 5 parent representatives and will be holding a voting election.

Election Time-line:

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| 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 |

Wearable Arts Supplies Needed - The Wearable Arts group are looking for little odds and ends to help the children create their designs. We would love to take things off your hands and repurpose it for a good cause. We're looking for things like: ribbons, wrapping paper pieces, fabric, any sewing stuff, wire, bed sheets, springs, balls (ping pong, etc.), bubble wrap, yoga mats, ANYTHING really! We're happy to come and pick things up. If you have anything that you'd like to donate please bring it to Hannah or Becky in TTRR. If you have donations that need to be picked up, please email hannah.lineham@stalbans.school.nz

Zone Cross Country - Last week 24 children represented St Albans School at the North Zone Cross Country at Murchison Park. The children ran exceptionally well and achieved some outstanding results. Otto placed 1st in the Year 6 boys' race, Harry W placed 1st in the Year 5 boys' race, Daisy placed 2nd in the Year 5 girls' race and Ciara placed 3rd in the Year 6 girls' race. Also qualifying for the North Zone team to compete in the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country on 19 June are Maya, Lily M, Georgetta, Matthew, Davi and Mischa, with Charley and Alex M as first reserves. Many thanks go to all the parents who helped with transport, marshalling and turned up to support the children on the day. *Julie Worthington*



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Year 1 - 4 Cross Country Results - Congratulations to all our runners this week. It is always wonderful to see our students giving it a go.

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| Yr 1 Girls: | 1 st Kiera | 2 nd Jemima | 3 rd Aaliyah |
| Yr 1 Boys: | 1 st Monty | 2 nd Sander | 3 rd Declan |
| Yr 2 Girls: | 1 st Hannah | 2 nd Olive G | 3 rd Ella D |
| Yr 2 Boys: | 1 st Sebastian | 2 nd Jed | 3 rd Ollie |
| Yr 3 Girls: | 1 st Ella T | 2 nd Charlie F | 3 rd Gracie |
| Yr 3 Boys: | 1 st Evan | 2 nd Cooper | 3 rd Hamish |
| Yr 4 Girls: | 1 st Rhea | 2 nd Te Anahera | 3 rd Azarlia |
| Yr 4 Boys: | 1 st Haami | 2 nd Ruben | 3 rd Antonio |

Eco Warriors - Please check out the Eco Warriors blog

at <https://stalbansecowarriors.blogspot.com/>. We will be adding ideas for sustainable lunch box options, our eco thoughts of the week and what we are doing to help our school be environmentally friendly.

Student Accounts – Thank you to everyone who has made payment on their account. It is not too late to set up a small weekly or fortnightly automatic payment to take care of your account or to put your account in credit for upcoming expenses such as school camp if your child is in Year 5/6. If you wish to discuss anything to do with your account, please do not hesitate to contact diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz or call into the office.

Pool Keys – There are still some pool keys yet to be returned. Please return these ASAP for your \$20 bond refund.

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
- ✂ **PTA Disco** – Tomorrow, Friday 24th May in the hall. Tickets \$3 each or \$6 per family, available from the Café or on the night (limited door sales). Yr 0/1/2 from 4.15pm to 5pm, Yr 3/4 from 5.15pm to 6pm, Yr 5/6 from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. On the night there will be a sausage sizzle for \$2 and glow sticks on sale for \$1.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Heaton Normal Intermediate Open Day – Wednesday 24 July - Tours will be held from 8.45am -10am, 10.45am – 12pm and 1.30 – 2.45pm. To secure a place on one of the tours go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code **j6sjw** to select a time.

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Argentina Day Peña Celebration – Saturday 25th May 12pm to 4pm, 13 Nursery Road, Christchurch - Hola! For the first time in Christchurch we have organised a "Peña" (a typical celebration where Argentines meet up, eat, sing, dance and play cards). We will be offering the most famous Argentinean street food: Locro, (typical Argentinean stew), empanadas,

choripan; live music, folklore workshops and truco tournament (cards game). Bring your best Argie look and win a prize. [Tickets](#) are only \$10 with a complimentary alfajor from "La Casa Alfajores" and hot drink. \$15 at the door. Kids under 12 free. All welcome!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/viva-la-patria-tickets-61276722326?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Blended Family Success – Expert Stepfamily Advice: Saturday 15th June. Discover how to help children adjust in your step family and create a united, supportive home life. Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work from New Zealand's leading stepfamily presenter. Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! You must register to secure your place. For more information go to: www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events email: adele@stepfamilyhelp.info

Bliss Calm Qigong Classes - Looking to up your self-care routine? Want less stress and more energy? Bliss Calm Qigong classes are like a workout, yoga class and meditation all in one.

- **Tao Yin** - Tao Yin combines the powerful asana practice of yoga with the effortless flow of Qigong. Find out more here <https://blisscalm.com/tao-yin-series/>
- **Forest Qigong** - A gentle standing class, with a focus on relaxation and stress relief. A perfect pick me up before picking up the kids from school! Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Find out more at: <https://blisscalm.com/forest-gigong/>

Tae Kwon Do at St Albans School -

Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 5.30 - 7.30pm in the school hall - kids and adults. Only \$10 per week. Free to try out. For more information call Joe on 027 571 5423 to reserve a spot or email -

shirleyolympictaekwondo@gmail.com

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