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Kia ora whānau, Our Board of Trustees

On Monday night our current Board of Trustees had their last meeting. As many of you will know Marisa Spear stepped down from the Board after winning a permanent role at our school at the end of 2018. Next month Tony Boon, Chris Wallace and Karen Wiese end their long and illustrious association with the school as members of the Board. This group helped us through multiple challenges including earthquakes, the rebuilding of the school, a new wave of education with the introduction of modern learning spaces, a growing school roll, the redevelopment of the school pool and ERO reviews. You made our team feel valued, as you truly understood the complex nature of a school. Thank you for everything you contributed to our school, its community of learners, whānau and staff.

Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini
Ours is not individual success but success of a collective.

By now you will have received your voting papers for the election of our new Board of Trustees. Please take time to read the candidate information and cast your vote.

Staff Changes

We wish Whaea Nikkita all the very best as she takes leave to prepare for the arrival of her next baby. We will all miss her, but know she will pop in lots while she is on leave. Whaea Hannah will continue with our taura within Kōtuku home base.

We will be welcoming Hannah Tasker to our school in Term 3 and she will be leading Parerā 6. Hannah has been a valued reliever at our school for a number of years as she worked part time focusing on her family, she now joins our team in a full-time role for the remainder of the year. I know we are all looking forward to benefiting from her musical talents.

Celebrating Learning (*An example of our students taking action.*) This article can be found <https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/3589>

School Kids Take Lead in St Albans Skate Park Upgrade - *Creative local school children are carving out a welcome role in Christchurch City Council's skate park revamp plans. A group of 16 children from St Albans School presented their design ideas for a planned extension to*



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the St Albans skate park to Council staff members who were invited to attend a meeting at the school.

Members of St Albans School's Student Council met with Christchurch City Council staff to present their ideas for a revamp of St Albans skate park. The children are members of the school's student council, representing children from all year groups across the school from new entrants up to Year 6.

Their suggestions – put together in a professional power point presentation - include adding a smaller ramp and obstacle course designed for younger skaters and scooter riders, providing chalk for drawing on the concrete, a storage shed for sports gear, "a nice shelter" and seating, more games and "pretend traffic lights" for practising road safety.

St Albans School Teacher Niamh O'Connor says the kids are motivated and enjoying being part of a real-life design project.

"The whole process is a fantastic opportunity for them. They've experienced how the Council consults with the public and to allow our student leaders to have a voice in the community is quite empowering."

St Albans student Oscar says it was really fun to hear what the younger children wanted.

"Some of the ideas were a bit tricky to put in our presentation but we think we did a good job at making sure every idea was put forward." Fellow student Mannat says it will be exciting to see what happens next. "It would be pretty awesome to see some of the ideas we collected end up in the final plan."

A draft plan for revamping the existing St Albans skate park on Forfar St to include new elements for skaters and scooter riders at a beginner level should be ready for consultation later this year so that construction work can begin next year. The Council hopes another local school will be keen to get involved and contribute ideas for Bishopdale Park's skate area which is nearing the end of its lifespan. The skate area, which is part of Bishopdale Park, off Harewood Rd, is due for a full renewal.

A draft plan will be created and formally consulted on later this year and the plan is for building work to get underway next year. Council Head of Parks Andrew Rutledge says having local schools get involved in skate park projects is incredibly valuable. "Council staff are always looking for interesting ways to really engage with the community, especially its younger members, so this project has been very satisfying and enjoyable for everyone involved. "We hope the final outcome will be that we have young people feeling part of a new development in their area and we can also create great skate parks that meet their needs."

My thanks to another of our fantastic teachers, Niamh O'Connor, for leading our student council this year and mentoring them during this project.

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***



Out of School Achievements

Another amazing game of basketball and St Albans Oaks remain undefeated. Great coaches, competitors and supporters!

I would like to share with you a win for Gisele. This year she started Jiu Jitsu and has gone from strength to strength. She recently went to Dunedin with her Academy and competed in a tournament and won! Her coaches say her guarding technique is

natural, with focus and strength she is capable of developing much further. There are many belts and strips that they progress through over time and age. Her sights are on the black belt. There is also another student in TTRR who trains with her two nights a week. She is going up to Auckland to watch the Nationals. *Well done, Gisele.*



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Message From the Board of Trustees

Thank you - Thank you to all whānau for your understanding of the need to close the school yesterday during the strike action.

Northern Corridor Traffic Mitigation Plans - We will be providing an oral submission to a joint meeting of the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board and Papanui-Innes Community Board on Friday, to present our concerns about the current plans to manage the increase in traffic into St Albans when the Christchurch Northern Corridor opens. Our submission will cover 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.

Outgoing Board members - At the final Board meeting ahead of the upcoming BOT election, we took a moment to farewell three of our current trustees who have chosen not to stand for re-election. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the marvellous contribution that Chris Wallace, Tony Boon and Karen Wiese have made as board trustees for an impressive combined total of 21 years! Karen, Tony and Chris have all approached the role of trustee with acumen, integrity, compassion and good humour and they will be greatly missed. Thank you for all for your commitment to our school, and all the best for the future.

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Lucy, Shaun and Jamie who joined our school this week.

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SCHOOL NOTICES

2019 Board of Trustees Election Update – Voting papers have now been posted. Please take the time to read the candidate statements and cast your vote. You have up to 5 votes and papers must be returned individually in the envelope provided, either to the school office or posted (freepost).

Election Time-line:

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

Hockey Coach Urgently 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@stalbans.school.nz

Eco Warriors - Check out the Eco Warriors blog <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.

Wearable Arts - 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

Scooters – Please see Heather if your child is missing a scooter.

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

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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