



ST ALBANS SCHOOL
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Kia ora whānau,

Our apologies for the stop/start/stop Cross Country event on Tuesday. It is always very difficult to forecast the effect light rain will have on the course, participants and spectators and after making the decision to proceed we then had to make a call following the senior event to postpone the Y1 - 4 races.

Our next challenge was then to find a date when the forecast would be clear and English Park was available. We had originally selected yesterday as our postponement date, however, we had concerns about the weather and the slippery surface the children needed to run on - the downhill slope behind English Park became rather boggy. We want our children to enjoy this event as much as they possibly can, and slipping, sliding and falling isn't always safe or fun! We were pleased to run the Year 5 and 6 events, as this enabled us to identify those who qualified for the Zone Cross Country next week.

When changes are made at short notice we are faced with the challenge of communicating this to our community. We made use of the School App, email and text to let whānau know of the changes. One issue we found with the School App is that when we sent multiple updates these didn't pop up as a notification. We have reported this to the developers and hope for a remedy soon.

Our proposed date for the Y1 - 4 event is now Tuesday 21 May. Please note the times have changed...

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

We appreciate your understanding.

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Millie, Kaea, Julia and Kapish who joined our school this week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

2019 Board of Trustees Election - Nomination forms will be arriving in your letterbox this week. If you have not received one by Friday 10 May please contact the office as it means we either have the wrong address or you are not on our voting roll. The main voting roll has closed and the supplementary roll is now open and will close on Wednesday 22 May.

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The time-line for the election is as follows:

Call for Nominations:	Friday 10 May (forms were posted on Monday 6 May)
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

If you are interested in standing for election and would like to learn more about what is involved please feel free to contact any of the current Board members at the email addresses below:

- Vaughan Hartland - vaughanhartland@gmail.com
- Aaron Tunncliffe - aaron.tunncliffe@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>

Senior Cross Country Results - Congratulations to the following children who battled the elements this week and gained a place at the cross country. These Year 5 and 6 placegetters have qualified for the zones on 15 May. Good luck to our team!

Year 5 Boys: 1st Harry W, 2nd Joey, 3rd Alex, 4th Reilly, 5th Joshua, 6th Henry

Year 5 Girls: 1st Daisy, 2nd Davi, 3rd Mischa, 4th Katrina, 5th Neave, 6th Rae

Year 6 Boys: 1st Otto, 2nd Matthew, 3rd Louis, 4th Josef, 5th Sam Y, 6th Joel

Year 6 Girls: 1st Maya, 2nd Ciara, 3rd Georgetta, 4th 4th Charley, 5th Lily M, 6th Emily F

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

Pram Needed – A school family is in need of a pram for a young baby. If you have one in safe, working order to give away, please contact Kim Scadden in Kereru 24 or email kim.scadden@stalbans.school.nz

Maths-a-thon - This year our school will be taking part in our very own maths-a-thon to build our number knowledge in mathematics. This is a great event and all fundraising will be used to purchase mathematics resources and place value equipment.

On Monday 13 May all children will be tested on their facts. We will then send home a sheet of knowledge facts for each child to learn. Children are expected to practise these every night and aim to get them all correct in ten minutes. The test will take place on Tuesday 4 June. It will be similar to their practise sheet and will have a ten minute limit to ensure that the children have secured the facts to a mastery level.

Coming home with the children on Monday 13 May is a sponsor sheet, which we would like all students to fill in, getting as many sponsors as they can. Please ask parents,

grandparents, aunts, uncles, extended family, neighbours and friends to sponsor an amount for each fact learned. It could be as little as 1 cent per fact, or as much as a \$1 per fact. Some people may find it more appropriate to offer a donation instead of a sponsorship, and this is fantastic too. Please don't send any money to school until after Tuesday 4 June.

You can return your completed forms to the blue drop box in the office. Please make sure the money and form are in a sealed envelope with your child's name and home base written on it. This is so we can determine prizes for our top sponsored home base and the top performing home base. Please return completed forms and money by Friday 21 June.

This is a 'win-win' situation – the students are learning and the school is able to fundraise. Thank you for your support with this 'maths-a-thon'. If you have any queries please contact your child's home base teacher

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** – Coming soon on Friday 24 May!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Taekwon-Do Classes for 5-8 year old students available. Call/text Angela Oliver on 021 842 011 or email info@pulsetkd.co.nz to book your free trial as spaces are limited.

Selwyn House School Open Day - Selwyn House School is a leading girls' school for Years 1-8, with boarding options available. We provide exceptional educational opportunities for girls, in a stimulating and nurturing environment. Our focus is on developing globally minded learners and leaders who will become confident and capable women. Please join us for our Open Day on Monday 13 May and experience all

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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).

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that Selwyn House has to offer. If you are unable to attend our Open Day, a personal tour can be arranged by appointment, please contact Charlotte Johnson at:

c.johnson@selhouse.school.nz

Scholarships at Selwyn House School - Deadline 4pm 17 May - Girls starting Year 6 or 7 during the 2020 school year are eligible to apply for the following scholarships: Academic, All Rounder, Boarding, Music, Performing Arts, Sports. Girls starting as a New Entrant, Year 1 - 3 in 2020 are also able to apply for the Junior All Rounder Scholarship. There is no cost to apply for the scholarships. The Scholarship Application Deadline 17 May, 4pm. For more information on scholarships and to download an application please visit <https://selwynhouse.school.nz/scholarships/>

Garden of Sound: Live is coming to you again tonight, Thursday 9 May at the Scottish Society Hall on Caledonian Road. This event will bring together two of the Mainland's finest musical talents in Tui Award winner Amiria Grenell and singer-songwriter Moses Robbins, alongside up and coming young artists Olivia Eady (former student of St Albans School) and Twin Harmony (brothers Tane and Aka). Held during New Zealand Music Month, this all-ages, alcohol free gig will celebrate the rich diversity of music in Aotearoa. The event is supported by Creative Communities. Door sales \$16 or \$13.42 online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garden-of-soundlive-tickets-59420609643>

<https://www.facebook.com/gardenofsound.nz/videos/336596147199433/>



We are searching for New Zealand's HOTTEST JUNIOR CHEF




Canterbury Regional Cook Off
South City Shopping Centre
Saturday 25th May 2019
Heats start at 9.30am

If you have a favourite dish you love to cook, are in year 1-8 and live in Canterbury, **ENTER NOW!**


Have heaps of fun at the live cook off judged by top local chefs

Great prizes including assistance for the regional winner to compete in Auckland at the national Kiwi Kids Can Cook final at the NZ Hospitality Championships in August 2019

For more details and to enter visit: www.nzcchefs.org.nz/competitions
Entries close Wednesday 15th May 2019



Audition Call



Alice in Wonderland
Adapted by Josh Cairns
Saturday 11th May

You will be required to sing the chorus of a Disney song of your choice without music.

You will be asked to read a few lines of a script, which will be provided at the audition.

Please Call or Text Fay on **021 043 1108** to book your audition time.

act2dramagroup@gmail.com
<https://act2drama.co.nz/>

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