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Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to term 3! As in past terms we have had a significant number of new whānau join us; we are thrilled to make them a part of our school. We have another busy term ahead; all our learning hubs have planned many exciting experiences for the children, please check their blogs for up-to-date information.

School Photos

These take place on Wednesday 31st July. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform. All children will wear sweatshirts, not polar fleeces, and we appreciate you ensuring they look their very best. Many whānau treasure these photos, and it does look pretty spectacular when everyone is looking neat and tidy.

Emergency Supplies

We would appreciate the support of our community in restocking our emergency supplies, assisting us in providing children with food should there be another lockdown event.

We have decided that canned fruit is the safest, as it allows us to keep those with severe food allergies safe from harm, plus canned fruit lasts a long time meaning we won't have to worry about expiration dates. We ask whānau to send one can of fruit (preferably with no added sugar) to your child's home base. If you have more than one child, please choose one child to deliver a can. From there we will ensure we have coverage across the school.



Mana Ake 'Drop in Sessions'

Mana Ake Kaimahi (workers) will be making themselves available to whānau as part of a new 'drop-in' initiative; this will allow whānau to book a time for a chat. The kaimahi will be a listening ear, offering advice where they can or making suggestions for other avenues of support. More information will be shared next week.

**Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team**

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Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow is a government initiative that provides wellbeing and mental health support to children aged 5 to 12 years across the Canterbury region.

Mana Ake kaimahi (workers) work alongside the schools, children and whānau, to promote wellbeing and provide support when wellbeing concerns are identified.

Mana Ake aims to provide positive interventions at the earliest opportunity to ensure the right support gets to the right children at the right time.



MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

What kind of support can Mana Ake offer?

The Mana Ake team can support:

- Children – facilitating groups around friendship, social skills, mindfulness and emotional regulation, as well as individual work with a child.
- Parents/whānau – providing workshops, advice, guidance, and links to access community supports.
- Teachers -providing class-wide approaches to promoting wellbeing and working alongside teachers to support children with specific wellbeing needs.
- School systems and communities – identifying opportunities and approaches to enhance wellbeing.

How can children get support from Mana Ake?

Every school has a **liaison kaimahi** that will work directly with the school to receive requests for support. The Mana Ake team meets frequently to assign a worker whose skills could best suit the needs outlined in the request for support.

Parents and caregivers can talk to their child's teacher or member of the school staff to check whether a request for support is appropriate.

Meet your Mana Ake team....

From left to right: Clare Vesty, Cathy Robson, Dylan Walls, Maria Lui and Alena Keating.



NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following pupils who joined our school this week: Sai-Aroha, Deeksha, Ollie, Mackenzie, Evie, Millie, Flynn, Kai, Abigail, Charlie, Quanzelle, Maggie, Mikhail, Hope, Precious, Jock, Leah and Annalise.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Scholastic Book Orders – Brochures were sent home this week with the last day for orders being Friday 9th August. Orders may be made online through the Scholastic LOOP system or by cash or eftpos at the office.

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GATE Update - Over the next few weeks we have teams of children participating in the following events:

- **Monday 5th August - NZ Book Awards and Writers Workshop** with James Guthrie author of Bullseye Bella. We have a selection of children from Year 4 - 6 who are attending the NZ Book Awards at St Margaret's College. They will get to hear various authors present their work. Following the awards, they will have a Writers Workshop with author James Guthrie to develop their craft of writing. We are very excited to be working with James.
- **Tuesday 13th August - Epro 8 Challenge.** We have two teams entered in the Epro8 Challenge which is an engineering and problem-solving race. For more information check out <https://epro8challenge.co.nz>
- **Saturday 24th August - Robocup:** We have two teams entered in this competition in two events: Robo-Soccer and Robotic Rescue. These teams have been busy building their competition robots under the expert tuition of Sam Pelham and June Thompson. A big thank you to Sam and June for all their work with the team.
- **Saturday 31st August - Tournament of Minds (TOM):** Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. Teams are required to work together on a long-term challenge for six weeks without assistance from teachers, parents or peers. They are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop a creative and original way to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria and the deadline of tournament day. The tournament process provides a platform for excellence and equips participants with twenty-first century skills and strategies. Our teams have been working hard over the past term developing their creativity, collaboration, communication and problem-solving skills.

2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

ICAS will be online this year, with only ICAS Writing for Year 4 and 5 on paper.

Registrations are now closed for the 2019 ICAS exams and Australian Maths Competition.

The dates for the 2019 exams are:

- Australian Maths Competition - Thursday 1st August
- Digital Technologies – Tuesday 3rd September
- Science – Thursday 5th September
- Writing – Tuesday 10th September
- Spelling – Thursday 12th September
- English – Tuesday 17th September
- Mathematics – Thursday 19th September

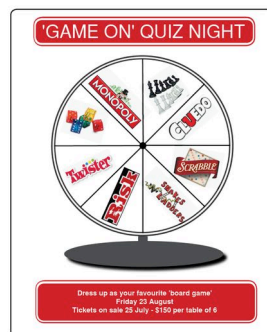
Good luck to all our teams competing over the next few weeks and to those that have opted into sitting the ICAS exams and AMC competition. Any queries regarding any of these events please contact Jo Lidstone (DP) jo.lidstone@stalbans.school.nz

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Community Dental Service – The dental van is now at our school. Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit. Following the check up, if further care is required your child will receive a Care Plan with details on how to contact the Call Centre to make an appointment with the Community Clinic. The call centre number is 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

PTA NEWS

- ✘ **Second-hand Uniform Sale** - There will be a sale of second hand uniform items in the hall next week. The sale will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30 - 9am and 2.45 - 3.20pm. If your kids shot up over the holidays and you're finding yourself in need of new uniform, come along and grab a bargain. There are also summer uniform items available if you want to get organised for next term. As always, donations of good condition uniform items are gratefully received and can be left in the box in the cafe.
- ✘ **Seedy Fundraiser** - Get the jump on spring planting with a hundred popular varieties of flowers, veges or herbs. Prices from \$3.00 a packet. Look out for the order form that came home this week or pick one up from the office. Money and forms to be back by 9am Friday 16th August. All proceeds will help the PTA contribute towards the building of a new playground.
- ✘ **Quiz Night - Only 6 tables left!!** The 2019 'Game On' Quiz is on Friday 23rd August in the school hall. You do not want to miss this fun community event, so here is what you need to know:
 - This event is for the grown-ups, but the monies raised will benefit our kids.
 - Tickets are sold by the table, so gather a group of 6 together and form your quiz team.
 - Tickets are \$150 for a table of 6 and went on sale this morning. These were snapped up quickly with only 6 tables left. Tickets will be on sale again on Friday morning from 8.15am at the Oak Leaf Café.
- ✘ **Sausage Sizzle Friday** - \$2 a sausage, all sausages are gluten free and there are vegetarian options available. Order and pay before school every Friday outside the hall. Sausage cards available for \$10 or \$20 - eftpos available at cafe.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Temporary Skate Park in Shirley - In response to a request from a young member of the community asking the Council to bring a skate, scooter and bike park to the Shirley area, they are looking at installing a temporary pump track at Shirley Community Reserve. They will be seeking feedback on the project and hope to work with students to get them involved in this community project. The project is open for comment until next Monday 29th July. You can go online to find out more and give your feedback

at www.ccc.govt/haveyoursay

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