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Kia ora whānau,

Update from the Board of Trustees

Cranford Street Traffic Mitigation Plans - The Board of Trustees has now sent in a written submission for the Christchurch City Council's most recent consultation process on traffic mitigation plans in St Albans when the Christchurch Northern Corridor opens. We met as a full Board last week to specifically discuss our concerns for student safety and access to the school, and we have since held two meetings with representatives from the Christchurch City Council. We will continue to advocate for the safety of our students and we have the Council's commitment that they will continue to work with us as a key stakeholder on this project.

Ministry of Education Lockdown Review - The Ministry of Education has released the independent review from KPMG on the Lockdown by schools during the tragic events in Christchurch on 15th March 2019. That report can be viewed at www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/Traumatic-incidents-and-emergencies/KPMG-Lockdown-Review-Report.pdf Our school is in the process of finalising our own approach to any possible lockdown event, and that will be shared with our school whānau later this term.

Book Character Day - it's time to get ready!

Our annual and much loved Book Character Day will be held on Wednesday 28th August. For those of you new to our school, this is when our students and staff dress up as one of their favourite book characters. Creativity is the highlight of this event, celebrated during our whole school parade (weather permitting). Check out these pictures from a previous year.



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Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – 9th – 13th September

Following on from the success of last year, the theme for 2019 is 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'. 'Kia Kaha' is well known in New Zealand English with its correct Māori meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So, when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. In week eight students will be involved in a series of activities designed by our Resource Teacher of Māori Stephanie Richardson, that focus on whakatauki (proverbs), waiata (songs), our cultural narrative, kīwaha (sayings), basic sentences and sharing what we have learned with our whānau. You can learn more about Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori by visiting this site <https://www.tewikiotereomaori.co.nz/twotrm19-2/>

Supporting our Students and Whānau through Mana Ake

The first of our Mana Ake parent/whānau sessions were held on Tuesday and it was wonderful to see a number of our families take up the opportunity to talk to our Kaimahi about their child/children. We have another session on Tuesday 17th September from 8am - 12.30pm. Please book your 15-minute session at the office if you would like support from Mana Ake.

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

Out of School Experiences and Achievements

Last weekend two members of our St Albans community, Daniel from Pūkeko 17 and Rachel Vavasour, entered and completed Series 1 of the Canterbury MTB race short course. It was 15km of muddy, tough terrain in Bottle Lake Forest with Daniel being the youngest competitor and Rachel being his guardian angel for the race who stopped and helped him after a bad fall when his chain came off his bike. They then continued on and finished together showing beautiful St Albans values of manaakitanga, excellence, community and fun.



NEW PUPILS

We welcome Charley, Cayla, Isabelle and Dallas who joined our school this week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Scholastic Book Fair & Book Character Day - This year's book fair will run from Monday afternoon 26th August until the morning of Friday 30th August. The school receives a percentage of the funds raised which are used to purchase literacy resources for the library and classrooms. On Wednesday 28th August, we will be holding a Book Character Day. Tamariki (and staff) are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and celebrate the stories they enjoy now or have enjoyed in the past. There will be prizes awarded for the most creative costumes.

St Albans School Cultural Awareness Week - Monday 2nd September - Friday 6th September

This will be a fun filled week celebrating the art, dance, language, food and costumes from the many different cultures we have within our school. We will be beginning the week with a dress-up day and a parade from 9.15am on Monday 2nd September. We would love the children to wear a costume or any items of clothing from their culture. If you would like to share your language, teach a song or dance, share or make some traditional food or share an art work, then we would love to hear from you all. Please come and chat or email June (Piwakwaka 23) june.thompson@stalbans.school.nz or Trish (Kahu 9) trish.bunting@stalbans.school.nz if you can help. We will then be able to make up a schedule for you to work with the children in classroom/hubs so you can share your skills.

Epro8 2019 Challenge

Congratulations to our two St Albans teams who competed in the Epro8 Challenge last week.

From left:

- The St Albans Circuits: Jinudhi, Charlie, Sophie and Ben
- The St Albans Sparkies: Lachlan, Bella, Harry and Stella

Both teams finished a very credible 5th equal competing against tough competition and solving tricky challenges. They made St Albans proud by competing in the spirit of the competition, showing excellent teamwork and problem solving skills. A BIG thank you to our parent helpers and supporters. Check out the St Albans GATE blog for more photos of our teams in action!

ICAS Exams – A reminder that the Digitech exam is on Tuesday and the Science exam is on Thursday next week.



PTA NEWS

- **Oak Leaf Café** - We are so lucky to have a cafe on site but did you know that when you purchase your morning coffee, chai latte or hot chocolate from us that the proceeds are directed back into the school to help our children? So instead of stopping at the local cafe on the way to work or school after drop off, stop in at Oak Leaf cafe and support our school.
- **Sausage Sizzle Friday** - Take a day off making lunches \$2 a sausage. Sausages are gluten free and there are vegetarian options available. Order and pay before school every Friday outside the Hall. Struggle to find \$2 in change? Then buy a sausage card \$10 or \$20. Eftpos available at the café.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale** - Friday 8.30 - 9am in the school hall. 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 is also summer uniform 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fourth Friday Whānau Fun Night at Tūranga 5.55pm - This Friday and every fourth Friday each month, there is a Family Fun night at Tūranga in Cathedral Square. This is a great opportunity to visit our fantastic library and while you are there, visit some of the great food stalls popping up around the city.

[https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=branch_location_id:\(CENTRAL\)/event/5cb3c51453de2fae7770f077](https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=branch_location_id:(CENTRAL)/event/5cb3c51453de2fae7770f077)

GirlGuiding Leaders Wanted - GirlGuiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic leaders that will provide positive support to girls aged 5 - 17 years while delivering exciting programmes once a week. Group meetings run for 1 to 2 hours once a week during school terms. We have developed an amazing programme that uses fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills to help grow the next generation of female leaders. All support and training is provided by a dedicated team to help you do a great job. You just need to bring a drive and a passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future! If this sounds like you, find out more information

here <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/leaders-volunteers>

Burwood Tennis Club – Free Participation Days – Saturday 31st August 1 - 2pm, Saturday 7th September 1 - 4pm and Sunday 8th September 1 - 4pm. For more information email burwoodtennisclub@gmail.com or check out the website www.burwoodtennisclub.kiwi



Fourth Friday Whānau Fun Night: An evening of stories, family and fun at the library!

Friday, August 23, 2019  Add to Calendar
6:00PM – 7:00PM
Tūranga



HIVE

6 - 21 September 2019

With urgency, freedom and force, the existential new dance theatre work from Julia Harvie and Stuart Lloyd-Harris takes you on an immersive performance trip behind the barriers. Creating a micro society inside The Arts Centre's Engineering building that begs the question how do we survive the HIVE?

This performance takes place within a currently restricted part of The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Tai Oro and so audience numbers are limited. More information and tickets available at: artscentre.org.nz



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