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Kia ora whānau,

Celebrating Reading and the Joy of Books

It's not often staff are comfortable with being called a bunch of Wallys, but on this occasion it seems quite apt! Creativity is one of our school values and this was certainly evident yesterday during the Book Character Parade. Thank you whānau for supporting your children and making this event so much fun!



Thank you to Nikki de Vries and her team of helpers for making this year's Book Week such a success!

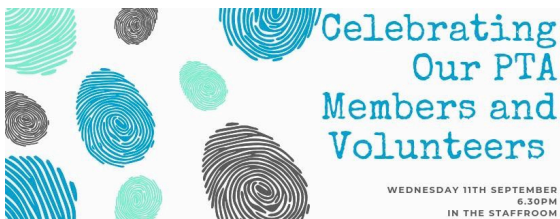


Celebrating our PTA

Wednesday 11th September is our next PTA meeting. We will commence with a celebration of our wonderful PTA members and volunteers. If you are one of these people we hope you are able to join us. Nibbles and drinks will be followed by our usual PTA meeting.

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There is strength in unity, defeat in anger.



Attendance Matters

A significant amount of time is taken every day tracking student attendance. This information helps to outline the impact lateness and days off school has on a student's learning.

One or two days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every two weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

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Out of School Experiences and Achievements

Last Sunday Victor from Kahu 13 won the Judo South Island Champs normal weight class and open weight class. He was awarded 2 gold medals. Well done Victor!

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Esme and Leo who joined our school this week.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Book Character Day - What an outstanding variety of characters we had at school on Wednesday for our Book Character Day. It made it very tough trying to choose a winner from the Senior, Middle and Junior teams. Special congratulations to Mia, Ethan and Casey for their winning costumes. They each received a book voucher from Scholastic to spend at our book fair.



Kererū 24-27 Bake Sale - Tuesday 3rd September - The annual bake sale will be held in the hall on Tuesday morning. Classes will be given times to visit the bake sale. Children are welcome to bring along some money to purchase yummy food. The children have decided to use the money raised to continue to develop our school vegetable gardens and we will also donate some money to support refugees coming to live in Christchurch, linking this to Our Stories Matter inquiry. Prices will be from 50c to \$2. *Thank you for your support*

Scholastic Books Delivery Delay – Due to an issue at Scholastic, delivery has been delayed. We hope to distribute orders by the end of next week.

Cultural Festival Tickets - We have 4 tickets available for purchase, not all sitting together. Call into the office if interested.

Reminders:

- **Subway Orders** – Please ensure your order is in by 9am on a Tuesday. We cannot accept late orders.
- **Kids Café Orders** - Hot drink orders for children need to be purchased by 8.50am at the latest and consumed by the time school starts at 9am.

ICAS Assessments: Exams begin next week for those children who have opted into these.

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| ▪ ICAS– Digital Technologies | Tuesday 3 rd September |
| ▪ ICAS– Science | Thursday 5 th September |
| ▪ ICAS – Writing | Tuesday 10 th September |
| ▪ ICAS - Spelling | Thursday 12 th September |
| ▪ ICAS – English | Tuesday 17 th September |
| ▪ ICAS - Mathematics | Thursday 19 th September |

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Robocup 2019

Last Saturday two St Albans teams competed at the Robocup competition. Our teams have spent weeks under the expert tuition of Sam Pelham, designing, building and coding their robots to meet the criteria of the competition. The Rescue team competed in 4 rounds which included 4 different courses. After 2 rounds it was a quick return to the pits to make adjustments for the final 2 rounds. The Soccer team had two robots- a player and a goalie. They competed against an Intermediate team playing 3 games in total. Final result 2-1 to the opposition. A BIG congratulations to both our teams for developing awesome robots, clever codes and being awesome competitors. Please see the GATE BLOG for more pictures of the event.



- Robo-Rescue team: Lachie, Luci, Nate, Kody, Lachlan, Neave
- Robo-Soccer team: Kody, Sam Y, Harry, Jack J, Emily, Sam G (absent Joe M-B)

\$\$\$\$ Robotics Sponsorship Request - We are looking to upgrade our Robotics kits to be able to provide more resources for our students and to allow more students the opportunity to be involved in Robotics at St Albans School. If you know of an individual or business who would like to sponsor a kit/s please see either Sam Pelham (Kāhu 11) or Jo Lidstone (DP).



Robocup Junior Rescue Pack

Save 5%
\$1,089.99
 \$1,146.75
 \$1,253.49 (Incl GST)

✓ In Stock RCJ45544-R

- 1 + Buy



Robocup Junior Soccer Gen II Pack

Save 5%
\$2,577.91
 \$2,718.45
 \$2,964.60 (Incl GST)

✓ In Stock RCJ45544-S

- 1 + Buy

PTA NEWS

- **Sausage Sizzle Friday** - \$2 each with all sausages gluten free, vegetarian options also available. Sausage cards available for \$10 or \$20. Eftpos available at the café.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale** - We have a second hand uniforms for sale in the hall most Friday mornings from 8.30 - 9am. New items are coming in all the time, so stop in for a look if you have any uniform needs. As always, donated uniform is gratefully accepted and can be left in the donations box in the cafe

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