



# ST ALBANS SCHOOL

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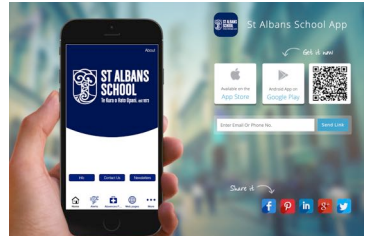
8 August 2019

Kia ora whānau,

## IMPORTANT!!! Changes to our School App

We are moving to a new version of our School App and this requires some action from you. We ask that you:

1. Delete/uninstall the old app
2. Follow the link  
<http://applogin.ibuildapps.com.au/promo/stalbans1>
3. Allow notifications, as this will allow alerts to come to your phone



## School Uniform

One of the reasons we have a school uniform is to reduce the pressure to be wearing the latest fashion item. Recently we have noticed that a number of items are starting to creep in. We ask that unicorn horns, cat ear headbands, large Jo-Jo bows, rainbow leggings and other miscellaneous items are kept at home for after school and weekends.

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Staff will be unavailable after school on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August as they will be leaving the site soon after 3pm to attend a staff development event. We appreciate you ensuring you have collected your child straight after school.

## Digital Safety

Many students are using apps and playing on-line games that are not suitable for their age and stage of development outside of school. Here at St Albans we have a number of protocols put in place to protect your children, however, some students are accessing digital content that is of concern. Here are the age restrictions for some of the apps and sites students are accessing:

- **Snapchat** – has a minimum age requirement of 13 years old, and users who enter a date of birth under 13 can't set up an account. Unfortunately, it's easy to circumvent this by using a fake date of birth and as with Facebook the service has no way of checking.
- **Facebook** – as above with Snapchat – same age rules apply.
- **Instagram** – requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. If your child is younger than 13 and has created an account on Instagram, you can show them how to delete their account.
- **Roblox** – offers parental controls that allow for a selection of chat options (no chat, chat with friends, chat with everyone), an account PIN code



feature and an Account Restrictions setting that only allows children under 13 to access a curated list of age-appropriate games.

- **Minecraft** – has been rated as suitable for 7+ up to 13+ depending on which version of the game you are playing. Children aren't asked for proof of age when they sign up.
- **Fortnite - Battle Royale** – has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the “frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age”



### Seven Tips to Help You ([www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz))

The following tips are designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and have been developed with parents in mind.

1. **Understand:** Read about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen
2. **Learn:** Ask your child about what they do, how they use devices and who they talk to, to learn about their activities. Check in regularly to see what has changed
3. **Explore:** Take the time yourself to explore the sites, apps and technologies your child uses to improve your knowledge and understand their experience
4. **Agree:** Create a family code with your child to agree on what they can do online including sites to visit, appropriate behaviours, privacy settings and limits
5. **Start:** Recognise each child has unique needs, but some online safety concepts are universal. Start by teaching yours the five tips to help your child thrive, which can be found at: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>
6. **Model:** Be a good example to your child. Make sure you role model the sort of behaviours you want to see your child use online and offline
7. **Plan:** Make a plan so everybody knows what to do if something goes wrong and where you will be able to get advice and support in challenging times

### Safety Around Dogs

Over the weekend there was an incident in the neighbourhood where an aggressive dog was on the loose posing a potential threat to people walking, scooting and biking. A reminder to children that if you see dogs on the loose to please get an adult to call dog control. Let's continue to work together to keep our children safe.

### Our Can Drive

Thank you whānau for the donations we have received to date. We continue to accept cans of fruit (preferably with no added sugar) as we build our emergency supplies.



**Ngā mihi,  
Ginnie and the team**

### NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following pupils who joined our school this week: Elsie, Vihaan, Ryan, Mia, Isla, Tvisha, Alex, Hugo, Velvet, Amelie, Isabel, Kamryn, Zahra and Zain.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Young Writers and the NZ Book Awards.

This week a group of St Albans enthusiastic writers attended the NZ Children's Book awards which featured a selection of the finalists at St Margaret's College. We heard three writers speak: Kirsten Slade writer of *The Mapmakers' Race*, Sarah Pepperle writer of *Art-tastic* and James T Guthrie writer of *Bulls Eye Bella*. After the Book Awards session author James came back to St Albans to run a writing session with our group of writers. The children had an awesome afternoon learning more about the process of writing and of writing a book. Some of the key learnings to be an awesome writer was to persevere, to show not tell, to edit (rework/recraft) and edit some more. It was very cool to work alongside a published writer! Check out the GATE Blog next week for more pics of our afternoon with James Guthrie.



### Kindness Begins with Me!

This week our Junior School celebrated the beginning of a unit of work called 'Kindness begins with me'. We had a fun filled day of friendship songs, role-play, music and wonderful activities that promote kindness. Over the next few weeks the students will be learning that we can all make our world, our home, our school and community a happier place to be by the way we treat people, animals and our environment.



*Thank you to Jessica and Lily from the Digi team for their wonderful collage of photos.*

**Canterbury Winter Tournament** – Our Football A team and Hockey A team performed brilliantly at the North Zone winter tournament last term and have qualified for the Canterbury Winter Tournament on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Hockey will be played at Nga Puna Wai Park in Wigram and football at English Park. Games kick off at 11am. Family and friends welcome to come and support our teams on the day.

**Scholastic Book Fair & Book Character Day** - This year's book fair will run from Monday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> August until the morning of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The school receives a percentage of the funds raised which are used to purchase literacy resources for the library and classrooms. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

*He taonga nō te whenua me hoki anō ki te whenua.*

*What is given by the land should return to the land.*

**Scholastic Book Orders** – Orders close tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August and may be made online through the Scholastic LOOP system or by cash or eftpos at the office.

**Scooters** – Please see Heather if your child is missing a scooter as she has a collection in her shed that have been there for some time. If these are not claimed by next Friday they will be disposed of.

### PTA NEWS

- **Seedy Fundraiser** - Get the jump on spring planting with a hundred popular varieties of flowers, veges or herbs. Prices from only \$3.00 a packet. Lost your order form? Don't worry, pick one up from the office. Money and forms to be back by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 9am. All proceeds will help the PTA contribute towards the building of new playground.
- **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 cafe.
- **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.
- **PTA Meeting** - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 6.45pm in the staff room everybody welcome.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Heaton Normal Intermediate School - 2020

**Enrolments** – In-zone enrolments close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. We would appreciate receiving all in-zone enrolment applications by this date to assist us in planning for out-of-zone places. Please visit the enrolment section of our website

[www.heaton.school.nz](http://www.heaton.school.nz) to access our online enrolment form. Contact the Heaton school office for enrolment information on 355 9555 or email [admin@heaton.school.nz](mailto:admin@heaton.school.nz)

**House for Rent** - Beautiful, north facing family home for rent - four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two living. St Albans School and Heaton Intermediate zones. Exceptional references required. Please contact Rachel Donaldson 021 848 028.

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## Bacon Fundraiser!!!

All funds raised are going towards expanding our loose parts play at St Albans Community Preschool!

**\$14 for 1kg**

All orders **must** be emailed to [baconfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:baconfundraiser@gmail.com)

Please specify your pick up location in the email, eg. St Albans Community Preschool, St. Albans School, or if a friend is collecting for you!

### What you need to know:

- No cash sales
- All payments are please made to the following account number
- Enter your name as the reference when making payment
- All orders must be in by Thursday, August 22nd 2019
- Pick up dates and locations will be emailed as confirmation of your order

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**Please help us to reach our fundraising goal for our wonderful preschool!**