



ST ALBANS SCHOOL

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Kia ora whānau,

School finishes for the term tomorrow, Friday 27th September, at the usual time of 3pm. Term 4 begins with a pōwhiri at 9.30am on Monday 14th October. We will be starting term 4 with a Cultural Celebration as part of our Inquiry 'Our Stories Matter - Tuia Mātauranga'. We will celebrate the rich diversity of cultures that make up St Albans School, to grow our understanding, appreciation and awareness of others. All children and their whānau are invited to share their language, knowledge and skills, art and music.

STAR Reporting

This went live yesterday. Please take time to celebrate your child's learning with them.

Cohort Entry - Outcome of our Consultation

Thank you to whānau and community stakeholders who completed our survey. At their meeting on Monday 23rd September, our Board of Trustees approved the adoption of cohort entry from the start of the 2020 school year. Our neighbouring schools, Paparoa Street School and Elmwood Normal School, will also be adopting this approach.

Consultation Results

Percentage of respondents supporting the move to cohort entry:

- Paparoa Street School 90.4%
- Elmwood Normal School 86.0%
- St Albans School 83.2%

Feedback to points raised in consultation

Issue	Response
It was suggested by respondents we have only one entry point per term.	Ministry of Education requires us to have two entry points. One at the start of the term and the other mid-term. These dates are determined by the Ministry.
Is there a risk of moving to one intake per year, as in Australia?	No.
Can children start before they turn five if they are 'ready' for school?	Ministry of Education legislation stipulates no four-year-old's can be enrolled in state schools.

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Classification - Year 0 or Year 1	This remains the same and is school-specific.
Impact on pre-schools - financial and organisational	Clearly communicated dates in advance will minimise this impact. Work and Income childcare subsidy website states The child must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> under 5, or over 5 if the school has advised they can't start until the beginning of the term straight after their 5th birthday
Will children be upset, starting school in larger numbers?	The positive transition programme our schools provide will ensure a smooth start to school. There's evidence that starting school alongside other children helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.
The expectation individuals have around starting school aged 5.	As cohort entry is established this expectation will change
The additional cost to families for continuing pre-school education.	The mid-term intake minimises additional pre-school fees some families incur.

Celebrating Learning: Whakanuia te mahi ako

Here are four highlights from the past week!

Piwakawaka and Parerā's Grandparents Day

What an amazing day! The Grandparents were welcomed with a Mihi Whakatau, sat for a personal portrait drawn by their grandchild, watched them folk dance and finished off with a wonderful shared lunch. A big thank you to all the whānau who made this day so, so special.



Kāhu North's Science Investigations

The children have been carrying out various scientific investigations this term connected to chemistry and physics.

We have been working hard to create a piece of art that reflected our science learning this term. We drew science beakers and placed them on a table with a vanishing point. To extend our learning we created a digital animation to show bubbles coming out of the beakers. This was made in Do Ink Animation and then moved to iMovie to add some bubbly sound effects. (Written by the students.)

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Kererū's Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all the students that competed in the Kererū poetry competition last Thursday. It takes courage to recite your chosen poem in front of your peers and whānau. We are all incredibly proud of how you represented your homebase. Thank you to staff and whānau for supporting the children in their preparation for the annual poetry competition. Also, to our wonderful

judges Jenny and Loriann for having the unenviable task of selecting the place getters. Congratulations to all the finalists! Here are the placings from the competition.

Year 3

1st Ben K20

2nd Naya K20

3rd Isabel K21

Year 4

1st Luca K20

2nd Amelia F K26

3rd Amelia B K20

English Language Learners' Passion Projects

Their presentations were written in their own words and presented using the best digital tools for the audience and outcome. Pictured from left to right are: Tamaki, Tayla, Daniel, Suhan and Jia-He from Kererū Hub.



Links to our Cultural Festival Performances

- Te Mahuri Kapa Haka <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Els1j0Zoms0>
- Wearable Arts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRtKc-IDfNg&feature=share>

Community Events

Head students Georgetta and Joe represented the school at the St Albans Community Centre sod turning ceremony yesterday. The Papanui-Innes Community Board were thrilled to mark this occasion and I know we are all looking forward to the Community Centre opening.

Have a wonderful break and please remember next term all students will be wearing their summer uniforms and must have a school hat or cap at school every day.



***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

Out of School Activities and Achievements

On the weekend, Zena and Evie from Kāhu 13 took part in the Canvas Bag's drama presentation of Pandora's Box of Stories. Evie was Pandora and Zena was Hope. Well done girls on following your passions outside of school.



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Message from the Board of Trustees

- **Enrolment Scheme** – We have experienced significant roll growth recently, beyond what was anticipated for our school. As a result, we have been asked by the Ministry of Education to review our enrolment scheme to bring our roll numbers down to a more suitable number for our school site. We will be sending detailed information to all school whanau in week one of term 4, which will include the options available to us, the Board's recommendations, and a request for your input on the review.
- **Out of Zone Siblings** - In light of the significant roll growth and current enrolment scheme review, we have had to make the decision that there will not be a ballot for out of zone enrolments in 2020. This includes siblings of current students who are currently living out of zone.
- **Northern Corridor** - Representatives of the Board attended the Council meeting on 9th September to give an oral submission on our concerns around safety for school students as a result of the traffic changes around the Cranford Street area when the Northern Corridor opens. We are continuing to talk with the Council about these concerns.
- **Junior A Playground Surface** – During the school holidays the Junior A playground will have a new surface installed to replace the bark. Contractors and their vehicles will be on site and the area will be fenced off. Please observe all safety protocols in place.
- **School Security** – If you are visiting the school site in the holidays and notice anything suspicious, please call our security company Code 9 on 374 3424. Have a safe and enjoyable break with your family and we will see you back on Monday 14th October.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Celebrating Cultures - The first week of Term 4 will be all about celebrating the wonderful different cultures that make up our kura. During this week we will be learning languages, creating art works, sampling different food, performing dances and wearing traditional costumes. To conclude our cultural week all children are asked to wear a costume from their culture. They will march behind their flag on the Friday morning of the first week back at school. Parents are welcome to watch this wonderful parade.

Scooters – Please see Heather if your child is missing a scooter. We do not have the space to store these so would like them claimed ASAP.

PTA NEWS

- **Croissants Fundraiser – Orders close Friday!!!** Get in early for Christmas and holiday breakfasts. \$20 per bag of 20 for plain or Pain au Chocolat. Orders to the office.
- **Market Day Sunday 10th November 11am – 3pm** – Registration is now open for stalls at Market Day on 10th November. Kids stalls are \$5 and adult stalls are \$20. Register and pay at the school office. Use the school holidays to have a good clear out of used books, toys and clothes.
- **Lost Property** – We have a lot of lost property that has been collected this year that is in fantastic condition. If you are missing items Friday morning before school (outside the hall if fine or inside if wet) is your last chance to view. Please do pop in and check.

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