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Kia ora whānau, Tournament of Minds

A BIG congratulations to our two teams who competed in the Tournament of Minds Regionals last weekend. Kāhu North performing 'A Kiwi Quest' won first place and Kāhu South performing 'The Wizard of Aus' placed second with honours. We are so very proud of all the hard work these two teams put into planning, preparation and developing a polished performance. Please see team photos later in newsletter. Thank you to our wonderful teachers who facilitated and supported the teams: Niamh O'Connor, Julie Worthington and Jo Lidstone.

LOCK DOWN PRACTICE

On **Tuesday 17th September at 2pm**, for 20 minutes, we will be having a lockdown drill at the school. As you will understand this still remains a very sensitive issue for our community due to the events of 15th March and we want to undertake this drill in a way that is both effective as a practice, but also sensitive to all involved. It is a legal requirement for us to have lockdown drills as part of our Health and Safety compliance.

The staff and children have spent time looking into the best option for their specific learning space so that they are able to stay out of sight for a sustained period of time. A fictitious scenario of a loose dog on the field will be used on the day (this is quite a common reason that many schools are put in lockdown). We will be utilising our ability to turn wifi off during the practice. **Because it is a drill, we will not be sending out communication to parents on the day as we would do in an actual lockdown event.** We have also made considerations around appropriate toileting in each space.

What can I do as a Whānau Member?

If you feel it is beneficial to your child, please feel free to talk to them about the lockdown and that it is a drill and what to expect. The teachers will be doing this prior to Tuesday 17th September.

If a 'real' lockdown occurs please trust that we as a school, supported by the police, are doing everything we can to manage the situation effectively. As we did earlier in the year we would look to send through a consistent stream of communication; text, School App and email to keep you informed and updated. The signal for a lockdown is a siren that sounds like a submarine submerging which will be heard around the school.

Can we ask that you **DO NOT** look to come into the school and enter home bases and be aware that if you are onsite at the time of a lockdown, you will need to remain in the office until the lockdown is lifted.

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Please feel free to email Ginnie, Glen or Jo, or your child's home base teacher if you would like to know anything more about our planned practice on **Tuesday 17th September at 2pm.**

Lockdown Procedures for Parents

Lockdown procedures are determined by Police advice and require the cooperation of students, staff and parents. We ask all parents to please follow the protocol outlined below to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

- When the school goes into lockdown, all parents will be notified via a text message, an email and through the St Albans App. Please ensure your details are current and you have notifications enabled for the School App.
- The school will continue to update parents every 15 - 30 minutes through the above channels.
- Students will not have access to their phones, laptops or other devices. The student Wifi will be disabled. This is for their own protection until the school ascertains the severity of the situation in consultation with the Police.
- Please do not try and contact the school or your child. All information will be sent to you through the channels outlined above as soon as it becomes available. We appreciate it is challenging not being able to contact your child but request that you follow this protocol.
- The school will remain in lockdown until advised by the Police or other authorised personnel that it is safe to be released. **Hub doors will not be opened for parents and whānau who come to the site.**
- Please do not, under any circumstances, come to the school until you are advised it is safe for you to do so. You may be putting yourself and others in danger.
- We have emergency supplies to keep children as settled as possible.
- Once the lockdown is over, parents will be contacted immediately.

Thank you for your understanding and taking the time to familiarise yourself with this protocol.

COHORT ENTRY SURVEY

A reminder that this survey closes tomorrow. Please copy and paste the following into your browser to have your say <https://forms.gle/Pxstva93uWUppgNe7>

REMINDER - PTA CELEBRATION

Wednesday 11th September at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

NEW PUPIL

We welcome Tom who joined our school this week.

Out of School Experiences and Achievements

Congratulations to Ben T who was placed fifth in a Canterbury Pinball tournament!



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SCHOOL NOTICES

School Photos – Orders close on Friday 13 September.

Cultural Festival Tickets – These will be issued to your eldest child on Monday. Please check school bags if you ordered some. We still have 3 tickets available to purchase.

Posh Porridge Fundraiser – Te Tikanga Rua Reo are selling posh porridge to fundraise for our Big Day Out this year. Creamy porridge topped with your choice of: bananas, berries, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, yoghurt, coconut, and brown sugar. During Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - come along, have a kōrero and a kai! \$4 a bowl – next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.15 - 9am.

Tournament of Minds - Last weekend our two Tournament of Minds teams competed in the Regional competition including entries from Dunedin. The Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem-solving programme for multi-aged teams of students who work together to solve a demanding, open-ended long-term challenge. The team must also participate in a spontaneous challenge on tournament day. Tournament of Minds aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Congratulations to Kāhu North who won the tournament,
from left: Lachie, Hannah, Lachlan, Senha, Georgetta, Evie and Zena;



....and congratulations to Kāhu South who were awarded 2nd place with honours,

from left: Sophie, Harry, Assisi, Archie, Rata, Alex and Sophie
We are so proud of both our teams for all their hard work, working through the many challenges they encountered throughout this 6 week process. Check out the St Albans GATE BLOG for more pictures.



St Albans Basketball Team - Congratulations to our St Albans Basketball team who competed in a hard fought final last week finishing 2nd place in their grade. A BIG thank you to our two coaches from Canterbury University Sports Coaching course: Harry Roth and Jarrod Payne-Dunlop. Their skill, patience, support and encouragement of our tamariki was very much appreciated. Thank you also to our fabulous parent supporters. Back from left: Te Ariki, Shaye (Sports Coordinator), Alex, Jinudhi, Harry (coach), Oscar, Ben, Riley, AJ, Jarrod (coach). Front: Archie, Sam, Emily, Cruz.

Hockey - Our Senior 'A' hockey team had a fantastic season. They won all their games in both the Canterbury Primary Schools finals and the Friday weekly sport. In the Canterbury final they beat Allenton 5 - 1 and in the Friday weekly sport final beat Burnside 10 - 1. Congratulations to Georgetta, Ciara, Maya, Isla, Georgia, Lily, Sylvie and Ari.

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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** – Most Friday mornings from 8.30 – 9am in the hall
- **Oak Leaf Café** - We are so lucky to have a cafe on site with all profits going back to school. So instead of buying your coffee elsewhere, pop into the Oak Leaf cafe and support our school 😊

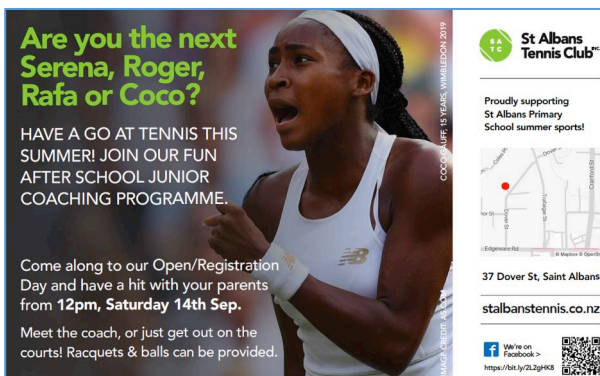
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christchurch Football Club Junior Touch Rugby Registration

- Kids who are keen to give

Touch a go are invited to

register at <http://www.christchurchfootballclub.co.nz/Sports-1/Junior-Rugby> or via the post on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cfcjuniorrugby/> We will put teams together with school mates where possible, so get your friends together and register to play Touch this season. Games will be held at MacFarlane Park on Wednesday's between 3.30 - 7pm from Term 4 until the end of Term 1 2020. Limited to 6 - 8 players per team. Subs are \$50 for the first player or \$90 per family of two kids or more. Any questions email cfc_juniors@outlook.com



Are you the next Serena, Roger, Rafa or Coco?

HAVE A GO AT TENNIS THIS SUMMER! JOIN OUR FUN AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAMME.

Come along to our Open/Registration Day and have a hit with your parents from **12pm, Saturday 14th Sep.**

Meet the coach, or just get out on the courts! Racquets & balls can be provided.

St Albans Tennis Club™
Proudly supporting St Albans Primary School summer sports!

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We're on Facebook - <https://fb.ly/2Lg9HkE>



G.J. Gardner Clean Up Week/Keep New Zealand Beautiful (K.N.Z.B) - 9 - 15 September

– A local event 'Keep St Albans Beautiful' has been organised by Maria Lamb, a school parent, to pick up litter in the local area. This will be held from 10 - 11.30am on Sunday 15th September. Start and finish at English Park on Cranford Street. Last year there was a great turnout so let's make it a bigger one this year! Gloves, bags, hand sanitizer and refreshments provided. Either show up on the day or register for the event on the 'Tidy Kiwi' facebook page.

Streets of St Albans Survey – We want to know what you want your streets to be like in the future. We are a group of final year geography students at UC and we are working with the St Albans Residents Association to understand what people want to see on their streets. We are looking for your experiences within the suburb of St Albans. To tell us what you value please complete the survey at <http://Tinyurl.com/stalbanstreets> or contact us at mls141@uclive.ac.nz for more information.

OSCAR in St Albans October Holiday Programme – Great activities including: Monday Madness, TimeZone, Survival Day, Animal Adventures, All things NZ including a hāngī, Spring Time Fun, Broad Park visit, Craft Explosion Day, Mystery Outing, Wheels Day. To register email oscarinstalbans@gmail.com or phone 355 4918 or 027 355 4919.

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