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Kia ora whānau,

As this is the final newsletter for 2019 it includes a lot of information, so please take time to read it carefully.

Classroom Moves

Starting this afternoon and all day tomorrow we will have a removal team on site helping us to move larger items to 2020 home bases. As previously advised due to the substantial roll growth we have had to think outside the square and change the way we are using the site to ensure we are using the spaces in the best way for all students. The Ministry of Education is supporting us by providing a team of removalists to assist us with the move.

This will be a very mucky day and children and staff will be required to move between classroom spaces more than normal. If you think your child will find this difficult or stressful please feel welcome to keep them with you for the day. This will be a justified absence but please let the office know.

Final Days of the 2019 School Year

I would like to thank my fantastic team, our Board of Trustees, PTA, whānau and most importantly our learners for another wonderful year. To our Year 6 Graduates - thank you for all you have contributed to our school, for living our values and making St Albans School a wonderful place to be for your peers, teachers and community. As you leave us, I hope that you will be proud of all your achievements and carry with you a sense of belonging to our school.

I would also like to wish Trish Bunting, teacher in Kāhu, all the very best for her next role at Wigram School, and thank her for her many contributions during her time with us.

After four and a half years we say farewell to Wendy Blackmun next week. Wendy has won a teaching role at Waitaha School in Rolleston, where she will continue to work with students with additional learning needs. We are incredibly grateful to have had Wendy as a member of our team.

We wish Renee Kake the best of luck for her studies next year!

Class Placements

These go live this afternoon at 4pm.

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VIP Morning Tea

Our apologies if you did not receive a personal invitation. If you have assisted the school this year we hope to see you at this event.

Principals for the Day

Ashley and Dylan took charge last Friday. Their Mum and Dad had the winning bid at the PTA's Quiz Night in 2018. We waited until they were a little bit older before we put them in this role. They had a busy day and were involved in many

activities including a working lunch offsite with some friends. Here are Christmas pictures from our Principals' and their thoughts on what it is they think a Principal does!



Ashley Hart
1. work on their computer.
2. make rules.
3. they go to meetings.
4. tell people off if they are bad.
5. they are busy helping people.
6. making sure people are nice.



Dylan Hart
1. make rules
2. let people use handiwaits
3. work a lot
4. think make about stickers
5. they give about stickers

2020 Pre-Planning Stationery Lists 2020

These have been uploaded to the home page of the school website www.stalbans.school.nz

Getting Connected Forms

Please return your form(s) to your child's current home base teacher. Online booking information will be sent home tomorrow morning.

Important Dates

| Event | Date | Time | Venue |
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| Y5/6 Graduate Prizegiving | Monday 16 th December | 1.15pm | St Margaret's College |
| Y6 Leavers' Dinner | Monday 16 th December | 5.30pm | Blue Astroturf |
| Final Assembly | Tuesday 17 th December | 12pm | In front of Kererū 19-21 |
| School finishes for the year | Tuesday 17 th December | 12.30pm | |

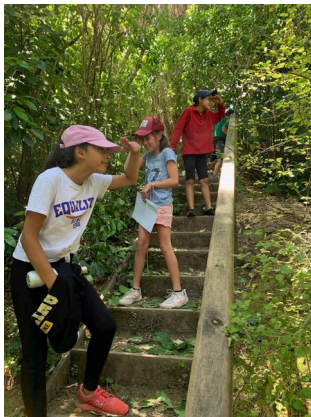
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Wainui Camp - Year 5 and 6

Here are some images of our students participating in a range of activities in Wainui. They returned yesterday after three days of fun and challenge. A HUGE thank you to our parents and staff who led the camp and to Glen McKenzie for organising three camps this year!



Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year! Ginnie and the team



Message from the Board of Trustees

Thank you - As the 2019 school year draws to a close, the Board of Trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank our kaiako, the leadership team, and all of our school whānau for their many valued contributions to this school throughout the year. It is the people who make this school special, and it is all of our children who benefit from that, so a sincere thank you to you all.

Keeping our school grounds safe - For those families who may be using the school grounds and pool over the summer break, we would appreciate your help in keeping an eye out for any suspicious or dangerous behaviour by members of the public on the school grounds. If you do notice anything please call our security company, Code 9 ph 374 3424.

Farewell to some staff - It is with sadness and thanks that we farewell three of our wonderful teachers at the end of this year. Trish Bunting, Hannah Tasker and Wendy Blackmun, you have all been valued members of the St Albans School family. We will miss you and we wish you the very best for the future. Good luck also to Renee Kake for your 2020 study leave - ka kite anō au i a koe.

Farewell to our whānau leaving us - Finally we say thank you and farewell to our amazing Year 6 students, and any other tamariki who are leaving us next week. We wish you all well in your future education and we know you will take your St Albans School values with you and a life-long love of learning.

Have a wonderful Kirihimete, a safe and happy summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

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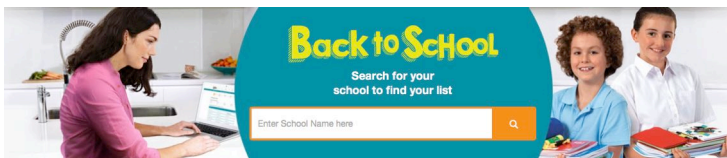
Canterbury Athletic Champs – Congratulations to our school team for giving their best against the top athletes of Canterbury. We had some great results as follows:

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| Yr 5 Girls 80m: | 1 st Daisy |
| Yr 6 Boys 1000m | 2 nd Otto |
| Yr6 Girls Long Jump | 3 rd Georgetta |
| Yr 6 Girls Relay | 1 st Maya, Georgetta, Ka Ue, Lilly Mo |



School Donation Prize Draw – Thank you to all those that have paid the school donation this year. We hold a prize draw at the end of each term as a way of showing our appreciation. This term's winners are the Fogarty and Naicker whānau. Your prize is at the office. Once again thank you for your support and remember the school donation is tax deductible so make sure you claim your tax rebate ☺

2020 Stationery Lists – The lists are now live at www.myschool.co.nz . Search St Albans School and select the 2020 year level for your child.



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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OSCAR in St Albans Holiday Programme - Bookings for our December and January holiday programme have opened. December 2019: Wed 18th, Thurs 19th, Friday 20th and Mon 23rd. 2020: Monday 6th January to Tuesday 4th February. 7.30am – 6pm. Fees: 7.30am - 8am \$2, 8am – 3pm \$28, 3pm – 6pm \$10. For an enrolment form and activities list, please contact the office at 19 Thames Street, email oscarinstalbans@gmail.com or phone 355 4918 or 027 355 4919.

Dental Care during the School Holidays - The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service over the school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only and will be closed from 25th December to 6th January. The following clinics will be open: Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street and the Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street. The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am - 3pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. To book an appointment at one of our clinics please call 0800 846 983 or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

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