



ST ALBANS SCHOOL
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Kia ora whānau,

It's been wonderful to have the AquaGym staff here all this week. Our junior students have been actively involved in swimming lessons every day and it has been great to see their confidence blossom. It is also pretty awesome that we can have our lessons here in a 28 degree heated pool too!

Next week our Yr 3 to 6 students will head off to AquaGym each day so a reminder to please have your permission and payment to the office.

A BIG thank you to Ngā Tahu for the donation of Organic hand sanitiser. It has a beautiful smell and we have found it doesn't dry your hands like other products. We have a few 500ml bottles to share with our school community (no charge). If you would like a bottle please pop into the office and collect. Limited number available.

Cranford Street Crossing: Please monitor your children when crossing. Pause and look left and right before crossing to ensure cars have stopped at the red light.

Reports Term 1: Please note HERO goes live Thursday 1st April- day before Easter with your child's Term 1 report.

Reminder: Easter break dates are Friday 2nd April through to Tuesday the 6th April - students start back at school on **Wednesday 7th April.**

PTA Elections - we need you!

Every year we elect a new PTA Exec team to lead the team of volunteers, who provide an invaluable service to support St Albans School.

If you've been wondering just how you might support our wonderful school, then this might just be the opportunity you've been looking for.

There are five positions on the Exec team:

- Chair and Vice Chair (or alternatively two Co-Chairs can be elected)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Marketing

The PTA cannot continue if these positions are not filled so we would love for you to join our great PTA. If you're interested, please complete the Google form and Jo Lidstone will be in touch before the AGM meeting on Wednesday 10th March, 6.45pm for a 7pm start in the staffroom.

Job Descriptions:

Chairperson/Vice Chair: <https://bit.ly/3qTHjiH>
Treasurer: <https://bit.ly/3bFGhQY>
Secretary: <https://bit.ly/2NSsJcJ>
Marketing: <https://bit.ly/3dFMDCJ>

If you would like to apply for a position please complete the Google form at:
<https://bit.ly/3so00eP>

You can also chat to one of our existing Exec for further information:

Co-chairs: Sara and Sheena ptachairperson@stalbans.school.nz
Treasurer: Keri Page-Kreis ptatreasurer@stalbans.school.nz
Secretary: Chloe Jolliffe ptasecretary@stalbans.school.nz
Marketing: Regan De Burgh ptamarketing@stalbans.school.nz

Mana Ake Drop in Session for Whānau: 10th March from 2 – 4.30pm

Mana Ake is a government initiative that includes psychologists, social workers, counsellors and youth workers. These kaimahi work with schools to support teachers, families and whānau when children are experiencing ongoing issues that impact their wellbeing such as anxiety, social isolation, parental separation, grief and loss and managing emotions.

If you would like to make an appointment to have a chat with one of our kaimahi, please book a 20 minute appointment at the school office (by phone is fine). All information is private and confidential between you and the Kaimahi.

Have you Downloaded the School App? If you haven't please see below for easy step by step instructions how to. If you already have the app please check you are getting notifications - instructions also below. If you need assistance with either of these, pop into the cafe Wednesday to Friday morning's before school and a PTA member can give you a hand, or ask at the school office.

School App

Download our free **School App** is the most efficient way for us to inform you. Have you downloaded it yet?

- Use this URL <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/st-albans-school/id1133501573?ls=1&mt=8>
- Go to itunes, search for the St Albans School app and click download or android users simply search in the Google Play store
- Please allow PUSH notifications as this will allow alerts to come to your phone.

Our free school app is the most efficient way for us to keep you informed of happenings around the school. Each school morning at around 7am an alert is sent via the school app with reminders about things that are happening on that day. The app is also used to let you know when important emails are sent via HERO. Please download this app - it is free and available in both the App Store and Google Play

Please **allow notifications** as this will ensure you receive our daily update. The app looks like this on the Apple App Store.

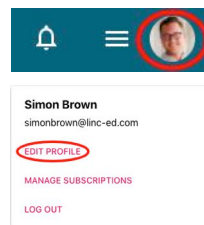
Hero - email notifications

We are aware that some families have been missing notifications from HERO. There have been some changes made to HERO and this now means you are able to set 'email' as your default way of receiving notifications on new information - we strongly encourage you to do this - these notes from HERO explain what you need to do



You are able to school how you would like to receive notifications from HERO.

1. Click on your profile image (top right corner)
2. Select EDIT PROFILE
3. Scroll down to My Devices and select your preference from the following options:
 - Default - you will receive in-app notifications on any device logged into Hero with the mobile app. A list of these devices are shown below these options.
 - Email - you will receive email notifications from Hero
 - None - you will not be sent any notifications from Hero but you can log in at any time to view updates from 'The Bell'. See Accessing Unread Notifications via 'The Bell'
 - Change this setting from Default to Email



My Devices

Notification Preferences

- Default
- Email
- None

You have chosen to receive notifications by email.

Please note, Hero limits the length of the content sent via email notifications, so in certain cases you may need to sign in to view the whole message.

If you are not receiving notifications, please contact your school to ensure they have the correct details on file.

If your school has SMS (text messaging) enabled, your notification preference *will not* disable txts from being sent to you. Generally speaking, schools will use text messaging as a matter of health and safety.

If you would like to have SMS notifications disabled, you will need to contact your school to do this on your behalf.

Enjoy the lovely weekend ahead.

Ngā mihi,
Glen and Jo on behalf of our team

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Weetbix TRYathlon - Sunday 28th February - Best of luck to all the St Albans kids who are competing in the Weetbix TRYathlon this weekend. Keep an eye out for the St Albans School flag as there will be a marquee set up which can be used as a meeting point to connect with other families or a spot to find some shade.

SUBWAY® You can order Subway's healthy and delicious subs and wraps (including gluten free wraps) through ezlunch by simply going to <https://www.ezlunch.co.nz> New users will need to register an account, which can also be used for online ordering for the Friday sausage sizzle. Place orders by 9am Wednesday for delivery that day.

PTA NEWS



- **Oak Leaf Café** - we have reduced the days we're open. Please join us in the Oak Leaf for your morning caffeine fix on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.30 - 9am.
- **Second-hand Uniforms** are on sale in the Oak Leaf Café during opening hours.
- **Sausage Sizzle:** resumes this week on Friday – orders through Kindo or EzLunch by 9am on Friday.
- **PTA AGM** – Wednesday 10th March from 6.45pm for a 7pm start – in the staffroom. All welcome.
- **PTA Facebook page** – keep up to date by following our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansSchoolPTA>

St Albans School Walk or Wheel Day Wednesday 3rd of March

Walk or Wheel to School Day

Wednesday 3 March 2021



Leave your car at home and
walk, scoot or bike to school!

Earn House Points by
walking or wheeling

Spot Prizes
provided by CCC

Class Prize for most points earned provided by
our lovely PTA

Brought to you by the Student Council and House Captains of 2021