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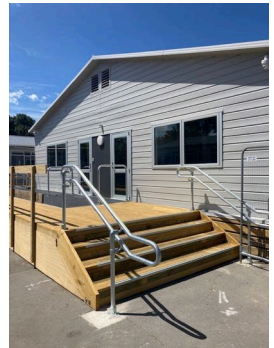
Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to 2021. We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and managed to get some relaxing time with your whānau and friends - it certainly has been a mixed summer in terms of weather extremes! It was wonderful to welcome our new tamariki and parents with a mihi whakatau this morning and it was great to see all the excited faces of the children (and some relieved parent faces) at school drop off.

Firstly a warm welcome to our new staff members: Krysta Taylor who has returned to St Albans and has joined the Pīwakawaka team, and Surin McGrory who has joined the Te Tikanga Rua Reo team. We know they will make a wonderful addition to the St Albans School.

Over the holidays the building team has made fantastic progress with the new classrooms. The children of Pūkeko 5 and 6 will be in their new learning space next week! Part 2 of this build is the completion of the seating and deck around this area. This will be completed over the next term break.

Thank you to those who attended a Getting Connected session over the last 2 days. We truly value this opportunity to connect kaiko, tamariki and whānau.



Promoting independence in your child: This year we are going to continue the good work of encouraging your child to develop their independence. You can help them by:

- Ensuring they carry their own bags!
- Encourage them to walk in on their own - kiss and go at the gate...
- or...when you get to the class say your goodbyes before entering the class. This is an important time for children to connect with their teacher and friends before the learning day begins.
- Support them to be prepared - pack their own lunch and bags and remember those swimming togs.

Cranford Street Crossing: We would like to draw your attention to the new pedestrian crossing opposite English Park car park. We have had several reports of concern of drivers running the red light when the green crossing light comes on. One of our parents has been in touch with the appropriate authorities as has the school. They have promised to make this crossing safer as soon as possible by putting more warning signs up. We have also suggested they delay the green crossing signal by a few seconds after the red light is on.

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Until these measures are put in place please be vigilant when crossing. We will have a teacher out on duty for the first few days to monitor this situation.

School Pool - A reminder to Key Holders: There must be at least one adult present (over 18yrs) to every four minors (under 18yrs). Minors must be actively supervised at all times, it is the key holder's responsibility to ensure that all members of your swimming party adhere to the rules and signs within the pool area. Your key must not be lent to anyone else outside of your family. Please make sure that any other adults in your family who will be co-key holders are familiar with the pool rules. Children who enter the pool area without an adult will have their key confiscated.

Holiday Breaks: If you are beginning to look ahead and plan your holiday breaks for the year please check the school website for term dates to ensure you are not planning trips outside of the school term as per the Ministry guidelines. Please note there is an Easter break in Week 9 of this term. School will be closed Friday 2nd April to Tuesday 6th April. A great time to take a family break! There are also three teacher only days this year: Friday 4th June attached to Queen's Birthday weekend, Friday 10th September and Monday 15th November attached to Show Weekend.

Staff Well-Being: As part of our 2021 strategy to ensure we support our staff to do the amazing job they do we ask that you support us too. You can help by not expecting an email reply after 6pm in the evenings or over the weekend. You are most welcome to send an email, or preferably you can use a 'scheduled send' so that it arrives in their inbox at a designated time the next day. Our teachers work hard while juggling their own family commitments. Please help us to support them.

Ngā mihi,
Glen and Jo on behalf of our team

NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following new children who have joined our school this week: Knox, Fletcher, Castiel, Manaia, Gideon, Anniyah, Frankie, Sapphire, Corbin, Oliver, Freddie, Jacob, Charlie, Jimmy, Cooper, Sarah, Kaleb, Alexander, Aylah, Lucian, Benj, Charlie, Lilly, Lucabelle, KJ, Sadie, Daivik, Jannatul, Ayaka, Jai, Anastasia, Charlotte, Victoria, Aalia, Zan and Nesh.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Expenses - Student accounts have been billed for the following 2021 expenses and will be emailed soon:

- Activity Contribution - \$80 for each child for the year
- AquaGym Programme - \$27 for Yr 1-2, \$39 for Yr 3-6
- School Donation - \$100 for one child at school, \$180 for two or more children

Online payments are preferred to our bank account 12-3151-0178176-00. Please use your eldest child's name as a reference. You do not need to make separate payments for each activity or child. If you prefer, you may wish to start a weekly or fortnightly automatic payment to spread the cost over the year. If you already have an automatic payment in place, it may be time to review the amount if your child has moved into the senior school

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or if another sibling has started school. The contributions are tax deductible donations and you can claim 33.33% back as a tax refund after 31st March 2021 ☺

ACORN Fund - The Board of Trustees with the generous support of the PTA and other community members provides funding for families in financial need. Up to \$70 per child is available. If you would like to apply to this fund to help cover some of your child's expenses, please email diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz or call into the office.



Scholastic Books - Book orders close on Friday 19th February. Payment may be made online at Scholastic using the LOOP system or at the office by cash, cheque or eftpos.

Year 5/6 Summer Sports Team Trials - Summer sports trials will be held on Friday 5th February. We will be selecting the following teams: Touch, Teeball, Futsal and Girls Cricket. Please note Touch, Teeball and Futsal will be

mixed boys and girls teams, the cricket competition is only for girls in Term 1. Any Year 5/6 students who would like to trial for a team should bring their sports gear on Friday.

School Apps – At St Albans School we use two apps for informing the school community. These are:

- **HERO by Linc Ed**, our student management and reporting system, which we also use for communications;
- **St Albans School App** used for alerts, notifying absences, links to newsletters, Hero, the school calendar and blogs.

Both are available from the Google Play Store or the Apple iTunes Store by searching 'Hero by Linc-ed' and 'St Albans School'. Remember to allow notifications. The apps look like this →



HERO - Please ensure you download the app onto your mobile device or use the link shared via your computer to check messages. If you use the **mobile app please ensure you have notifications turned on** as this will alert you to new communications. It is important you follow the link to ensure you see the full message - a preview is sent with the notification, however there is often more content that you will not see without opening the link in full.

Absences – If your child will be absent or late to school, please notify the office with a reason either through the school app (preferred method), or by texting 027 750 3559 or phoning the school absentee line 355 9132 #0. Late children need to check in at the office to obtain a late pass so that we may record they are now at school. If a child is away with an unknown absence a text will be sent to the parent/caregiver.

SUBWAY Subway orders resume next week. 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 PTA's sausage sizzle once it resumes. Place orders by 9am Wednesday for delivery that day.

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Community Dental Service – The dental van will be visiting the school soon. Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit. Please contact the Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back). Phone: 0800 846 983 / email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz

PTA NEWS

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a great break and are looking forward to a fun-filled year. The PTA continues to navigate through our ever-changing environment and to keep you in the loop, here's some key information for start the year:

- **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:** there is NO sausage sizzle this week
- **PTA meeting** - Our first meeting is Wednesday 10th February. We welcome new and existing members of our school community to join us in the staff room at 6.45pm
- **PTA AGM** – this will be held in March, more detail to come

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Year 3 & 4 Basketball – Is your Year 3 or 4 child interested in playing in a mixed miniball team? Games are on Thursday nights. Please contact Matt on matt@sals.co.nz or 027 705 0965 to register interest. Please note that numbers are limited.

Jadon Dance – New registrations open. Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary. Beginners through to advanced, including boys only ballet. 50 years combined teaching experience. Casual to competition level exams. End of year production. Free trial classes. Studio is at Waimairi Road Community Centre, 166 Waimairi Road. Contact: Donna Head 021 042 3621 donna.head@xtra.co.nz or Jacqui Tieleman 021 630 910 jacs2u@scorch.co.nz

After-school Football Skills fun training sessions

An introduction to FUTSAL - New Zealand's fastest-growing sport!

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