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### **Kia ora whānau,**

It is wonderful to be back in Alert Level 1 again. Please remember to continue to contact trace as you enter the site and please remember to encourage your child to be independent. It has been wonderful to see so many proud children coming into school on their own and getting themselves organised for their day ahead.

### **Student Council Innovation**

On Monday this week our Student Council met with representatives from Christchurch City Council and SARA (St Albans Residents Association) to begin an exciting project. The three groups make up a Street Innovator team. The aim is to improve the safety for St Albans children on the way to and from school. We walked around our school site with a view to what we like about our streets and what we would like to improve on. Next, we will hold a 'design jam' to get all of our ideas together to submit to the engineers and community for approval. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have a voice in the community.



### **Swim Sports**

We would like to wish our Year 4 to 6 swimmers who are attending the swim sports at Jellie Park Pool today (Thursday) the best of luck. Look out for the results on the sports blog.

### **Swim Safe**

This week we have had Jackie from NZ Swim Safe working in our school. Jackie has been working with all our tamariki teaching skills required to be safe in the water. I managed to get out and watch some of these lessons and learnt a few tips myself.

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## PTA Urgent Update

Last night the PTA held their AGM. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Executive Officers, Sara and Sheena who were our Co-Chairpersons, Chloe (Secretary), Regan (Marketing Manager). We thank Keri (Treasurer) who is remaining on the executive. We thank them all for their time, expertise, energy and passion leading the PTA. They leave the PTA in a sound financial position with a great team supporting the PTA. They all remain as members of the PTA.

**But ... we need you!** While we are in the process of re/appointing the treasurer and secretary, **we need a chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons. If we are unable to fill this position the PTA will have to be de-established.** This would have huge consequences for our school. This would mean no sausage sizzles, no cafe, no second hand uniform store, no contributions to the Acorn funds, no contribution to camp fees, no contribution to the pool painting, no teacher resource contributions, no discos, no Quiz Night, no Fair or Market day and so much more. We can't let the PTA close down!

There is an opportunity that one of the Chairpersons will remain as Co-chair, unless there are two nominations for the position. If you can help out the PTA and would like to be the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson or would like to nominate someone please pop and see Jo Lidstone or email with your expression of interest: [jo.lidstone@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:jo.lidstone@stalbans.school.nz) . The job description may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3gTHjIH>

To keep our PTA up and running we need to fill this position as soon as possible!

## Homework Policy

The homework policy has been reviewed by the staff and the Board of Trustees. Our next step is to consult with our community. Please use this link to complete the consultation <https://forms.gle/BDXCkgT2QMehnm357>. Responses close Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## An Invitation to our Maths Whānau Home Learning Session for Years 0 - 2

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 2 - 3pm we are running a session where families can come along and find out practical ways they can support their child's maths learning at home. This session is targeted at our Year 0 - 2 learners. Come along, meet other parents, find out some useful tips to support your child's learning AND take home a resource pack to support home learning with your child. Please complete the form below (which includes 6 short questions) so we can ensure enough space and resource packs. Numbers are limited and will only proceed under Alert Level 1.

To register please copy and paste the following link to your browser:  
<https://forms.gle/JTMASXytKGVLYcrf6> Any queries please contact Jo Lidstone:  
[jo.lidstone@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:jo.lidstone@stalbans.school.nz)

**Easter Dates** are Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April through to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - students start back at school on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

## **PAL Update from Wayne Matthews**

On Wednesday, 10 members of the 2021 Physical Activity Leader (PAL) group took part in a day long training session at Hornby Primary School. There were 10 schools there and the day involved group work, playing and adapting games with other schools and planning the PAL programme for the year.

It was a great day and our PAL leaders were AWESOME!!! Ka pai to Ruby, Mason, Angelic, Kyraarn, Precious, Blake, Sadie, Tomasi, Grace and Saxon. Also, a huge thank you to Kathleen and Kylie who stepped in to provide transport.

PAL will be starting in Week 8 as there is a bit more training next week.

***Ngā mihi,  
Glen and Jo on behalf of our team***

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

**Dinosaurs, Animals and Matchbox Cars** - If you are having a de-clutter at home and have some spare hard plastic dinosaurs or animals or Matchbox cars we would really appreciate these for our play-based learning programme in Pīwakawaka. It would be great to have this equipment to help the children with their imaginative play. Donations may be dropped off to the office.

**Fabric Donations:** We are hoping to make some fabric poppies as we start to think about ANZAC Day. We would appreciate any donations of red/green/black felt or fabric and also buttons of any size/colour. Needles and thread would also be helpful if you have any to spare. Please send to Kāhu 20 if you're able to help.

## **PTA NEWS**

**Dumplings!!!** We are excited to announce our latest PTA fundraiser is TOM Dumplings. For every pack of delicious dumplings purchased we raise \$4 that will go directly to the school and help support our tamariki. Packs are \$16 a pack for 20 pieces. Here is everything you need to know:

**Flavours:** Chicken corn & Coriander, Pork & Chive, Vegan, Pork Prawn & Mushrooms.

### **How to Order:**

- To make it nice and easy all orders will be done via Ezlunch so the same as Subway and sausage sizzle with all payments online
- Place and pay for your order by 9am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Orders picked up from school from 2.30pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – please bring a chilli bin or cooler bag with you and transport direct to freezer



- **Oak Leaf Café** – Open again Wednesday to Friday 8.30 – 9am
- **Second-hand Uniforms** are on sale in the Oak Leaf Café during opening hours.
- **Friday Sausage Sizzle:** Resumes this week, order through ezlunch or Kindo

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Garage Sale** - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1 - 3pm at 140 Knowles Street, St Albans. Mixed array of house items, children's toys and clothing as well as furniture. Woman's clothing and jewellery. Name your fair price (except with furniture). Bring your own bags please. See you there!

**Work with Barnardos** - We have wonderful career opportunities for passionate individuals to join our community of Home Based Childcare Educators. As a Barnardos Home Based Childcare Educator, you will care for 1 - 4 children in your own home, providing a nurturing environment while also stimulating their curiosity and learning. Your career as a Home Based Educator will be supported by other passionate and professional people, resources and opportunities. You will:

- Be provided with an 'Educator Starter Kit' which will help you to establish your Educator business, i.e. cots, high chairs, car seats and more
- Be able to study for the Open Polytechnic Early Childhood Certificate Level 4 at no cost to you
- Be provided free professional development opportunities, marketing support and business growth advice

What's more, this is your own business, so you can set the hours that you want to work, all from the comfort of your own home. Learn more about becoming a Childcare Educator with Barnardos here: <https://barnardosearlylearning.org.nz/careers/educators/> or phone Amy 027 707 8247 or email: [amy.warwood@barnardos.org.nz](mailto:amy.warwood@barnardos.org.nz)



<p><b>Mega Mates Social Skills Programme is coming to Christchurch!!!</b></p> <p>For 5 to 7 year olds</p> <p>April School Holidays 2021 3 mornings 9am to 12 midday</p> <p>Limited numbers for a small focused group</p> <p>Let's Talk! </p> <p>Led by an experienced Speech Language Therapist - Ellie Bloxham</p> <p>\$60 + GST per child, per day - early bird special - book before 19th March to get a 10% discount</p> <p><b>Don't miss out!</b> Book now by calling 027 777 4688 or email us at <a href="mailto:admin@shout-speech.co.nz">admin@shout-speech.co.nz</a></p> <p><b>SHOUT</b> SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY</p> <p>An opportunity to build real social skills in a fun and relaxed group <a href="http://WWW.SHOUT-SPEECH.CO.NZ">WWW.SHOUT-SPEECH.CO.NZ</a></p>	<p><b>Reading the Social Scene</b> <b>Wednesday 28th April</b></p> <p>Understanding and interpreting body language and facial features</p>
	<p><b>Conversation Skills</b> <b>Thursday 29th April</b></p> <p>Starting and maintaining a conversation</p>
	<p><b>Learning about emotions</b> <b>Friday 30th April</b></p> <p>Identifying and labeling emotions</p>

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