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**Kia ora whānau,**

Congratulations to our tamariki who attended the School Swim Sports last week. We had a large number of entries which was great to see. A big thanks to our parent helpers who assisted on the day. Our top two swimmers from each of our 50m events went on to compete in the Zone swimming sports that were held on Tuesday. A special congratulations to Charlie F, Aria, Kirihamia and Max who will now compete in the Canterbury finals on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. All results can be seen on our school sports blog: <https://sites.google.com/stalbans.school.nz/st-albans-sport-blog/home?authuser=0>

**School Pool Closes this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm** for the community. It certainly has been a great summer with many warm days and evenings for our community to swim in our school pool. Pool key holders can now collect their \$20 refund by returning their key to the office.

**After School Pick-ups** - Please discuss with your child the importance of sticking to the pick-up plan for your child after school. We have had several situations lately where children have arranged a play date without discussing with parents which causes much stress and concern when a child is not where they are meant to be after school.

**PTA Urgent update – Co-Chairperson position still needs to be filled** - We are in the process of reappointing the Treasurer and Secretary, **but we need a Co- Chairperson. If we are unable to fill this position the PTA may have to be de-established.** This would have huge consequences for our school and all the amazing work our PTA does.

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).

We need to fill the position of Co-Chairperson ASAP. If we are unable to fill this position before the next meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March the PTA may have to be de-established.

### **Homework Policy**

The homework policy has been reviewed by the staff and the Board of Trustees. Thank you to the large number who have already provided feedback. We appreciate you taking the time. If you would still like to provide feedback please click on the link to view the policy. Please use this link to complete the consultation <https://forms.gle/BDXCkgT2QMehnm357>. Responses close Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

*Ahakoia he iti he pounamu.*

*Even though it is small it is a treasure.*

**St Patrick's Day** - What a fun day celebrating St Patrick's Day yesterday. The children were greeted by our very own Irish teacher Niamh at the gate. Thanks to this team of Year 5 and 6 students who sung Niamh a great version of an Irish jig.



An Irish blessing from Niamh to cover you all for the year 2021:

*"May there always be work for your hands to do, may your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine on your window pane, may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you, may your heart be easily filled with gladness to cheer you."*

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

### **NEW PUPILS**

We welcome the following pupils who recently joined our school: Nakita, Theo, Arihaan, Masen, Stella, Gurbaani, Jasleen, JM, Agyajot, Sylvie, Tanveer, Jasmine, Rafael, Kenta, Adeline, Olive, Yoshana, Kiara, Oliver and Edmond.

### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

**School Accounts** – Thank you to everyone who has made payment on their school account. Costs for 2021 are: AquaGym Y3-6 \$39 or \$27 for Y1-2, Activity Donation \$80 per child, School Donation \$100 for one child or \$180 for two or more children. The cost for Hagley sport for selected Y5-6 students is \$32. There will be a prize draw in the final week of the term for families who have paid the school donation. Two Whitcoulls gift cards are up for grabs!

**Tax Year Ending Soon** – Many school costs are donations and if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, means you can claim your tax deduction of 33.33% in the coming months rather than waiting until 2022 to receive the refund.

**Year 5 Girls Saturday Hockey** – A parent is looking at entering a St Albans School Year 5 girls hockey team in the Saturday competition. If interested please contact Jess Matheson, [waltonmatheson@gmail.com](mailto:waltonmatheson@gmail.com)

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## School Cross Country - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April (postponement date Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April)

Please encourage your child to wear their house colours. Morning tea will be 10.25 - 10.45am. If you are coming to watch, the best place to watch is in the stands at English Park. Please be seated in the two bays in the stand closest to the Port Hills. You will need to be there in plenty of time and will need to keep clear of the entrance to English Park as this is part of the course.

### Senior Team Championship Races in Year Groups - spectators to be seated by 9.20am

9.25am	Yr 6 girls	9.55am	Yr 5 girls
9.40am	Yr 6 boys	10.10am	Yr 5 boys

### Junior Team Races in Year Groups - spectators to be seated by 11am

11.05am	Yr 2 girls	11.25am	Yr 1 girls
11.15am	Yr 2 boys	11.35am	Yr 1 boys

### Middle Team Races in Year Groups - spectators to be seated by 11.45am

11.55am	Yr 4 girls	12.15pm	Yr 3 girls
12.05pm	Yr 4 boys	12.25pm	Yr 3 boys

Please note, these times are approximate. The first 6 runners in the senior races (in each year group - boys & girls) will represent our school at the Zone Cross Country.

## 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 Wednesday to Friday 8.30 – 9am
  - **Second-hand Uniforms** are on sale in the Oak Leaf Café during opening hours
  - **Friday Sausage Sizzle:** Order through ezlunch or Kindo



**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 26 MARCH**

**JUNIOR (Y0-2) 4:15 TO 5:15**  
**MIDDLE (Y3&4) 5:30 TO 6:45**  
**SENIOR (Y5&6) 7:00 TO 8:15**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE VIA MYKINDO - \$3 PER CHILD**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & GLOW STICKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE DISCO

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kelly Sports** - We are delighted to announce that we will be running a one day holiday programme on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the St Patrick's School Church Hall at 108 Jeffreys Road. With Easter Tuesday falling during the term time this year, schools are closed for the day, but many parents still have to work. We will be running a 1-day programme full of our Kelly Sports favourites, so make sure you book in early to avoid missing out. Please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and search for St Patrick's School venue for more information or to book online.



**Scholarships at Selwyn House School** - Girls starting Year 6 or 7 during the 2022 school year are eligible to apply for the following scholarships: *Academic, All Rounder, Boarding, Music, Performing Arts, Sports*. Girls starting Year 5 during the 2022 school year are eligible to apply for: *Academic*. The Scholarship application deadline is 4pm on 14<sup>th</sup> May. For more information on scholarships and to download an application <https://selwynhouse.school.nz/scholarships/>

**Experienced Babysitter Available for After School Care** - Hi, my name is Issy Wallwork and I am a year 13 student at Papanui High School. I am an ex St Albans student, and live in the area. I am looking for after school babysitting work. My school finishes at 2.30pm every day, so I am able to be at St Albans in time for a 3pm pick up. I have completed a childminding course, and have lots of experience looking after children in the area. Feel free to contact me if you're interested, 022 176 5417, I am also happy to provide references if required.

**Cranford Pippins are looking for Members!** Pippins is for girls aged 5 - 7 and marks the beginning of an adventure with the Girl Guides. Make friends, tackle challenges, find adventure and earn cool badges that show off what you've learned along the way. Girl Guiding is a place where you can be the guide of your life. You can make decisions that help shape who you are and the future you're moving into. Benefits to becoming a girl guide: *Increased self-confidence and self-esteem, Development of personal values, Learn to use courage and resilience to overcome challenges, Ability to embrace diversity and appreciate others, Development of leadership skills, Understanding of a healthy lifestyle Gain knowledge and skills to become a global citizen, Understand the benefit of working for others in our communities, Become active in the outdoors, Become committed to caring for the environment.* Cranford Pippins meet every Monday from 5.30 - 6.30pm at the Elmwood Bowling Club. Register your interest at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>

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