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**Kia ora whānau,**

**Sheppard Place Chaos!** So, the carnage continues out on Sheppard Place. There was a bad car accident on Friday - I believe it was sun related but it did cause extensive damage to both vehicles. On Monday there were several aggressive verbal altercations between drivers, our staff and our parent helpers. PLEASE be aware that we are only trying to keep **your** children safe. We will simply not tolerate the abuse and intimidation that is happening on what is becoming a regular occurrence. Our staff and helpers are not to be subjected to this at all. So, some reminders:

1. The 3 minute park outside school is for 3 minutes only! Even better park further away and walk in.
2. We encourage all our students to walk the loop as it is the safest way to get to and from school - please role model.
3. Park on side streets and walk to school.
4. If you can - walk or wheel to school.
5. Do not park on yellow lines ever
6. Do not double park.
7. Do not park over driveways.
8. Do not park on the designated disabled car parks unless you are authorised to do so.

We would really appreciate your support.

**Disco** - Tomorrow night is our PTA disco. This can be a time when children get excited so please share the behaviour expectation with your child before arriving to ensure everyone has a wonderful time.

- Inside voices please
- Food and drinks must be consumed on the hall steps of the coned off area
- Children will not be allowed to leave the hall once they have entered
- There is no playing in the school grounds during or after their disco time
- If children need quiet time they can step outside to the coned off area on the hall steps
- **Children will not be allowed to go home on their own - they must be collected at the end of their disco time** from the right hand side of the hall exit area (facing the hall, nearest Kāhu block)

Thank you to the PTA and the many teachers who are attending tomorrow. Happy dancing!

**Year 0 - 2** 4.15pm - 5.15pm   **Year 3 - 4** 5.30pm - 6.45pm   **Year 5 - 6** 7pm - 8.15pm

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### Have you met Rachel Smith?

Rachel is our librarian who joined the St Albans School team last year. Rachel and her whānau recently returned from living in the Cook Islands where she worked for the Ministry of Education Cook Islands, and as a writer of poetry, short fiction and freelance journalism.

As a writer one of her favourite things to do is reading and she has great tips for finding a new book or author to try. Rachel can be found in the library or resource room on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

**Have you met Suzie Pomeroy?** Suzie is our Sports Director for 2021. Suzie works at St Albans on a Thursday and Friday and is your go-to person for all things related to sports. If you have any sport related questions, please contact Suzie at [sport@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:sport@stalbans.school.nz).



For all sports related information please go to the sports blog at <https://sites.google.com/stalbans.school.nz/st-albans-sport-blog/home> Here you will find information about all current sporting events such as summer sport competitions and upcoming events for example; cross country and Canterbury Swimming Championships. You will also find results for sporting events which have already taken place this year such as school and zone swimming.

**Maths Whanau Home Learning Session for Years 0 – 2** - Thank you to the parents who attended the Maths Home Learning session this week. It was a wonderful turnout of parents and a great session facilitated by Louise Schollum, Krysta Taylor and Jo Lidstone. The focus of the session was to give practical ideas on how to support your child's learning in maths. Look out early next term for Y1 - 2 reading and writing home learning sessions. Some key ideas to support your child in maths:

- Use maths language every day at home. Maths is all around us at home, in the car, on the streets, in the supermarket. Make maths at home fun!
- Bake, measure, tell the time, play board, card and dice games
- Be explicit for example: when you are baking say 'let's do some maths - let's bake!'
- Skip count daily
- Take 5 minutes a day to ask your child what they are learning in maths. Ask them to 'show' you.
- Click here for Ministry guidelines for Year 1 Reading, writing and maths <https://bit.ly/3slUNED>
- Click here for Ministry guidelines for Year 2 Reading, writing and maths <https://bit.ly/31ebiGO>

**Term 1 Getting Connected** - Please note Term 1 reports go live next Thursday before Easter at 4pm. Please take the time to sit and read this with your child and discuss their next learning steps.

**ESOL Evening** - Thank you to those families who attended the English as a Second Language gathering last night. It was a lovely evening of sharing kai, making connections and fun games. Thank you to June Thompson and Julie Baker for bringing together our community.

A friendly reminder next week is the Easter Break. School will be closed from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until and including Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

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

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**Tax Year Ending Next Week!!** 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.

**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.



### Canterbury Primary Schools' Triathlon

- On Tuesday six children represented St Albans School in the Canterbury Primary Schools' Triathlon. The event was held at a new course located near West Eyreton and comprised of a 100m lake swim, 7km cycle and a 2km run. The children did exceptionally well, in what was for most their first competitive triathlon.



**Basketball** - Some of our tamariki from Kererū and TTRR play in our two school Miniball teams. They practise at school on Wednesday's coached by one of the parents and play in the competition at the Bishopdale YMCA every Thursday. Last week the two teams played each other. It was a close game with the St Albans Giants winning by 4 points over the St Albans Heat. Great sportsmanship and team work was on display from both teams.

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## School Cross Country – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### 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. Children to wear house colours. Parents/ Caregivers, please view races from the English Park stands

## PTA NEWS

- **Oak Leaf Café** – 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/Kindo

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Yogi Explorers- Kids Discovering Yoga



**Exploring yoga, mindfulness and breathing techniques to equip children to navigate life with a little more ease and fun.**

Super fun sessions co-created with the kids and presented in their language through yoga adventures, music, games, crafts, matched to wellbeing themes.

**Great for anxiety, poor sleep, focus, regulating emotions and a good gentle work out for the whole body.**

**When:** 10<sup>th</sup> May- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (7 weeks excluding P.H). Mondays 4-5pm

**Where:** St Albans Uniting Church Hall 36 Nancy Avenue, Christchurch

**Contribution:** \$46 in 2 instalments or \$92 for the Term (7 classes)

\*Discount available if more than one sibling attending.

**Age group:** 7-11 years, negotiable if 2 siblings attending.

**Info & Registration:**



Yogi Explorers



yogixplorers@yahoo.com

**Contact:** Please feel free to phone Chrissie McNeill on 021904989. Chrissie is a Certified, experienced Kids Yoga Teacher, also Registered Nurse working with children & their whanau. **Limited spaces available**



## Marist Hockey Fun Sticks Have A

**Go Day – 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 11am** at Marist Park Turf at St Bede's (entrance off Momorangi Crescent). For Year 1 – 2 students. Just bring along sports shoes, mouthguard and shin pads. The Fun Sticks season is from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> August every week from 9.40am to 10.40am. No cost to players! Registration and information at [www.maristhockey.co.nz](http://www.maristhockey.co.nz) Any queries please email [maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com](mailto:maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com)

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