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Kia ora whānau,

Thank you to all those whānau who are helping us to keep our community safe throughout the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Thank you to those who drop and go, thank you to those who have organised their child to meet them at the gate and thank you to those that are contact tracing before entering the site. If you must enter the site please keep well away from classroom entrances (please do not sit on picnic tables), and please do not enter learning spaces. Remember to model good social distancing.

Walk or Wheel to School Wednesday – Wow - what a success this was! We had the vast majority of students walk or wheel to school and what a difference it made to the traffic. Sheppard Place was a lot quieter than normal which made for a pleasant and safer environment. There were even some really cool spot prizes that were handed out including reflective bracelets that illuminate at night. A big thank you to everyone that took part and a huge thank you to Niamh O'Connor and her student leadership team for their organisation! Let's keep the walking and wheeling going!

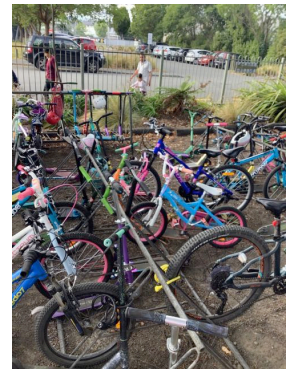


Safety on Sheppard Place: Please help us to keep Sheppard Place safe for our tamariki.

- Please do not park in the 3min zone and leave your vehicle - this is a 3min drop and go zone.
- Please do not stop on the yellow lines to pick up or drop off your child.
- Please walk the loop.
- The best thing you can do is park and walk.

AquaGym - This week we have had our Year 3 to 6 students involved in lessons at AquaGym. Hopefully you will see improvements in their ability. If your child is not a regular attendee of swimming lessons I encourage you to think about joining them up at any swim school as it really is such an important skill to acquire especially living on an Island.

Easter Break Dates: Friday 2nd April through to Tuesday 6th April - students start back at school on **Wednesday 7th April.**



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Alert Level 3 Important Information - Please do not be alarmed, but here at St Albans School we would like to take this opportunity to be organised should the government request a return to Alert Level 3. We hope this information will not be needed, but it is important that we are well prepared to support you and your tamariki. A prompt response is appreciated so we can proceed with our planning. **Please complete these forms (if applicable) by this Friday 5th March.** A link has also been sent via our Hero Community notice. There are two pieces of information we require:

1. Please only click on this link <https://bit.ly/3uLIYdE> if you request a loan device from St Albans in the event we move to Alert Level 3 or 4 to support your child's home learning.
 - If your child needs to attend 'Bubble School' they will not be eligible for a loan device.
 - If your child currently uses their own device there is no need to complete this form.
2. Please only click on this link <https://bit.ly/2OlrIDl> if you require supervision for your child to attend Bubble School under Alert Level 3.
 - By completing this form, you are confirming with the school that you are required to work away from home, not able to provide supervision for your child/ren and that there are no other people in your home who can care for your child/ren if we move to Alert Level 3.
 - Please DO NOT complete this form if you are able to supervise your child/ren under Alert Level 3.

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

Job descriptions can be found at the following links:

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

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

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Marketing: Regan De Burgh ptamarketing@stalbans.school.nz

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

Message from the Board of Trustees

Board Responsibilities - At the Board of Trustees' meeting on Monday, the following positions and portfolios were confirmed for the year ahead:

- **Vaughan Hartland – Chairperson** - Curriculum, Employment, Health and Safety, Communication, Finance
- **Juliet Calder - Deputy Chairperson** - Curriculum, Employment, Documentation & Self-Review, Communication
- **Aaron Tunnickliff** - Curriculum, Employment, Finance, Property, Health & Safety
- **Karli Bristed** - Curriculum, Employment, Documentation & Self-Review, Finance, Property
- **Clay Baker** - Curriculum, Employment, Finance, Property
- **Jo Lidstone & Glen McKenzie** - Acting Co-Principals - All portfolios
- **Loriann Wakefield** - Staff Rep - Curriculum, Employment, Health & Safety
- **Diane Mawhinney** - Board Secretary, Finance

School Pool - With the days now getting shorter, the nightly closure time for the school pool will be brought forward by an hour to 7pm as of this Monday 8th March.

Pedestrian Crossing Safety - We have some concerns about safety of our school students crossing at the new pedestrian crossing on Cranford Street outside the English Park carpark. While traffic on Cranford Street gets used to the addition of this new pedestrian crossing, we urge you to monitor your children if they are using this crossing, or to ensure that they are aware that they need to be vigilant about checking that traffic has stopped before they begin crossing.

Thank You - Another big thank you to all of our school whānau for your cooperation with the most recent Covid Alert Level changes. A reminder that, while the school site is still accessible during Alert Level 2, we do ask parents/caregivers to avoid entering the school site as much as possible and to drop off and pick up children from outside of the school gates wherever possible. If you are coming on site, please ensure you are signing in with the Covid Tracer App or by signing in at the front office. Anyone who is unwell - students or family members - should not be coming in to school. Thank you again for your cooperation and efforts to keep us all safe.

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 Piwakawaka. It would be great to have this equipment to help the children with their imaginative play. Donations may be dropped off to the office.

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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 24th March
 - Orders picked up from school from 2.30pm Wednesday 31st March – please bring a chilli bin or cooler bag with you and transport direct to freezer
- **Oak Leaf Café** – Closed this week under Alert Level 2
 - **Second-hand Uniforms** are on sale in the Oak Leaf Café during opening hours.
 - **Sausage Sizzle:** No Sausage Sizzle this week under Alert Level 2
 - **PTA AGM** – Wednesday 10th March from 6.45pm for a 7pm start – in the staffroom. All welcome.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR TERM 2 & TERM 3

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME, NEW & RETURNING PLAYERS – ALL ABILITIES

NON-CONTACT GRADES U6 – U11

TACKLE RUGBY OPTIONS FROM U8-U15

FAMILY FRIENDLY SUBS – COMMUNITY BASED CLUB!

For more info & to register visit: www.christchurchfootballclub.co.nz
or email cfc_juniors@outlook.com



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