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Kia ora whānau,

Message from the Board of Trustees

Update on Principal - As you know, our Principal, Ginnie Chapman, is currently on leave from school while she takes some time to be with her husband who was diagnosed with advanced cancer late last year. The Board of Trustees has agreed to extend Ginnie's leave up to the end of the year, with the option to return sooner as mutually agreed. We fully support her decision to be with her husband, Hugh, at this time and we know that the school community joins us in sending our care and aroha to them both.

The Board is extremely grateful to our Acting Co-Principals, Glen McKenzie and Jo Lidstone, for agreeing to continue acting in the role while Ginnie is on leave. The way that they have stepped up and managed our school in her absence has been magnificent and we have full confidence in them continuing to do that.

Other Matters from the BOT:

School Security - Unfortunately there has been a number of incidences of vandalism around the school lately from people outside of the school community accessing the school out of hours. The more that our own community makes responsible use of our facilities over the term break, the less opportunity there will be for others to behave irresponsibly, so we encourage you to come down in the holidays and make use of our playgrounds and sports grounds. If you see any suspicious or inappropriate behaviour, please call our security company on 03 366 6666.

Building Work - Please also note that during the holidays there will be some building work happening around the new classroom that sits within the U block. This area will be fenced off so please do not enter the building site for your own safety.

We wish you all an enjoyable term break with your whanau and look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

The St Albans School Board of Trustees

The PTA has been saved! It is wonderful to be able to announce and welcome our current and new members to the PTA executive team. A HUGE thank you to the following 3 members who have stepped down from their roles: Sara Currie Co-Chairperson, Chloe Jolliffe Secretary and Regan de Burgh Marketing Manager. We thank you for the time and expertise that each of you brought to your roles.

We welcome the new executive team: Co-Chairpersons Sheena Brown and Mel Chappell, Secretary Emma Samson, Marketing Manager Sander Murray and Treasurer Keri Page-Kreis and Rachel Lee who will be shadowing Keri throughout 2021 to learn the role of

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treasurer. Thank you to others who showed an interest in these positions. We always welcome new members to come along to a PTA meeting and find out what we do. The next meeting is on 12th May. Hope to see you there!

Cross Country: Congratulations to all the students who took part in the school Cross Country today. It was fantastic to see the effort that went into completing the course. A special congratulations to our place getters. The top 6 runners in the Yr 5 & 6 races will make up our school team to compete in the North Zone Competition at Murchison Park on the 27th May. Here are our Year 6 place-getters.

Mana Ake provides support to children in Canterbury, in years 1-8 at school, promoting wellbeing and positive mental health. They can support children at school and at home and provide advice and guidance for parents and whānau. If you would like to meet with Mana Ake to find out how they can support you and/or your child please book a time to meet with them at the school office. Next term they are offering two drop in sessions:

Week 2 – Monday 10th May 2pm – 4.30pm

Week 4 – Monday 24th May 2pm – 4.30pm

Happy holidays: We hope you get to enjoy some time with your children over the holidays. Reminder to read 'with and to' your child daily over the holiday break and continue to develop a love of reading. We look forward to catching up with you all in Term 2.

Ngā mihi,

Glen and Jo on behalf of our team

SCHOOL NOTICES

A Notice from the Student Council - We have two very exciting initiatives happening early next term!

- **PINK T-SHIRT DAY** will be held on Friday the 21st May
- **GUMBOOT FRIDAY** will be held on Friday the 28th May

These will be mufti, gold coin donation days. Get saving your own pocket money for these two very worthy causes close to our hearts. If you have any **PINK FABRIC, RIBBON, INTERIOR or EXTERIOR PAINT** lying around please send to Niamh in Kāhu 17. We are also looking for some spare GUMBOOTS for a Gumboot toss competition – please also send to Niamh in Kāhu 17.



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School Donation Prize Draw – A prize draw has been held as a way of thanking the many families that pay the school donation. The winners of the Term 1 prize draw are the Vabulis family and the C. Jones family. Thanks so much to everyone that has paid the school donation, your support is greatly appreciated.

Donation Receipts - If you would like to be emailed a donation receipt in order to claim a tax rebate, please contact diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz Our thanks to everyone who has made payment on their account this year and last.

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

Earth Day Eastern (EDEN) - Featuring Hoops in the Bronx - EDEN – Featuring Hoops in the Bronx will be held at the Bromley Community Centre on Thursday, April 22nd. This is an opportunity for children around the region to take part in some social basketball and learn about the importance of Earth Day. There will be a 3v3 basketball tournament running throughout the afternoon with the winners receiving the top prize, but there are other prizes to be won! There will be a graffiti wall that kids will be allowed to add to, a beehive display, music and, we will be handing out wildflower seeds and lightbulbs to all who wish to have. On the day there will be food for everyone, but feel free to bring your own. For more information contact matthewjonesnzl@gmail.com.

COME PLAY FOR THE TIGERS!



**Junior & Senior registrations now open!
New players are also welcome!**

Look for us at [facebook.com/PRLFC](https://www.facebook.com/PRLFC)

TIGERS – COMMUNITY & FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB!

Motivationz Netball and Rugby Holiday Programme is back this April - This will be great to compliment your club/school training and help you improve your skills as a player.

Netball: school year 5/6 and 7/8 **Rugby:** 7-8, 9-10 year olds

Held at Graham Condon Centre 3 Sessions Drive. Three sessions at 12.30 - 2.30pm on 19th, 20th and 21st April. Cost: \$100. Come and join our highly successful MOTIVATIONZ family now. Very limited numbers for each age group, Book now! We would love to hear from you, email anthony@motivationz.co.nz Rugby or Rebecca@motivationz.co.nz Netball, with your child's full name, DOB, address and contact phone or call Anthony on 021 222 6340.

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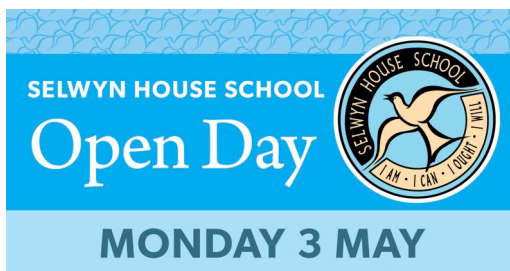
Imagination Station - is a LEGO based play and education charity in Christchurch and this holidays we are running some LEGO based activities at Tūranga and New Brighton Libraries. Imagination Station will be running heaps of classes these holidays at Tūranga! We'll have sessions that cover remote controlled race cars, introductory robotics and robot battles, and our famous LEGO movie making workshops! If you're interested, find more information and reserve your space at www.imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.

Term 2 After School LEGO Programme at Tūranga Library - Imagination Station after school LEGO classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Tūranga, with all our LEGO robotics, mechanics, and movie making fun! Join our classes every week from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, at a cost of only \$15 per session. Find more info or reserve a space at www.imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.

**Selwyn House School Open Day -
Monday 3 May - 9am - Noon**

Selwyn House School is a leading girls' school for Years 1-8, with boarding options available. We provide exceptional educational opportunities for girls, in a stimulating and nurturing environment. Our focus is on developing globally-minded learners and leaders who will become confident and capable women.

Please join us for our Open Day on Monday 3 May to experience all that Selwyn House has to offer. If you would like to RSVP to Open Day or schedule a personal tour on a different day, please contact Leanne Glasson, l.glasson@selhouse.school.nz



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MOVEMENT ART PRACTICE
CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES

where 76 Hawdon St
Sydenham, Christchurch

cost \$150 for the term
Free trial available
Term 2 Registration Open

bookings movementartpractice.org

kids creative dance

Tutor: Olivia O'Brien
When: Saturdays during school terms
5 - 7 year olds 8.45 - 9.30am
8 - 10 year olds 9.45 - 10.30am

An alternative to traditional studio classes, give your child the chance to explore their creative body with no uniforms or exams, just the joy of movement.



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