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Kia ora whānau,

It was so great to see so many of our tamariki celebrating anti bullying last Friday - there certainly was a sea of pink swirling around the school. This is a strong message as we continue to promote and encourage children to be kind and show respect to all. A big thanks to Niamh and her student helpers for arranging this day and thanks for your donations - \$668.80 will be donated to the campaign.



Tomorrow we look forward to Gumboot Friday mufti day! I AM HOPE aims to promote positive attitudinal societal change around mental health throughout New Zealand. Children can wear gumboots (if they have them) and they do not have to wear uniforms. Gold coin donation.

ESOL Student Connectivity Day - This week June and Julie B ran our Student Connectivity Day for our English as a second language learners. This was a wonderful way for our children to connect with others from their culture and all the many cultures within our school. Wow, we had over 90 students involved in this awesome day!



To our English Language Learner families:

Shared Meal and Bingo Night

Next Wednesday 2nd June

St Alban's School Hall 5.30pm – 7pm

Come along and meet other families from our school community who are learning to speak English. Bring a plate of food to share with others and enjoy a game of Bingo. We will teach you how to play if this is new to you. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to come.

St Albans PTA Quiz Night Coming Soon - Check out the poster in this week's newsletter.

Inside Lunch - As the days are getting colder and the ground damper, the time has come to have lunchtime inside. So, from now on until the days warm up next term, for the first 5 minutes of interval and the first 15 minutes of lunchtime our students will be eating inside and supervised by a teacher. Please ensure your child has a warm layer to wear on these chilly mornings.

He iti wai kōwhao waka e tahuri te waka. A little storm and then a rainbow appears.

A Message from our Local Constable - Over the past few weeks, we have had visits from the Christchurch Police at the 3pm pick up. The constable has observed:

- Children not restrained in car seats or wearing seatbelts
- Cars travelling too fast down Sheppard Place, please drive slowly in case a child walks out between cars
- Cars not adhering to the 3 minute parking rule
- Cars doing a U-turn part way up Sheppard Place - please drive to the end of the cul de sac to turn around

On a positive note, he has noticed:

- A large number of people walking to pick up – great!
- A large number of people adhering to the 3 minute zone
- A large number of people making great choices to keep our tamariki safe – kapa!

English Park Car Park - Please be aware of the new rule stating NO RIGHT TURN when exiting English Park carpark onto Cranford Street. Please observe this rule to avoid delays and frustrations for those waiting to exit. Please do not park alongside the footpath in this car park, including parking with wheels up on the footpath. This obstructs access for pedestrians.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who stand out there in rain or shine to help our tamariki stay safe. Let's all help out and do the right thing!

Cross Country - Yesterday we had 24 of our senior students compete in the North Zone Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to all that took part - we had some fantastic results which can be viewed on the sports blog from next week.

Digital Safety - We frequently revise digital safety protocols and remind children of their responsibility to be responsible digital citizens. We often hear of children using social media apps and thought it was useful to share this guide to the age restrictions of these apps. While these apps are not used in school time, many children do have access outside of school. You will see from the information below our students should only be accessing Roblox, PopJam and Facetime - no other social media!

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

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Home Learning Sessions - This term we have held Reading and Writing sessions to help our Year 0 - 2 whānau support their child's learning at home. Here are some of the key points shared from the reading session. *Check out next week's newsletter for writing tips.*

How to support your child in reading at home:

- Develop a love of reading - make reading fun.
- Make time every day to read - develop a routine that works for you and your child.
- Model reading - does your child see you reading for enjoyment?
- DON'T turn reading at home into a lesson.
- Ensure opportunities to read to your child and with your child.
- Talk about stories, characters, plots - encourage your child to share what happened in the story - the beginning, the middle and the end.
- Find opportunities for your child to listen to stories. Such as Kids Story Room (listening): www.kidsstoryroom.com

Encourage Your Child To Talk About Their Story...

Who was your favourite character and why?

What happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story?

What was the problem in the story?

How was the problem solved?

What could happen next?

Why did you think the author wrote this story?

Make connections to your own family experiences.

A reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day next week on Friday 4th June. School will be closed Friday and Monday. We hope you are able to plan a lovely long weekend.

Ngā mihi, Glen and Jo on behalf of our team

SCHOOL NOTICES

Year 6 Writing Workshop - This week it was the turn of some of our talented Year 6 writers to work with Sue Kingham in the Young Writer's Workshop. They did a fabulous job, writing mystery stories and learning more about how to include speech in their writing. Check out our blog at

<https://sites.google.com/stalbans.school.nz/stagate/home> to see some examples of their excellent writing.



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Subway – Order online through ezlunch or Kindo for delivery on a Wednesday.

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

Save the Date

27th August 2021



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Quiz

Tickets on sale from 8.30^{am} on the 7th July
from the Oak Leaf Cafe. \$150/table
of 6, Limited numbers, get in quick.

All proceeds go to the PTA that ultimately helps the school.

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