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Kia ora whānau,

Thank you to those families who have already attended their parent/teacher/child interviews last night. Our teachers value the opportunity to celebrate tamariki progress and next steps. We look forward to hosting whānau who are coming along tonight. A BIG thank you to our wonderful PTA who have provided yummy food for our kaiko during interview time.

Please ensure you read your child's report with your child. If you are having trouble accessing their report on Hero please pop into the office for support. There have been some queries in regards to children's absence days. Please note that attendance and absences are recorded in half days (not whole days). **A reminder that school closes at 2pm today for interviews.**



On Tuesday there was lots of excitement in Kāhu and Pouākai as the children headed away to Alpine Ice Skating for their Big Day Out. We were incredibly impressed with the skating skills and determination the tamariki displayed. There was a sense of fun and laughter and lots of smiles to be seen.

We had a great day out and enjoyed seeing everyone having so

much fun. Thanks to the fabulous parent helpers who ensured all the boots were tight!

It is with great pleasure we announce that Carmen Aldridge has been appointed to the position of Acting Deputy Principal beginning in Term 3. During the absence of our Principal, Ginnie Chapman, Carmen has been working closely alongside the senior management team. Carmen has been selected for this position for the skills and attributes that she brings to the role, which to date have been invaluable.



We welcome Shelley Barbour who has been appointed to cover Carmen's teaching release for three days a week. Shelley is an experienced teacher who has been a part of our St Albans whānau for the past 7 years. During this time, she has moved from a full time role to a part time role while caring for her young family. We are so fortunate to have a high quality kaiako able to step into this role. We know our whānau will make Shelley feel very welcome.

*Tō pitomata, he rua kanapū wehi ana.
Your potential is something to behold, like lightning that lights up the skies.*

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Catriona Collett to our team. Catriona will be teaching our New Entrant class that opens at the beginning of Term 3. Catriona has been working across our school throughout the year. We very quickly identified Catriona as a highly skilled practitioner and one we wanted on our team. Welcome Catriona.

This weeks 'Good Sort' goes to Ella A. Ella is a Year 6 student and one of our librarians. Ella does a magnificent job sharing her creative ideas, is always willing to help out, including writing a book review and turns up tirelessly for her rostered sessions. Here is Ella reading to some of our younger tamariki. Ka pai Ella, you are awesome! Check out the latest library blog at:

<https://stalbanslibrary.weebly.com> for some great book reviews.



Over the holidays remember to read, read, read with your child! We hope you have a wonderful break and you get to enjoy some special family time. Keep safe, keep well.

Ngā mihi, Glen and Jo on behalf of our team

Message from the Board of Trustees

- A huge thank you to all of our school staff for the extra hours they are putting in today and yesterday for the parent/teacher interviews. Thank you also to the PTA and members of the school community who have provided some sustenance to keep the teachers going all afternoon.
- Please make the most of our school site over the term break, as this is the best way to ensure that it is kept safe and secure. If you do see any suspicious activity on the school grounds, please call our security company 'Code 9' on 03the 374 3424. Thank you for helping to keep our school safe and free of vandalism.
- We hope you have a lovely, relaxing break from school and look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 3.

Out of School Activities and Achievements

Maggie, Luca and Ben from our school are appearing in the Kidsfest production of The Little Mermaid in the second week of school holidays. What a wonderful opportunity! If you would like to go along and see the show, book tickets at www.act2drama.co.nz

Times:
Sunday 18th July 11.00am & 2.00pm
Monday 19th July - Friday 23rd July 6.30pm
(No show on Wednesday)
Saturday 24th July 11.00am & 2.00pm

Venue:
Merivale Lane Theatre,
Rangi Ruru Girls High School,
10 Merivale Lane, Christchurch

Tickets:
Book at: act2drama.co.nz

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SCHOOL NOTICES

School Donation Prize Draw – Thank you to everyone that has paid the school donation this year. The winners of the Term 2 prize draw are the Galvin and the McLeod whānau. There will be another prize draw at the end of Term 3 and Term 4.

Monster Music Concert – Over the weekend, a large number of St Albans students performed in a Monster Music Concert, showcasing their guitar and ukulele skills. These children have been tutored by Jayden here at school over the last two terms, or by Dan outside of school hours. For many of them, it was their first live performance! Well done to all of our tamariki - we are proud of you! Here is Chloe from K16 ready to play.



Thank You to Matt at Sal's Pizza - We would like to extend a massive thank you to Matt Dewar for generously supplying our winter sports team with SAL's Player of the Day awards.

PTA NEWS

- **Oak Leaf Café** – Wednesday to Friday 8.30am – 9am
- **Friday Sausage Sizzle:** Order through ezlunch/Kindo
- **Second-hand Uniforms** are on sale in the Oak Leaf Café during opening hours
- **PTA Quiz Night** – **SOLD OUT!!!!** Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dental Care During the School Holidays – Offering check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. Clinics are: Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road or Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance. To book an appointment please call 0800 846 983 or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

Dyslexia Family Journey Forum - Dyslexia Foundation of NZ is proud to present the Family Journey Forum, with an afternoon workshop in Christchurch on 10th August to set you up for success. Recognition, understanding and action are the three simple steps, coupled with belief change to ensure your child and family no longer feel incomplete or less than others. Book your place at

<https://4d.org.nz/beliefchangeforum/>



Studio One Performing Arts - Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). For all enquiries, please phone 372 9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 4-12 years

Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- awareness of their children's emotions;
- to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- watching video material
- group discussions and exercises
- role plays
- home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Parents are encouraged to share experiences and ideas within the group.



When: On a Thursday from 6pm-8pm (6 weeks total)

Dates: 5 August- 9 September

Location: Barnardos. 64 Langdons Road, Papanui



This course is free to attend, you **must** attend all 6 sessions. For further information and to book your space please email Paige.
Paige.lenton@barnardos.org.nz

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