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**Kia ora whānau,**

### **Celebrating Learning Kererū and Kōtuku Athletics Day**

What a super day all our tamariki had at the Yr 3 & 4 athletics day. It was wonderful to see all the training put into practice on what turned out to be a beautiful day. Thank you to all our middle school teachers and our senior student helpers for a great day.



**Young Writers Awards** - Earlier in the year we held writing workshops with the School for Young Writers for some of our students in Year 3 - 6. From these workshops children are given the opportunity to have their work submitted for selection for the Write On Magazine. Isabella and Harriet from Year 6 were chosen and have become our latest published writers! Isabella's writing piece 'Tin Can Crab' and Harriet's writing piece 'Never Go Outside' have been selected from over 700 submissions to appear in Write on 57: Believe it or not! Congratulations to both of these talented writers, we are very proud of you. Please enjoy their writing.

#### ***Never Go Outside - by Harriet***

*Newton was getting tired of this. Ever since the first day he opened his metal eyes, his parents told him not to go outside. "It's too dangerous for robots," they said, "Never go outside. If it rains you will rust and stop moving".*

*Do you think Newton cared? Of course not, he was very curious. So one night he decided to escape but first, he knew he had to use something to soften his step. He looked around and his gaze fell on a piece of old unused cloth. He carefully draped the cloth around his foot*

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*and tied it on with a piece of rope, then repeated it to his other foot. Then quickly and quietly he slunk out the top hatch.*

*The world was so beautiful like something he'd never seen before, the blue ceiling was endless! Why wouldn't his family let him go out here? It is wonderful. Now it was time to explore! Suddenly the ceiling turned black then a sound boomed so loud that it almost knocked out all his circuits. Then little drops of water fell down from the ceiling, first lightly, then it poured down. He raced to find some shelter but then slowed until finally he stopped and then collapsed. He was not made to get wet and he started to rust.*

*By that time his family had noticed his disappearance and were very worried. Then it hit them, Newton had gone outside! They started to panic, he'll be rusted by now for sure and they were right! Clank, clank, clank went the cogs on the robot building machines. "Greetings Poppy" said Newton's mum stressfully "Is anything wrong?" Nancy Poppy replied. Nancy's voice wobbled as she spoke, "Newton's gone outside, can you make some sort of waterproof machine?" "You can count on me Nancy" said Poppy "I've got it all covered". Meanwhile, Newton was having a pretty rough time himself; he was almost in pieces!*

### **Tin Can Crab - by Isabella**

*Herby the crab lived a very sad life. Herby hated having to go to school but for the sake of his education, he trudged up the path to Iron High. Herby was lost in thought when the familiar calls of "Hey Tin-Head, got any brains in there?" Or "On clean up duty aye Tin-Can?" And "Is that tin can your home Herbs?". But Herby was used to the mean comments so he just pulled his can down lower and continued to walk the path that led to his classroom.*

*The bell rang, and Herby raced out of the classroom. Today, the mean comments were even worse than before. He wondered if it would be like that tomorrow. The next day Herby's excitement arrived as his teacher declared that the class would be going on a field trip to the beach. Soon enough they arrived at the beach and to Herby's amazement there were crabs! Lots and lots of them everywhere and at that moment Herby knew where he truly belonged.*

*The next day Herby went to go live with the other crabs. He found a newly built tunnel to live in when he arrived and found the sea charming to listen to at night. And his tin can? Well, he threw it off the highest cliff because it reminded him of all the teasing. Then on his way back to his new tunnel, he found a brand new shell that fitted perfectly on his back.*

**Digi Awards:** Over the past two terms, many tamariki from across the Kāhu Kāhui have been working on entries for this year's Digi Awards. Level two restrictions meant the celebration evening was modified this year, with only finalists being able to attend. On Thursday evening we took eight tamariki to this celebration night and felt very proud of each of them. Congratulations to:

- Maisey – 1<sup>st</sup> place and runner up in the Year 5/6 individual English language category
- Maisey and Ella – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 5/6 group Māori language category, Runner up in the Year 5/6 individual English language category

- Leo, Sarah and Audrey - runner up in the Year 5/6 group Māori language category
- Audrey - runner up in the Year 5/6 individual Māori language category
- Luca – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 5/6 individual Māori language category
- Will - Finalist in the Year 5/6 individual English language category
- Viliami – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Year 1/2 individual Māori language category



### **Book Character Day/Mufti Day - Back by popular demand!**

This week a group of our Year 5 and 6 students presented a proposal to hold this popular event before the departure of our Year 6 students. They were well-prepared, well-rehearsed and convincing! So, Book Character day is being held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. As this is a busy time for whānau, children can choose either to dress up as their favourite book character or they can just wear normal mufti. If you can, please bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for children in our community who don't have books. There will be prizes for the best dressed book character.

**School Pool Painting** - Thank you to our PTA who have kindly donated money for our pool to be painted – it is looking awesome! At this stage we are aiming for swimming to begin for our tamariki on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Your child's home base teacher will advise when they will be swimming.

**2021 Leavers (excluding graduating Year 6's)** - If you know your whānau will not be returning to St Albans School in 2022, please email our office at [suzanne.ross@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:suzanne.ross@stalbans.school.nz) as soon as possible.



### **Term 4 Upcoming events**

- Week 7: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December Camp 1 for Kāhu 19/20/21
- Week 8: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December Camp 2 for Kāhu 17/18/Pouākai
- Week 8: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Camp 3 for Kāhu 15/16
- Week 8: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Piwakawaka Beach Ed trips
- Week 8: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Reports go live on Hero 4pm
- Week 8: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Class placements go live at 4pm
- Week 9: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 pool party
- Week 9: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: School closes for 2021 at 12.40pm

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

### **NEW PUPILS**

We welcome Yohan, Georgia, Emerson and Elliot who joined our school this week.

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## SCHOOL NOTICES

**School Accounts** – Thank you to everyone who has made payment on their accounts. We would really appreciate accounts being up to date by the end of the year. Many school costs are tax deductible so 33.33% can be claimed back at the end of the tax year. This makes activities and the school donation even more affordable!

**Acorn Fund** – The Board of Trustees along with generous support from the PTA and other members of our community, provide funding to support families in financial need. Up to \$70 per year is available to help cover school costs. If you would like to apply to the Acorn Fund, please email [diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz) to request an application form.

**Year 5/6 Year Book Orders** – Could we please have orders in by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. With tight printing deadlines there will be no late orders. Payment must be received before books will be distributed.

**Monster Music Performance** - Some of our tamariki have been learning a musical instrument with Monster Music this year. If you would like to see some of our talented musicians from St Albans School perform, feel free to head along to the End of Year Concerts being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December. Check out the event page at: <https://fb.me/e/2GFKgSbx4> . Entry fee is \$5 (cash only).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**TOCK Nature Art Competition** – TOCK has visited thousands of children over the last 8 months and seen lots of creativity. TOCK loves nature and as a final competition for 2021, TOCK would love the children to draw/paint/make (not photograph) a picture of their favourite thing(s) in nature. Open to NZ children aged 0-6 or 7-12. Prize for age 0-6 will be a copy of 'TOCK Saves the Earth' book and a TOCK keyring or badge. The prize for age 7-12 will be a copy of 'Infinite Ideas, Draw It!' book and a TOCK Keyring or Badge. For more information go to: <https://tock.earth/nature-picture-competition/>



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