



ST ALBANS SCHOOL

Te Kura o Hato Opani. est 1873

Term 1 Week 2 16th February 2017

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Kia Ora Whānau,

Every student will have brought home a profile sheet this week. This details your contact information, emergency contacts and medical issues. Regardless of whether changes need to be made please check each field and return the profile sheet to your child's home base teacher as soon as possible.



St Albans Community Picnic and Open Night

5.30 – 7.00pm this Monday 20th February

Whānau please bring your children and share a meal at school. This is an opportunity for you to meet others from the community and to view our home bases and hubs.



5.30 – 6.00pm picnic on the field and surrounding areas

6.00 – 7.00pm visit your child's home base(s) and hub(s)

Please note the swimming pool will be closed during this time.

Pictured is the latest fad causing our school significant distress, disruption and cost.

Thieves have stolen the external speakers for our class change and evacuation systems; this has happened twice in a week. You may have heard the hand bell ringing over past days, this is a direct result of the thefts. We have introduced manual evacuation procedures to maintain safety and avoid school closure. If you see any suspicious behaviour please ring the police or our monitoring company (Code 9, ph 03 374 3424), and if it is safe to do so try and take a picture of them.



Focus on Safety this Week

Whānau please ensure your child is walking their scooter or bike in the school grounds before and after school. The 3.15pm bell signals the time riding can begin. Scooters and bikes can cause damage to others, especially pregnant mums and small children.

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Out of School Achievements

Here is a photo of Sophie during the Buller Marathon. She had been training hard and her finishing time was 3:24:15. Sophie we are very proud of you.



We hope to see you at the community picnic and open night on Monday!

*Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team*

Download our free **School App**. It is the most efficient way for us to inform you.

1. Use this URL <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/st-albans-school/id1133501573?ls=1&mt=8>
2. Go to itunes, search for the St Albans School app and click download or android users simply search in the Google Play store
3. Use the QR code (both Apple and Android)



Please allow PUSH notifications as this will allow alerts to come to your phone.

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Aahil and Evie. It is wonderful to have you join St Albans School.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Traffic Safety – We thank the majority of our parents/caregivers who drive safely, but wish to remind everyone to please take care while dropping off or picking up children. Yesterday there was a very close call in the English Park car park where a child was nearly run over by a dangerously reversing car.

School Expenses 2017

Thank you to the many families who have already paid their account.

- **Activity Contribution:** \$80 each child for the year (or \$20 per term) - covers all curriculum related trips and activities
- **Term 1 AquaGym Swimming Programme:** \$32 each child
- **School Donation:** \$100 for one child at school or \$180 for two or more children. The school donation may also be paid each term at \$25 (one child) or \$45 (families).

Payment to our bank account is preferred: St Albans School 123151-0178176-00, please reference your payment with your eldest child's name. We also welcome payment by weekly or fortnightly automatic payments. This is also a great way to build up a credit for end of year expenses such as camp fees if your child is in the senior school.

Scholastic Books – Orders close 3pm Tuesday 21st February. Don't forget you can go online and order using the Scholastic LOOP system. All other orders to the office, with cash, eftpos or cheque payment.

Lost Property Box – The box is between Rm 1 and Tipu. Contrary to a rumour circulating, please do not help yourself to any unnamed clothing unless it belongs to your child!

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PTA NEWS

- ✪ **Free Range Eggs** - \$5 doz. Orders outside the cafe on Friday morning for delivery Monday 3pm.
- ✪ **Community Picnic Secondhand Uniform Sale** – during the picnic the PTA will be holding a secondhand uniform sale from 2.30pm to 6pm on Monday 20th February. Please bring cash in small denominations as most items are \$2- \$10.
- ✪ **PTA Sausage Sizzle** - \$2. Every Friday. Pay on the day outside Rm 14 (next to the hall) or in the foyer if wet. Sausages will also be served from this spot.
- ✪ **Seeking Sausage Sizzlers** – Are you able to spare a few hours to help with the weekly Friday sausage sizzle? We are putting together the Term 1 roster. The times you can help are 8.15am - 9.30am for taking orders and 11am – 1pm for cooking, serving and clearing up. The roster will be in the Oak Leaf Café. Volunteer for one session or for all of them! Please see Cherie in the cafe, message the PTA facebook page or contact Becky on becky_tee@clear.net.nz
- ✪ **PTA Facebook Page** – To keep up with PTA events please like/follow our facebook page at: www.facebook.com/StAlbansSchoolPTA/



Can you recite the alphabet backwards?

Even if you can't, but you have other skills, talents or professional connections, we want to hear from you.

In the PTA we like to keep things in the St Albans School community wherever and whenever possible, but to do that we need to know what brilliance is lurking out there.

We want to put together a list of people who have professional or personal skills or talents that we can call on - so we can support our community while you're supporting us! And, we don't mean just by donating goods or services (though that is always welcome!)

Sound like you? Of course it does!

Message us now via **Facebook** or email us on ptastalbans@gmail.com and let us know where your skills lie (please include who your children are and what year they'll finish up at St Albans)



www.facebook.com/StAlbansSchoolPTA

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christchurch Martial Arts - Our martial arts hub is at Christchurch Martial Arts, 250 Stanmore Road. We offer the following classes: JUDO training Monday to Friday at 4-5.30pm. Chinese Kickboxing 2pm. Karate Tues/Thurs 5.15pm. Thai Boxing Wed/Fri 4pm, Wu Shu Kung Fu Sunday 3pm. Boxing (10 years old up) Mon/Thurs 5.30pm Tues 5pm. For more information, please phone 389 8831.

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next 3 years... You'll find us in Cathedral Junction (opposite Imagination Station). Phone 03 377 2634 <http://www.cathedraljunctionbarbers.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralJunctionBarbers/>

ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS
GALA 2017

49 Rutland Street

CHOCOLATE WHEEL AUCTION
BAND
FOOD & DRINK STALLS
ENTERTAINMENT

5:00PM TIL 8:00PM

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

COME ALONG TO OUR VERY POPULAR GALA, RAISING FUNDS TO UPGRADE CLASSROOMS AND TECHNOLOGY, HAVE YOUR DINNER AND CATCH UP WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS, EFTPOS AVAILABLE.

DRAMA CLASSES

LOVE ACTING?
WANT TO GIVE IT A GO? BE IN A SHOW?
Come join us! Be on Stage and have fun!

5-13 years

Creative Leadership
Comedy
Performance
Improvisation
Laughter
Movement
Production
Friends
Costumes

Contact us for classes and schedules:
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