



# ST ALBANS SCHOOL

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## Kia Ora Whānau,



RESOURCING  
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STUDENTS



EXTENDING  
EXPERIENCES

## Principal's Report PTA AGM

As I prepare my report for the PTA's annual general meeting I have the opportunity to reflect on the year that has been. Was 2016 one of our most challenging years since the impact of the earthquakes... absolutely. Thankfully out of challenge comes opportunity and as a community we have been able to forge ahead, creating new flexible learning spaces ready for the introduction of our future focused curriculum.

As always the PTA demonstrated their support of our staff not only through scheduled events and fundraisers but by providing them with nourishing kai during parent interviews and treating them to a little something special at the end of the year.

2016 saw the introduction of a new way to celebrate the many contributions of our PTA members and other volunteers. The Board of Trustees and staff were excited to host a mid-year event, as a way of acknowledging this support. We wanted to ensure we demonstrated our appreciation of all this great work.

Oak Leaf Café continues to be a draw card for many. Thank you to our wonderful baristas and volunteers for adapting to 'cafe container life' in such a positive way. I know we are all looking forward to when Oak Leaf takes possession of its new home in the community space.

### Student Voice

I like how they  
organise everything  
and I think it's very  
kind.

If we didn't have  
the PTA's support  
we wouldn't be able  
to do things like  
camp and camp is  
really fun.

It's nice of them to  
spend their time on  
us in stead of going  
off to work or doing  
other things.

I like how the PTA  
volunteers do the  
discos, the Monster  
Fair and other  
events that involve  
the kids.

I like how the PTA  
works so hard to  
organise the  
Monster Fair. It is  
exciting!

*He iti wai kōwhao waka e tahuri te waka.*

*A little storm and then a rainbow appears.*

The PTA drove a number of key fundraising events in 2016. These included:

- Oak Leaf Café
- Quiz Night
- The Big Goodbye
- Bingo Babes
- Raffles and sponsorship
- Disco
- Calendars
- Entertainment Books
- Sausage sizzle
- Second hand uniform sales and management
- Croissant/Egg/Vitamin sales

The PTA continued to support student learning and achievement in relation to the school's strategic and annual plan through the considerable donation of both time and money. This included:

- Support for community events
- Donations for classroom resources, e.g., drying racks
- Donation for Y5/6 camps
- Wet day games and puzzles
- Leavers' dinner
- Transition to school meetings
- Sweatshirts for school leaders
- End of year ice blocks
- Lost property management
- Piano accompanist
- Acorn fund
- Robotics kits
- Y6 Sailing
- Support for Targeted Learning Centre and ESOL learners
- Teacher aide resources
- Sports uniforms
- Environmental beautification, including the school pool
- Support for pōwhiri and mihi whakatau



To our portfolio holders: Sue Bagnall and Wendy Thompson (Co-Chairpersons), Kate Foister (Treasurer), Sue Bagnall (Interim Treasurer) and Becky Wilson (Secretary) thank you for all you have done to ensure such positive outcomes for the school and its community.

### **So what opportunities await?**

Establishing our community spaces:

- Library
- Oak Leaf Cafe
- Playground enhancement

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata  
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

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Our community continues to grow in size and our 'sense of community' is supported by this group in so many ways. Your goodwill is much appreciated. Thank you to every individual member of the PTA for your work in 2016.

### **ODERINGS SCHOOL GARDENS SHOW**

Congratulations to our wonderful team of students, whānau and staff who were awarded a bronze medal for their entry in this event. I was so thrilled to see the delight on their faces when they received their award. Even more thrilling was watching the number of visitors who connected with the interactive 'wishing well' and one aspect I was especially proud of was our students giving up their time, with the support of their families, to act as hosts over the weekend while the show was open to the public. I know Fiona Campbell, Lucy Whyte and Marisa Spear were also very proud.

Thank you to these students and their whānau:

- Annabel – Ōtākaro 1
- Olivia D, Nethasa, Evangeline – Ōtākaro 2
- Emily D, Harvey - Ōtākaro 3
- Annabelle – Waimakariri 19
- Charlotte, Cooper, Charlie – Waimakariri 20

Your level of support was simply outstanding!!!

The garden has been dismantled and is being planted in different areas of the school.

### **SITE CHANGES**

We are on the move again tomorrow:

- Kahikatea 13 and 1 move into their newly retrofitted space (formerly R15 and R16).
- Nga Kiwi 6 and 7 are moving into the home base next to the hall (formerly R14)
- Mrs Howison moves upstairs into the two-storied block and can be located in the office closest to Tōtara 25.
- I move upstairs into the two-storied block and can be located in the office closest to Tōtara 27. Mr McKenzie and I are sharing this space.

*And on Monday:*

- Nga Kiwi 4 and 5 are moving to the home bases (formerly R1 and 13). We then begin the transformation of Rooms 4 – 7 into our new administration space over the next two months.

Just another opportunity for us to demonstrate our levels of resilience.

### **Out of School Celebrations and Achievements**

*(Thank you to whānau for sending in the photo and commentary)* Pictured is Swali with teachers Louise Schollum, June Thompson-Sutherland and Krysta Geerling at the Holi festival held last Saturday in Christchurch. It's an excellent example of the St Albans team embracing cultures not only in school but outside as well.



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## Focus on Health and Safety this Week

Communication – we use a significant number of platforms: website, our school app, learning blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Google Calendar and our weekly newsletter.



### Community Event

A reminder of the invitation to join us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00 – 8.30pm in the Paparoa Street School Hall to hear Nathan Wallis share how the brain works, and how neuroscience can better inform our day to day interactions with children. This is a free event and there is no need to RSVP.

## Ngā mihi, Ginnie and the team

### SCHOOL NOTICES

#### School Policies and Procedures

We now have a link to all our school policies and procedures on our website, from the home page click on policies and procedures and you will be taken to a page with information on how to access the policies. This term we are inviting our whānau to review the Recognition of Cultural Diversity policy. We look forward to your feedback.

### PTA NEWS

- ✪ **Free Range Eggs** - Just \$5 for a dozen fresh free range eggs. Place your order with cash in the yellow box at the Oak Leaf Café. Orders close Friday 9am for delivery **Tuesday** of the following week. Any unclaimed eggs will be named and left in the office. Empty egg cartons are gratefully accepted at the cafe, dozens only please.
- ✪ **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.
- ✪ **Croissants are Coming!** In time for Easter eating, the PTA will once again be selling croissants. Order forms will be sent home next week; they'll need to be returned by Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April for pick up on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. Usual cost of \$20 for a pack of 22.



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*are*  
**COMING FOR EASTER!**  
**\$20 for a bag of 22**  
(unbaked & frozen)  
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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### OSCAR in St Albans - April Holiday

**Programme** - Enrolment for our exciting holiday programme started. The outing trips are so popular and the seats are limited. If you want your child to have a safe and fun filled holiday, please enrol soon by contacting the office at 19 Thames Street Ph. 355 4918 or 027 355 4919 (Jena).

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**Mairehau Community Day**  
Celebrating being us!

**Sat 25th March**  
**11AM - 3PM**  
Mairehau Primary School  
43 Mahars Road  
FREE family fun  
FREE activities  
Information stalls  
FREE sausage sizzle  
*and much, much more*



The Tiddell Foundation | Māori Trusts | Christchurch City Council | St Albans Baptist Church | Neighbourhood Trust | Papanui-Lines Community Board