



ST ALBANS SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whānau,

Even with the weather against us many of you were able to join us for our community picnic and open night. We were delighted to open our new hub spaces to you and have appreciated your questions and feedback. Over time we will host a range of opportunities that will allow you to see student learning in action in these flexible learning spaces.

Goal Setting and Reporting

We have added a page to [STAr, our reporting system](#), which provides you with quick links to learning progressions and information about the key competencies and our school values. These links provide invaluable information to guide you with supporting your child's learning at home.

All levels of the curriculum relevant to primary education have been included; this allows you to look at what comes before and what comes next as we know not all learners progress at the same rate.

Goal setting in the home base takes place regularly, is on-going and individualised. These goals form part of the learning programme for your child and are recorded in a variety of ways in the learning settings.

We are altering our reporting system slightly this year so that there will be new posts to read each term. We are continuing with our three way conferences in July but know that our open door policy stands and teachers welcome you making a time to see them should there be an issue or concern to discuss.

Profile Sheets

Our apologies for the errors in the original sheet some of you had received, we discovered a programming issue that meant important information had been excluded. Please check these sheets carefully, make any required amendments and return these to your child's home base teacher.

Focus on Health and Safety this Week

Rubbish is a consistent challenge here at school. We would be very grateful to you reducing packaging in your child's lunchbox as much as possible, as this will reduce our litter problem, increase our caretaker's time to complete other tasks around the school and reduce disposal costs.

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Milk Survey

We are reviewing our participation in the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme and would appreciate you taking a moment to complete a survey for us. Copy and paste this link into your browser or click the link on the website under current surveys.

<https://goo.gl/forms/UDQfvovlcyhOrbBg2>

Staff and students will be invited to complete this survey too. Survey closes Wednesday 1st March.

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.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Year 4 to 6 Swimming Sports

This will be held at Jellie Park pool on Tuesday 7th March beginning at 9.45am and finishing at 12.45pm. This event is open only to students who are capable of swimming 25m comfortably - all other students will stay at school. I will be taking entries from the students this week. Events that can be entered are 25m and 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. A maximum of 3 events can be entered. Only those that compete in the 50m events and are in Year 5 or 6 are eligible for selection for the school zone team (students need to finish in the top 2). If your child has entered they will receive an information and permission letter early next week. *Glen McKenzie*

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).
- **Term 1 Hagley Sport:** \$20 for participating Year 5-6 children.

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.

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PTA NEWS

- ✪ **Free Range Eggs - New Collection Day** - You won't find cheaper free range eggs than right here at St Albans School! Just \$5 for a dozen fresh free range eggs! Place your order with cash in the yellow box in (or outside) the Oak Leaf Café, you can get cash out via eftpos at the cafe. Orders close Friday 9am for delivery **Tuesday** of the following week (note if you order on Monday your eggs will arrive Tuesday of the next week), collect outside the office after school on **Tuesday**. Any unclaimed eggs will be named and left in the office. Empty egg cartons are gratefully accepted at the cafe, dozens only please. Don't miss out on this eggcellent deal!
- ✪ **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 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



Sunday 5th March – 11am till 3pm

Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Ave.

Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there website for more information <http://bethere.co.nz/event/24257>

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Astros Garage Sale & Carwash Fundraiser -
Papanui High School
Car Park – 30

Langdons Road on Saturday, 25th February. Garage Sale 9am – 1pm; Carwash 9am-3pm. Christchurch Southern Astros Baseball Team are fundraising to represent the South Island in the National U13 Baseball Tournament in Auckland. Expect toys, books, clothes, sports equipment, furniture, and much, much more! Coffee cart, baking, and raffles all on site. Get your car washed while you shop!

O'Callahan Dance Studio - Boutique school nurturing and developing young dancers. Now taking enrolments for 2017! Classes in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary Lyrical and Acro. Medal test, exam and performance opportunities. Contact Ciara for more information on 027 335 2759 or

ocdancestudio@hotmail.co.nz Find us on Facebook - O'Callahan Dance Studio.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy – Drama Classes and Life Skills - Fun classes for 5-16 years. Many locations including Fendalton, Heaton, Bishopdale and more. Give your child the opportunity to succeed, improve academic results, build relationships and the life skills necessary to make the most of life. To help your child develop social skills, call: 0800 161-131 Email: enquiries@helenogrady.co.nz Web: www.helenogrady.co.nz

DO YOU LOVE SPORTS? ARE YOU FIT AND ACTIVE?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, AND ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8-11. WHAT NOW WOULD LOVE YOU AND TWO FRIENDS TO COMPETE IN OUR TAMARIKI TITANS CHALLENGES!

YOU'LL BE RACING AGAINST ANOTHER TEAM OF SPEEDSTERS LIVE ON TV, TAKING ON ANYTHING FROM SIT UPS, TO STAR JUMPS, AND TO BURPEES AND MORE FOR ULTIMATE GLORY!

SEND YOUR TEAM NAME, TEAM MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS TO katemorgan@whitebaitmedia.com AND YOU COULD BE ON LIVE TV!




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WHAT NOW

ORCHESTRAL EXTRAVANGZA

FEATURING ORCHESTRAS FROM RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL, CHRIST'S COLLEGE AND ST MARGARET'S COLLEGE

Wednesday 22 March 22, 7.30pm • Christ's College Assembly Hall
Free admission. No bookings required.

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