



ST ALBANS SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whānau,

St Albans is a member of Te Kāhui Cluster along with Elmwood Normal School, Heaton Intermediate and Paparoa Street School. This term we are offering our communities the opportunity to hear from Nathan Wallis.

Nathan is a father of three and foster parent with a professional background in child counselling, teaching and social service management. He is a regular on Radio and Television shows in New Zealand, sharing his expertise on child development.



Nathan's presentations explore how the brain works and how neuroscience can better inform our day to day interactions with children. Information about the human brain (and how it grows to reach full potential) has exploded into our awareness over the past twenty years and advances in scanning technologies have allowed us to understand the workings of the brain like never before, showing us the huge significance of the early years. These new findings often contradict many of the practices that parents, teachers, and other helping professionals have utilised in the belief that they are helping children. Nathan presents the practical implications of this research with a focus on how to use this knowledge to create better outcomes.

Please join us Monday 20th March from 7.00 – 8.30pm.

The venue for this presentation is the Paparoa Street School Hall.

Profile Sheets

Do we have yours? If not please return it to school tomorrow.

Focus on Health and Safety this Week

If you supply the school with any medication, please ensure you keep an eye on its expiry date.

Ngā mihi,

Ginnie and the team

Ahakoā he iti he pounamu.

Even though it is small it is a treasure.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Autumn Pool Closure Time - Now that we are officially into autumn and the nights are drawing in, the pool will close at 7pm each night from Monday 6th March. We hope you are all enjoying using the pool.

Swimming Goggles – Has your child lost their goggles? Please see Heather as she has plenty that need to be reunited with their owners.

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. If your child has entered they need to return their permission slip if they haven't done so already, along with the \$3 bus fare.

Event order:

- 50m Back Stroke – from 9.45am
- 50m Free Style
- 50m Breast Stroke
- Yr 4 25m Back Stroke – from 11am
- Yr 4 25m Free Style
- Yr4 25m Breast Stroke
- Yr 5/6 25m Back Stroke - from 11.30am
- Yr 5/6 25m Free Style
- Yr 5/6 25m Breast Stroke
- Class Relays - from 12.20pm

ICAS and AMT Competitions - Each year we offer Year 4-6 children the opportunity to participate in formal competitions run by UNSW Educational Assessment, Australia. The tests are called International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These tests cover six curriculum areas and are designed to test and report to schools and parents on a variety of skills within subjects. The competitions are quite challenging so are best for children that are demonstrating a strength or interest in a particular subject. A charge is made to cover each paper, ranging from \$9 - \$20. A notice will be coming home next week inviting you to register for these competitions. Feel free to email or discuss with me. I have copies of past papers I can lend you if you leave your details at the office. Enrolments close 31 March. *Claire Howison*

End of Year Senior School Awards

At the end of the year our students attend the senior school prize giving. There are many awards given out at this assembly. I have included the criteria that we use when selecting our cup recipients. *Glen McKenzie*

Year 5/6 Cups Criteria for Sports, Music, Literacy, Mathematics and Community

Sport (Ryman Ferris Cup) - Perform to a very high level in all the 'A' teams they are involved in; committed themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace. Demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, determination and motivation in sport throughout the year; have displayed a high level of personal achievement at school, North East Zone/Canterbury Primary Schools level. A positive role model for other participants and team members and

have been involved in helping other students within sport. Uphold the school values.

Math's (Judy Calder Cup) - Number knowledge and strategy stage test results; PAT results & ASTTle results; post test results for the other 4 strands of the math's curriculum; application of knowledge to problem solving activities; ability to take risks; ability to work cooperatively to solve mathematical problems; scores highly in Otago Math's Problem Solving Competition; work ethic; uphold the school values.

English (Templeton Cup) - Be writing at level 4 or above; reading at least 2 years above their chronological age; show evidence in their work of applying higher order thinking skills in their reading; using a variety of reading skills in their learning (e.g. application to Inquiry Topics); have scored highly in reading/writing ASTTle; take part in YWW; work ethic; uphold the school values.

Academic Excellence - Outstanding ability in reading, writing and math's; has taken part in GATE programmes; work ethic; uphold the school values.

General Excellence (Bob Smith Cup) - All round ability in academic, social and school values; above National Standard in reading, writing and math's; participation in choirs and/or orchestra and/or Kapahaka and/or specialised groups; involvement in school sports team(s) at Canterbury level; uphold the school values.

Performing Arts (Tai Rakena Cup) - Be a member of the senior school choir/orchestra or band; play a musical instrument proficiently; participate in the Music Festival. (Advantage if member of a special choir or instrumental group at the festival); Kapahaka; take an active role in all school music activities and look to help and assist others in their musical ventures; uphold the school values.

Community Cup - Consistently demonstrates the following school values: community, excellence, fun, Manaakitanga, respect, initiative, creativity.

Visual Arts Cup - An understanding of the elements of art i.e. line, pattern, shape, form and texture, colour and tone. Created works of art over the year that are creative and have their own sense of style i.e. creates work that is individual to them, not just a copy of what the teacher is asking them to do. Ability with many types of media – can draw with pencil, paint neatly (and blend tints and tones), apply pastel neatly (and smudge and blend colours) etc. Composition – have understanding of the importance of composition, how to arrange parts of the picture they are creating to make it effective, above all their work stands out every time. Have been involved in art extension and/or visual/wearable arts. Uphold the school values.

Road Patrol Cup - Has been involved for at least two terms; is clear and confident while on patrol; is reliable and punctual; fills in for absent people when required and are available; uphold the school values.

Digital Cup - Attends Techie Kids; uses digital tools in an innovative way; trouble shooter with technical problems; have entered the Digi Awards; uphold the school values.

PTA NEWS

- ✪ **Free Range Eggs - New Collection Day - Tuesday** - 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.
- ✪ **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.
- ✪ **PTA Facebook Page** – To keep up with PTA events please like/follow our facebook page at: www.facebook.com/StAlbansSchoolPTA/

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Orion Customer Service Representative (part-time) - Orion plays a vital role in supplying electricity to our communities in Canterbury. At Orion we have an inclusive organisational culture and a strong community focus. We are looking for a part time Customer Service Representative to work in our Christchurch based Contact Centre near the airport. Because it's important to keep our customers connected no matter the time of day and through emergencies, the Contact Centre operates a 24/7 shift roster. This is a varied and interesting role in a modern inbound call centre. If you are interested in learning more, the full advertisement and job description can be found on the careers page on our website: <https://oriongroup.careercentre.net.nz/Job>

School Uniform for Sale - Size 8 girls summer culottes in great condition \$10 and size 8 girls winter culottes in as new condition \$20 - ph or text 021 217 2272.

St Nicholas Netball Club - Future Ferns (Year 3 to Year 6) - Registrations for our Future Ferns 2017 season are now open. Register online at www.sporty.co.nz/stnicholasnetball and you will be contacted regarding team placement. For any further inquiries please contact our club secretary Rhonda Blair 383 3300 or info@stnicholasnetball.co.nz

Car Pooling – Transport needed from Addington to school for a 9-year-old boy on Friday mornings. Is there another family travelling this way to school who could possibly pick him up around 8am as I am now starting work at 6am on a Friday? Please contact Shammah Gawith on 022 622 0438 or shammahtheninja@icloud.com

Pre-season Rugby Training for all Young Rugby Players - We will be looking at the core skills of catch and pass, running with the ball and a massive emphasis on safety into contact. We will practice the latest, safest and most effective techniques so you are all ready to hit the 2017 season running when your teams have trials. Dates: Sunday 19th, 26th March 2nd and 9th April at Edgar Macintosh Park, Condell Ave. 6-9 year olds 10am-10.45am and 10-14 year olds 11am-11.45am. Please note, you will be working in your age groupings. Cost \$60. Book now email anthony@motivationz.co.nz with your full name, DOB, address and phone number.

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