



# ST ALBANS SCHOOL

Te Kura o Hato Opani. est 1873

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## **Kia Ora Whānau,**

With numerous reports of attempted abductions of school children reported over past weeks I thought it was important to raise attention to this today. Please have a discussion with your child about safe practices including knowing who is picking them up after school, many of our children are unsure, and using a family password.

### *Scenario*

Timmy is playing at the park, and a stranger walks up to him. The stranger says, “Hi, Timmy, your mummy has been hurt, and she asked me to take you to the hospital to see her.”

If your child was Timmy, what would your child do? Most children would know to RUN. But, what if it was someone your child “knew”? Perhaps it was someone who they were familiar with, had seen often, and might be a person whom you asked to help out. What would their response be?

### *Create a Family Password*

A family password (code word) is a great security measure you can take to protect both you and your children. It’s a word no one but you know, and anyone whom you share it with that you trust. In cases like the one above, if the familiar face knew the password, the child could feel safe in going with them, because it’s a word that has been shared only with the most trusted of people.

Let’s keep our children safe.

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

Lee from Totara 27 completed the Muddy Good Run last weekend, a fun-packed event with obstacles, water and lots of mud. Fortunately, the fire service was on hand to hose down all of the competitors after the finish line. We are very proud of Lee's determination to complete the challenging course.



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These children from St Albans completed the Duathlon. For most it was their first time competing. Though it was a warm morning, all these Kiwi Kids showed enthusiasm, determination and sheer delight when crossing the finish line. Gisele, Zoe L, Amelia C, Harry S, Isaac S, Cameron L, Louis F.

**Ngā mihi,  
Ginnie and the team**

### NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following pupils to St Albans School: Ryan and Clivia. It is wonderful to have you join our school.



### SCHOOL NOTICES

**Lost Property** – Please check the box outside Rm 1 / TTRR for any items that might belong to your child. The lost property will be displayed on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Anything left over will be donated to the PTA or given to charity. Swimming lost property is in a basket in the office.

**Donation Receipts** – If you would like a donation receipt please email Diane in the office at [diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz) . We ask for your patience as STAR is not currently able to print a statement summarising all donations, meaning multiple pages may need to be printed, stamped and signed for each type of donation – a very time consuming process. Thank you ☺

### PTA NEWS

- ★ **Easter Raffle** – Tickets on sale at the office for \$2 each or \$5 for three tickets.
  - \* 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 5 book pack, \$100 New World gift card, \$100 BP gift card, Chocolate
  - \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 5 book pack, \$50 Pak n Save voucher, \$50 BP voucher, \$20 Warehouse Stationery gift card, Chocolate
  - \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$50 Pak n Save voucher, \$50 BP gift card, Two 2-for-1 Alpine Ice passes, Chocolate
- ★ **PTA Meeting** - Anyone in our school community is most welcome to attend our monthly PTA meetings with the next one on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Exact venue within the school grounds to be confirmed. Hope to see you there!
- ★ **Free Range Eggs** – Just \$5 for a dozen fresh free range eggs - order by 9am Friday at the café for delivery Tuesday of the following week (cash only).



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- ✳️ **Entertainment Book 2017/2018** - Pre-order your book now to receive bonus early bird vouchers. Both digital and hard copy books are available again this year with heaps of great offers for you and your family. Share this link with your friends and family in New Zealand and Australia, so they can support St Albans School: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134943x>
- ✳️ **Croissants** - In time for Easter eating, the PTA are once again selling croissants. Please return your orders by tomorrow, Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April for pick up on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. Cost is \$20 for a pack of 22. There will be a prize for the family that orders the most croissants so ask neighbours and workmates!
- ✳️ **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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Dental Care over the School

**Holidays** - The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8.45am until 12.30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times: 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> April and 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April. By appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance. Please phone 0800 846 983.

**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.

**OSCAR in St Albans Holiday Programme** - There are still a few more places left in our exciting holiday programme. If you want your child to have a safe and fun-filled holiday, please enrol soon. Contact the office – 19 Thames Street, St Albans, ph. 355 4918 or Jena on 027 355 4919.

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# ORDERS IN BY THIS FRIDAY



## CROISSANTS *are* COMING FOR EASTER!

**\$20 for a bag of 22**  
(unbaked & frozen)



**Kilimanjaro Challenge 2017** - One of our parents, Kath, is completing the Kilimanjaro Challenge 2017 to raise money for the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand, and she is celebrating hitting the halfway point towards her fundraising target! Kath has organised a Pizza Night for St Albans School parents on **Tuesday 11 April from 7pm at Winnie Bagoes** on Madras Street. For **\$25 per person** you get to enjoy a social catch up with other parents, enjoy some delicious food, and \$10 from your ticket will go towards Kath's fundraising. Contact Kath of [kathharrison@me.com](mailto:kathharrison@me.com) to purchase tickets.

Over the next six months, as well as training to climb to the 5,895m summit of the mighty Kilimanjaro, Kath will be continuing to seek support from friends, family, colleagues, and local communities and businesses to donate and participate in a variety of fundraising activities. Please ['Like' her Facebook page](#) to follow her progress and consider making a tax-deductible [donation to the Mental Health Foundation](#) or helping her to [fundraise travel costs](#). You can contact Kath on [kathharrison@me.com](mailto:kathharrison@me.com) if you would like to know more or offer other forms of support.

**YMCA After School Recreation Programmes Term 2 Enrol now!** The YMCA Christchurch offers a wide range of after school recreational activities to cater for children all ages and abilities, during school term time. **Miniball & Basketball** - Get your child involved and see them develop skills, friendships and a team spirit while also staying fit and healthy.

**Gymnastics & Dance** - Both programmes are designed to help children develop their motor skills, confidence, balance and body awareness. All programmes are \$95 a term. To enrol pop in and see us at 13a Bishopdale Court, Bishopdale Mall, or for further information and online booking go to [www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation/](http://www.ymcachch.org.nz/children/recreation/)

**SurfKids Children's Surfing Programme** - Learn the skills of surfing in a fun, safe environment at Sumner. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years. Sundays 10am - 12pm until 30 April. April Holidays: 18 - 21 April, 24 - 28 April, 10am -12pm. Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential. Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at [www.surfcoach.co.nz](http://www.surfcoach.co.nz)

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