



ST ALBANS SCHOOL

Te Kura o Hato Opani. est 1873

Term 1 Week 1 9th February 2017

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Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome to the 2017 school year. It is just wonderful to have our students and whānau return to school bringing the site back to life. We welcome our many new students and their families to our school community.

We are thrilled to have new staff join our team this year and look forward to their many contributions.

- Carmen Aldridge is the hub leader of Waimakariri Hub and teaching Waimakariri 20
- Chante Botica is kaiako of Rea in Te Tikanga Rua Reo
- Hannah Lineham is kaiako of Tipu in Te Tikanga Rua Reo
- Paul Page is teaching Tui 24
- Marisa Spear is teaching Tui 22

We were excited to begin our year in many of our new flexible learning spaces. Minor works will continue over the next month with additional acoustic ceiling tiles being mounted in the Hall, Te Tikanga Rua Reo and Rooms 13 and 1. Our construction project continues through to the end of term 2, at which time we will be able to focus on the exterior environments, this will include a feature art piece for the new hall and outdoor seating areas. If you want to know more about 'flexible learning spaces' check out the 2016 Student Leaders' video via our website www.stalbans.school.nz.

We have issued our media permission, trip permission and volunteer agreement forms for 2017 and ask that you complete this information for **each** of your children. It is our policy to renew these permissions annually. Please return the forms as soon as possible to the class teacher.

START OF TERM REMINDERS

- Please ensure children have their hats or caps at school every day.
- The hub blog links are available via the school website and school app; this helps to connect you with events, learning and 'hub happenings' across the year.
- We encourage you to lock scooters and bikes, as they are vulnerable to theft if left unlocked. As a safety measure, we remind you that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden in the school grounds before school or after school (until the 3.15pm bell rings).
- We ask that 'students walk the loop' on Sheppard Place and don't try to cross what is

a very dangerous road with the number of construction vehicles accessing the school site.

Download our free **School App**. It is the most efficient way for us to inform you. Have you downloaded it yet?

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.

***Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team***

NEW PUPILS

We welcome: Oliver, Oken, Max, Marcus, Cara, Shrey, Isabel, Georgina, Samuel, Danielle, Ethan, Katie, Mokshit, Hayden, Gus, Hunter, Hazel, Aria, Lyric, Isabelle, Aurelia, Xanthe, Natasha, Louie, Azariah, Charlie, Harman, Rhaea, Niamh, Lily, Jacob, Ravjot, Sandhya, Olivia, Evan, Munim, Muhid, Haisam, Haniyah, Amelia and Haami. It is wonderful to have you join St Albans School.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Expenses 2017

- **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 at St Albans School 123151-0178176-00, please reference your payment with your eldest child's name. Payments may also be made at the office by eftpos (sorry no credit cards), or by cash or cheque in a named envelope to the drop-box outside the office.

Acorn Fund

The Board of Trustees, with the generous support of the PTA and other community donors, offers financial support for families in need. Up to \$70 per child is available. An application form is available at the office or contact diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz if you would like one emailed.

French 2017

Regrettably we are unable to offer French this term. Our teacher, Justine, has enrolled at University and combined with family commitments is unsure of her workload. She will consider if she can offer French in Term 2 but if not, we will search for another teacher. We will keep you informed of developments for Term 2.

Stationery – Please ensure your child has all their stationery requirements as soon as possible. Lists are available on the school website or at the office.

Scholastic Books – Brochures were distributed yesterday and orders close on Tuesday 21st February. Orders may be placed online or through the school office.

Useful Information:

- **Absences** – Please report your child’s absence via the school app, texting 027 750 3559 or leaving a message at 355 9132 # 1. A reason for the absence must be given.
- **Arriving Late for School** – If your child is late to school they must report to the office for a late pass.
- **Subway Orders** – Starting again next week and every week thereafter. Orders on Tuesday outside the office before 9am for lunch delivered on Wednesday.
- **Sausage Sizzle** – every Friday, orders by 9am Friday morning for lunch that day.
- **Office Drop-Box** – to avoid congestion in the office, please return notices or payments (in named and sealed envelopes) to the drop-box outside the office.
- **Before and After School Care** – If you require care for your children before and after school, we are pleased to be served by two providers that drop off and pick up children from our school. They also offer holiday programmes. Contact details are:
 - **OSCAR** – located at 19 Thames Street. Ph. 355 4918, 027 355 4919, www.oscarstalbans.org.nz, oscarstalbans@oscarstalbans.org.nz
 - **M.A.S.H** – located at The Elmwood Bowling Club. www.mashkids.co.nz, ph. 0800 420 520.
- **ASB School Banking** – School banking day is Friday. Application forms are available at the office. We are able to verify identity through our school records so a branch visit is unnecessary.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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For our school to obtain the \$500 donation you must specifically request it with an ASB staff member.

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In our children lies our future.

PTA NEWS

- ★ **PTA Sausage Sizzle** - \$2. Every Friday. Pay on the day outside the café.
- ★ **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 starting next week on 17th February. 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/

The PTA wants
YOU...



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cathedral Junction Barbers are thrilled to offer this chance to keep your young men looking sharp while helping St Albans School. For every young man currently attending St Albans School (and their dads) that gets their haircut at Cathedral Junction Barbers, \$5 will be donated to the school. My youngest, Darcy, is currently in Yr 4 so that's a lot of hair to be cut in the next 3 years... You'll find us in Cathedral Junction (opposite Imagination Station). <http://www.cathedraljunctionbarbers.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralJunctionBarbers/> Or ph. 377 2634. Looking forward to meeting you all and helping our school continue to build on its legacy! *We would like to thank Conrad at Cathedral Junction Barbers as we have already received \$150 in donations!*

Edgeware Village Clean Up - We are looking for volunteers to help tidy up Edgeware Village in the heart of St Albans this Saturday 11th February from 10am - 1pm. We are meeting at the old Mitre 10 site RAIN OR SHINE. For those hard workers who are still there at 1pm there will be a BBQ to say thank you! Come along even for 30mins - every helping hand counts! Disclaimer: St Albans School does not necessarily support or endorse any of the services advertised in this newsletter. If you wish to unsubscribe to the newsletter please click here: <mailto:diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz>

St Albans Shirley Football Club

Winter Season 2017 (April – August)

SASFC are firing up for the 2017 Winter Season

Boys and girls! Come and play the beautiful game

Ages 4 – 8: First Kicks & Fun Football

Every Saturday morning at ASB Stadium, English Park. Kids play fun games followed by a small sided game against another 'in house' team

Ages 9 – 12: Mini Football

Players are allocated into teams based on age group and play games home & away against other clubs in Christchurch

For more info email Matt Holmes at stalbansshirley@gmail.com

Join up with our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stalbansshirleyfootballclub

Register at: www.goo.gl/SS3gID



Get your Game on!

Global Football Festival 2017



Fun Football Festival

Age: 6-12 years old
Cost: FREE!
When: Saturday 11th February
Time: 1-4pm
Where: Christchurch Football Centre,
466 Yaldhurst Road, Yaldhurst, 7676

 **Mainland Football** To register please e-mail Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz