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Kia ora whānau,

Thank you for your patience and support during our Google Apps deployment process. We are working through a few kinks in the system and hope to have these resolved quickly.

This Sunday St Albans School has been invited to attend The Scottish Society of New Zealand Commemoration of World War 1 at 10.30am. Many of our student leaders, as well as those students with associations to the Scottish Society will be attending this event with me. The students will place a poppy against the names of those who lost their lives, as recorded on the Roll of Honour in the hall and will also join in the chorus of the song being sung by Elizabeth Alberts 'A Scottish Soldier' (see words below). This event is open to all so please feel welcome to join us at the Scottish Society Hall corner of Edgeware and Caledonian Roads. This event will be filmed, allowing us to add the footage to our archives.

Because those green hills are not highland hills
Or the island hills, they're not my land's hills
And fair as these green foreign hills may be
They are not the hills of home
A You Tube clip of this can be found at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sAitY3y9mY

Out of School Events and Achievements

Pictured is Josh from Room 19 who played his first rugby match for Christchurch Football Club under 10 team last Saturday and got player of the day! Tau ke Josh.

If you have something you would like to share in this section please email <u>diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz</u> with a photo and brief description.



Did you know?

If you label your children's clothing we will be able to return any misplaced items to them. We seem to build up an astounding amount of unnamed uniform pieces, so having items named would help reduce this!

Ngā mihi, Ginnie and the team

NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following new pupils: Anaru Laukava, Tamati Laukava, Exas Harris, Natysha-Rae Tough, Finnely Heinz, Isaac Galvin. It is wonderful to have you join our St Albans family.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Mufti Day for Nepal - Thank you to our wonderfully generous and supportive St Albans community – our mufti day raised \$1,157.10 and will be donated to the UNICEF Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

Book Week - In Week 10 of Term 2 we will celebrate Book Week. During that week children will take part in book related activities, including the now famous St Albans School Book Character Parade. Children can come to school on Monday 22 June dressed as their favourite book character. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair running that week. Children could now begin to think about and organise their costumes in anticipation of the event. If you know of any children's authors who could visit the school at this time, please contact Nikki de Vries on nikkidevries@stalbans.school.nz or Kim Scadden at kim.scadden@stalbans.school.nz

Scholastic Books – Orders close Wednesday 13th May. There is an online booking option available through Scholastic's Book Club Loop. Download the APP or go to www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Friday Hagley and Nunweek Sport - This starts tomorrow with games beginning at 1.15pm. Soccer, Rugby and Netball all play at Hagley Park and Hockey at Nunweek Park in Harewood. School representatives have been issued a school sports jacket. These are to be returned at the end of the season. Lost or damaged jackets will incur a \$70 replacement fee. Jackets can be worn as part of our regular school uniform to and from school on a Friday. However, students will get changed into their sports uniforms at lunchtime. If you do not wish your child to have a jacket please let your coach know. *Glen McKenzie*

Arts @ St Albans

WOW! Term 3 this year is an arts term! There will be lots of exciting performance opportunities for the students to be involved in. A huge part of Term 3 is the Cultural Festival, which includes Te Mahuri Kapa Haka and a small group participating in the 'Wearable Arts' section of the festival.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua. Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.

This year, the theme for the Cultural Festival is Te Waipounamu. As part of this we wish to celebrate the diversity of cultures at St Albans School. We are currently exploring the idea of incorporating small snapshots of traditional dance into our performance. If your child has performance experience, a traditional costume and is available to perform at the cultural festival in the week of 31st August - 4th September, please contact Olivia Hanson at olivia.hanson@stalbans.school.nz by Friday 15th May.

For the 'Wearable Arts' section of the festival, we require a small group of students to work with staff and parents to create a magnificent, creative costume to wear in performance at the festival. If you have a particular interest or expertise in the creative arts or sewing and are willing to give up some time to work with us on these costumes, please contact Jane Allen at jane.allen@stalbans.school.nz by Friday 15th May.

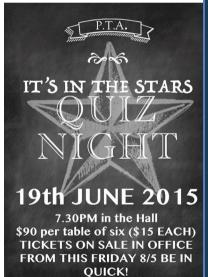
At the end of term 3, all students in the school will be involved in a performance showcase within their team. We are in the beginning stages of planning how this might go ahead, so watch out here for more information as our ideas evolve! At this stage, we are looking out for a large marquee, as well as some sheds, to be used at the end of term 3. If you have any contacts that could help us with either of those, please contact Olivia Hanson.

PTA NEWS

Quiz Night – "In The Stars" Quiz Night tickets go on sale tomorrow morning at the office. Quiz Night is on Friday 19th June at 7.30pm. For \$90 for a table of six you will have a great night of entertainment. So be in quick with your team, as tickets will go fast.

Entertainment Books - The 2014/2015
Entertainment Memberships are about to expire, its time to put in your order for the 2015/2016 membership. Order your digital/book membership via the following link www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1349 43x Or the book through the envelope sent home with the eldest child & return to the office. REMEMBER:

- Entertainment digital membership can be shared between 2 phones.
- Even with a hard copy of the entertainment book, you can download the Entertainment app & use the GPS service to find your nearest store to redeem vouchers.
- Friends & family throughout New Zealand & Australia can purchase the membership for their area but still support St Albans School.



You can view the new look book at the office. Books are due to be delivered in 2 weeks. Any questions, please contact Sue Bagnall on 027 222 0614.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mothers Day 10th May! Charmed Flowers have teamed up with The Cake Eating Company to offer a very sweet deal for your dear mum or wife. Order directly from Jamie at The Cake Eating Company but tell her you are from St Albans School and I'll boost your blooms for free! Option 1: \$30: 1 x bouquet of flowers and 1 x assorted box of cookies OR box of 6 macaroons. Option 2: \$60: 1 x extra gorgeous bouquet of flowers and 1 x 6" cake (either chocolate raspberry mud cake or opera cake). To order either phone your order in to Jamie on 021 044 9549 or email it to info@thecakeeatingco.co.nz
- Thanks from Ginny at Charmed Flowers

SCORE (formerly the St Albans Fruit and Veg Co-Op) - Thanks to community support SCORE are ready to start turning some of the profits from the fruit and veg bags into power for school. We are a volunteer staffed charity and our first objective is to get fruit and veg to our local community fresh and cheaply - over 500 people are now getting their fruit and veg from us.

Each bag that you buy contributes a small amount to SCORE and we will use this to meet our community objective of installing solar panelling on the soon to be built classrooms at St Albans School. The children will have power meters in their classrooms and will be able to get a far better understanding of power consumption and usage. We have been talking with CPS Solar who have worked with other schools and we are really excited about the potential for learning as well as saving the school money on their power bills.

If you would like to support SCORE, please do keep buying our fruit and veg bags. For \$12 we provide you with a bag each of fresh fruit and vegetables on Wednesdays delivered to school for collection by the Sheppard Place gates. The contents change each week depending on the season. The bags are packed by a fabulous team of volunteers on Wednesdays in the car park of the Beulah Church, 140 Springfield Road. More volunteers are always welcome - please come along anytime if you can spare us an hour or two from 10.00am. If you have any question about SCORE, please call Matt 027 533 9385 or Emma 021 280 3033, or talk to us at school.

Personal Training - Come and workout with my small group of beautiful ladies in an encouraging environment! I am a qualified personal trainer running 2 group sessions per week: Mondays (group workout) and Thursdays (circuit workout) 9.30am at Burwood Park (or a hall nearby on Thursdays). \$5 per session or \$20 for 5 sessions - pay as you go! Each session is different and can cater to all fitness levels. Children are welcome to come along - I do my best to keep them happy while you get your workout in. Feel great and challenge yourself. Phone or text Katie on 022 037 4968 to find out more.

Disney Beauty and the Beast - 29 May - 13 June 2015 - 12 shows at the Rangiora Town Hall - newly refurbished. Book now - allocated seating now available www.ncms.co.nz
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