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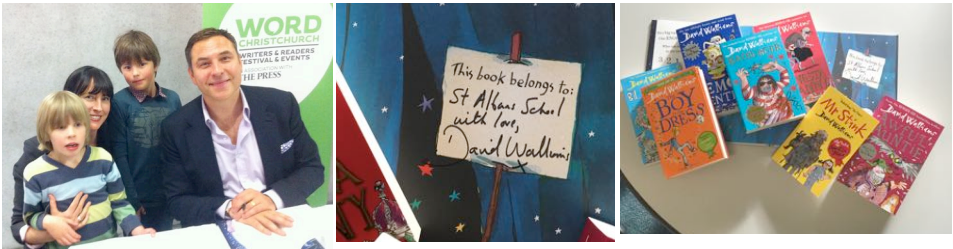
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## Kia ora whānau,

Oh the wonderful world of literacy! Pictured are published author Rachael King and her sons Thomas and AJ with comedian, actor, author, television presenter and activist David Walliams. Rachael organised the WORD Christchurch event with David and also hosted it. Thanks to Rachael we have been gifted a whole set of David Walliams books signed and inscribed to St Albans School! How wonderful!



Child safety is always a focus for us, and one of the most problematic areas is traffic safety. Thank you to those people who have responded so positively to our 'walk the loop' campaign. We know we do not have the authority to enforce this safe practice, however, we truly believe this is the best option for children who enter the school via the gates on Sheppard Place. If we all act as role models we stand a better chance of this becoming second nature to the children. As we are nearing winter we know from experience that the traffic on Sheppard Place increases and at times people become frustrated and angry. We continue to encourage you to park away from school and walk a short distance to complete your drop off and pick up.

One of our newest safety initiatives has been the 'Drop Off Zone' on Westminster Street. As you can see from the photo there is plenty of room to park your car if you are intending to drop your child off. We have student leaders who will open your door and walk your child into school. If you are intending to come into school then please park on the surrounding roads and walk. Thank you to the parents who have taken this on

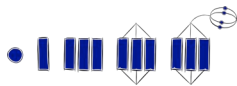


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board during our trial period, we know by the many positive comments that this initiative will make a difference. Glen McKenzie, the school safety specialised leaders and student leaders are working hard to support your child's safe entry to school.

## LEARNING 'EDU TIP'



### SOLO (structure of observed learning outcomes) Taxonomy

Last week staff worked with Pam Hook to further develop their understanding of SOLO Taxonomy. HookED uses a unique classroom based approach to SOLO Taxonomy. In this approach SOLO becomes a powerful mental model for students – and is capable of changing the way they think about their own learning outcomes. With SOLO, students understand that declarative and functioning learning outcomes are the result of effort and the use of effective strategies rather than luck or fixed abilities. They are able and motivated to monitor their own progress in a learning task and to make smart decisions on their next steps. Schools using SOLO, report improvements in student learning outcomes; a raise in student confidence and increases in student engagement in learning. SOLO is used to:

- Plan for differentiation;
- Give and receive feedback;
- Develop self-assessment resources;
- Design innovative curriculum;
- Reflect on learning processes and products;
- Undertake research and student led inquiry;
- Integrate e-learning and thinking strategies;
- Establish a school wide common language for learning.

You might like to watch these short clips.

Pam Hook introduces SOLO Taxonomy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZoIPXJ8XRQ>

HookED: SOLO Taxonomy Minecraft example

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XrxihHHaQA>

## Did you know...

**Parent-teacher-student interviews are on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 3pm – 7pm and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2pm – 6pm.**

**Please note we close early on Tuesday to allow adequate  
time slots for larger classes. We appreciate your support in  
accommodating this early finish.**

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## Out of School Events and Achievements



Here are Libby Scott, Lucy and Will Easton, Ben Cox and Bella Spear at Chalk 96.1. This is the NZ Broadcasting School's latest station and is aimed at 8-12 year olds - it's lots of fun. This crew from St Albans went into the station and voiced a whole lot of their commercials and promos that will play on air - so tune in as you may recognise one of their voices!



Charlie Lightbourne Room 4 plays for the Christchurch Rugby Football Club. He is pictured holding his first 'player of the day' trophy (only his third game of rugby) in the weekend. Well done Charlie!

If you have something you would like to share in this section please email [diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz) with a photo and brief description.

**Ngā mihi,**  
**Ginnie and the team**

### NEW PUPILS

We welcome the following new pupils: Jack James, Samuel James. It is wonderful to have you join our St Albans family.

### SCHOOL NOTICES

**Student Accounts** - Account statements have been posted home today. Please note that payments made in the last 2-3 days may not appear on the statement. We would appreciate payment of any outstanding amounts. It is not too late to set up an automatic payment for small weekly or fortnightly contributions to your account. This may be particularly useful if your child is in Year 4 to 6 as there will be camp fees in Term 4. Any credit that builds up can be applied to camp fees, thereby reducing the impact on your budget as Christmas approaches!

**Donation Receipts** – if you would like a donation statement for the tax year ending 31 March 2015, please email [diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz)

### Y5/6 Winter Sports Results and Player of the Day.

Football A:	St Albans 1 - 5 Fendalton	Koby Allen
Football B:	Bye	
Netball A:	St Albans 11 - 15 Linwood	Te Ao Marama Hema
Netball B:	St Albans 17 - 7 Cotswold	Jada Lee Hira
Rugby:	St Albans 30 - 25 Fendalton	Thomas Irving
Hockey A:	St Albans 24 - 0 Paparoa Street	

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## PTA NEWS

- ✪ The PTA are selling tickets to the Andrew Newton Show, Andrew is an International Hypnotist. The show is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at the Isaac Theatre Royal. Tickets are priced at \$20.00 and a portion of the ticket sales go back to the school. Get a group together young and old as it is a fun filled, family oriented show which is suitable for all ages. Tickets can be bought at the school office.
- ✪ Thank you to the school community for the all the sandpit toys, they will be well utilised. All that is needed now is 6 spades for sandpit play. If you are happy to donate please drop off to June Sutherland in Room 8.

**Entertainment Books** - The 2015/2016 books have arrived. Place your order by Friday, and you will receive your book early next week. Orders for both the hard copy book or the digital version can be made either by following this link [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134943x](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134943x) or for the book option only, by dropping your order form into the school office. All orders need to be in by Friday 29 May. Support our school fundraiser – and buy a book today!!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Pre-School Relievers** - We need casual, on call, qualified relievers. Please call St Albans Community Preschool, 3 Thames St, phone 355 9396.

**M\*A\*S\*H - WINZ Subsidy** - Are you aware that WINZ provide a substantial subsidy for attending the M\*A\*S\*H After School and/or Holiday Programme for those that qualify? The qualifying criteria is very lenient and includes different thresholds for household income and number of children. There is also a 20 day time frame for getting documentation in to them for which they will back pay. There is information on the M\*A\*S\*H website ([www.mashkids.co.nz](http://www.mashkids.co.nz)) or call WINZ directly on 0800 559 009 to enquire. The After School subsidy is up to \$12 per day and the Holiday subsidy up to \$40 per day. The staff at M\*A\*S\*H are more than happy to help you with the application process and further information so please contact them on 0800 420 520 or [admin@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:admin@mashkids.co.nz). To enrol in M\*A\*S\*H grab an enrolment form from the office, call us on 0800 420520, email us at [enrol@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:enrol@mashkids.co.nz) or do it online [www.mashkids.co.nz](http://www.mashkids.co.nz).

**Air Force Museum Holiday Programme** - Come join the fun at the Air Force Museum this July for our OSCAR-endorsed school holiday programme, **Trench Art!** These winter holidays we will be making our own games, badges and models from found objects after becoming inspired by the Museum's trench art collection. This fun, interactive holiday programme will include active explorations in our Pacific Simulator Room and the Museum's reserve collection! Suitable for ages 5 to 12; 8.30am – 3pm; 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Contact our Public Programmes team to book your child in: [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz) or 03 343 9504.

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