



# St Albans School Newsletter

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*Me titiro whakamuri kia mārāma ai te haere ō mua.  
Look back to the past and get a clear vision for the future.*

## **Kia ora whānau,**

I am sad to say that our fabulous Emma Lythgoe is leaving us to return to the North Island in 2012. Emma has been a wonderful member of our team, and her fabulous daughters feel like family! We wish them all the best for their new adventures!

Our Year 6 campers returned last night from Wainui. Children, parents and staff were all tired but full of great stories. Our Year 5 team is at Wainui until Friday, look for photos in next week's newsletter.

We seem to have some nasty bugs sweeping through staff and children; one is a vomiting bug and the other a flu bug. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, as this will help reduce the spread.

## **PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Tyreice Tuliau a member of the Canterbury Touch team that won the under 11 grade in Nelson, winning 5 games and drawing one then winning the final 7-5. A brilliant result Tyreice, we are proud of you!

Remember if you have a photo of the week you would like us to consider please email [diane@stalbans.school.nz](mailto:diane@stalbans.school.nz).

***Have a great week!***  
***Ginnie and the Team***



## **New Pupil**

We welcome the following new pupil: Laouena Le Louer. We know you will make us proud!

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Sport Teams, Orchestra and Choir Photos**

Sport, orchestra and choir photos for this year are available for purchase at \$6 each. All profits go towards new sports equipment and uniforms and to the music programme. Photos are available to look at in the office. Orders close on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## **National Jandal Day**

Since 1910 Surf Lifeguards have been patrolling our beaches in their jandals. We know 3.4 million kiwis own a pair of jandals and 2.5 million have more than one pair. So, St Albans School is having a mufti day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to raise money for our local surf life saving clubs. Children can wear mufti and are strongly advised to wear Jandals.

**When:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**Why:** To raise money for our local surf life saving clubs  
**Wear:** Mufti and Jandals  
**Cost:** Gold Coin donation

*Thank you for your support, St Albans School Council*

## **Sheppard Place Traffic**

Please, please, please can we have respect and courtesy when driving down this narrow cul de sac. We have had wing mirrors broken and cars damaged because of the inconsiderate actions of some drivers who feel they must drop their children off as close to the school gate as possible. It is dangerous and only a matter of time before a child or adult is seriously injured. Please avoid the congestion of Sheppard Place and drop your child/ren off further way and encourage them to safely 'walk the loop' to school.

## **Book Fair - Week 7**

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we will be celebrating Book Week. There will be Scholastic books available for purchase in the hall and proceeds will go towards buying new books for the library. On Wednesday 7 December there will be a book character parade. We would like children to come to school on this day dressed up as their favourite book character. All classes will take part in fun book week activities each day. Let's get reading!

## **Mathletics**

The Mathletics results are in for 2011. These are our school wide placings. Congratulations to the following students for mastering the highest number of concepts this year:

1<sup>st</sup> Caleb Forsythe  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thesara Dissanayake  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan Tutty

## **St Albans School – Polling Place**

The St Albans School hall is being used as a polling place on Election Day this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Issuing votes for the Christchurch Central and Te Tai Tonga electorates as well as Special Votes and Referendum voting. Polling takes place between 9am and 7pm. Remember to bring your Easy Vote card.

## Softball A Team Report

Last Friday the Softball A team played Paparoa Street A Team. We had really worked on our fielding and catching since our last game, and it helped, because we won 36 to 24, and caught lots of them out, especially Ethan Baird at short stop. The whole team played well, and Player of the Day was Oliver Mercer-Beumelberg, for great catching as catcher, and hitting a home run.

## Softball B Team Report

On Friday the Softball B team played Mairehau B at Hagley Park. Some of our team who had never played before are getting better and we have been practicing hard. We won 38 - 30. There was some good catching, and at one stage we got a triple out! All the team played well, and player of the day was Arnie Grant, for the second time.

## PTA NEWS

- ❖ **Sugarbaby Cupcake Orders:** Please get your orders in to the office drop box by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- ❖ **Last chance to buy "Serving Up St Albans"!** The final few copies of our school cookbook are on sale now at The Oak Leaf Cafe. A great souvenir for departing Year 6's or the perfect Christmas gift for neighbours, friends and family. Just \$20 and all profits go back to the school!
- ❖ **Oak Leaf Cafe:** now open on Friday afternoons from 2.30pm - 3.30pm (as well as 8.30am - 10am Monday to Friday). Outdoor seating available and hopefully some sunny afternoons too! We will also be open longer next Wednesday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> November for the Junior Athletics Day – come and get a coffee and enjoy the day!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### OSCAR St Albans - Crazy Colour Disco

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm - 8.30pm at English Park. \$6 per child, \$10 double, \$15 family. See OSCAR staff for tickets, 027 355 4919. Sausage Sizzle, drinks, glow-sticks!!! Some doors sales.

### Kick it Kids Xmas Fun Football Holiday Camp

Have a break before the Christmas insanity. If you'd enjoy some time to shop in peace and have a well-deserved rest before the Christmas madness starts, get your child a place on our Xmas Fun Football Holiday Camp. We'll get your son or daughter playing, laughing and learning some magic football tricks to show Grandma and Grandad (not at the dinner table). It is running from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Ilam School for boys and girls. 5 & 6 years full programme is \$50, or \$17 per day, 9am to 11.30am. 7 to 10 full programme is \$100, or \$34 per day... 9 to 2pm (with lunch break). We need to know your child is attending so contact us through [www.kickitkidsnz.com](http://www.kickitkidsnz.com) email [paul@kickitkidsnz.com](mailto:paul@kickitkidsnz.com) or call 0211561089. Include child name, age, days attending, your name & phone number.

## THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE – Live it at HOME

In January 2012 students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

**To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of New Zealand. Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student)**

## St Albans Residents' Association (SARA) Incorporated – Annual General Meeting

- 6pm to 6.30pm at Abberley Park Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas social to follow after the AGM
- Open to all Supporters, Members and Volunteers
- Please RSVP for catering purposes to [communitycentre@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:communitycentre@stalbans.gen.nz)

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**Sugar Baby**  
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St. Albans School Fundraiser

**Christmas Cupcakes \$20 pk**



**\$5** from every pack sold will be donated to St. Albans School.

6 delicious vanilla cupcakes decorated with Christmas in mind. Beautifully presented ready to be given as a gift or shared as a sweet treat.

- Delivered to your child's class on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Last day for orders is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Limited packs available. Don't miss out!

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## Christmas Cupcake - Order Form

Please place your completed order form in the drop box in the school office.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of packs required: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Cash or Cheque (please make cheque payable to Sugar Baby Cakery)