

ŌTĀKARO HUB

ST ALBANS SCHOOL - YEAR 5/6 - TERM 1 2017



From left to right:
Jodi, Kylie, Rachel,
Renée & Sam

MEET THE TERM 1 TEAM

- Ōtākaro 1:** Renée (Hub Leader)
Ōtākaro 2: Rachel & Jodi
Ōtākaro 3: Sam & Kylie (Teacher Aide)

KIA ORA KOUTOU

Welcome to the 2017 school year. All three classes in our hub are a combination of Year 5 and Year 6 children. Each class has an equal mix of abilities and start with around 30 students.

We are currently situated in the hall and there is an awesome feeling around our hub as we familiarise ourselves with our new surroundings.

For the first couple of weeks we will be working mainly in our home bases. Our focus will be getting to know one another and establishing relationships. We will come together as a hub to participate in team building activities, establishing routines, expectations and our Hub Treaty.

From here we will be moving across the hub for reading and mathematics. Children will be grouped based on social needs and academic ability. We always explain to the children these groups are not set in concrete; just like groups in a class taught by one teacher. Some of the reasons groups may change could be to do with interests, passion projects, strengths and areas of next steps in their learning.

But who do I contact?

Your child's home base teacher is still the first port of call. Even if your child is not being taught by their home base teacher for a particular subject they will have an understanding of learning journey and where they are heading. They can always direct you to another staff member if needed.

We are all extremely excited about what 2017 has to offer for your child. As always feel free to pop in, email or call;

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Jodi jodi.archbold@stalbans.school.nz
Sam sam.pelham@stalbans.school.nz
Rachel rachel.kelly@stalbans.school.nz

MANAGING SELF

One of the key competencies in our curriculum is managing self. This plays a pivotal role in the senior area of the school.

In Year 5/6 we are assisting with transitioning your child to intermediate. There are a number of ways your child can develop these skills such as:

- Making sure their togs are packed.
- Hanging their togs and towel out to dry.
- Remembering sports uniforms and equipment for on both practise and game days (and taking it home - there's nothing worse than having a cricket bat left at school during a Saturday match).
- Listening to and following important daily notices.
- Seeking a teacher's help, by themselves or with a buddy, if they have a worry or concern.
- Packing their charged BYOD device each day (if they have one).

AQUATICS

We will continue to make use of our school pool as a part of our aquatics programme. We will swim on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We are hoping for some lovely sunny days.

In Week 3 we will be participating in the Aquagym programme. Water activities are not covered by your blanket permission agreement. A separate permission form and information will be sent home with your child before this time.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Expressions of interest and applications for leadership roles will be asked for shortly. These roles include specialised leaders, school council and house captains.

ABOUT THE TEAM

MISS RENÉE KAKE

It is very exciting to be teaching and leading in Year 5 & 6 again. It is great to catch up with the children and families I have got to know through our time here at St Albans along with meeting new smiling faces. Our students are lucky to have so many new learning, leadership, cultural and sporting opportunities ahead of them. Bring on the fun in 2017!

MS. JODI ARCHBOLD

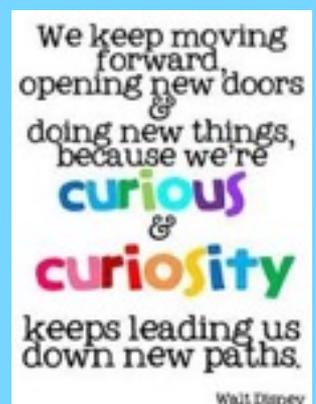
I am super excited to be back in Ōtākaro hub in 2017. I am lucky to be working with our Year 6's for a second year in a row as well as getting a brand new group of enthusiastic Year 5's. We are in an exciting new space and I can't wait to get started on some new learning within this space. I hope everybody is well rested and ready to kick start this year with a bang!

MRS SAM PELHAM

I am very excited to be teaching a number of children for a second time this year. Moving to Ōtākaro Hub this year is a great opportunity for me and I'm looking forward to working at the Year 5/6 level.

MRS RACHEL KELLY

I am super excited to be joining the Ōtākaro hub for Term One! I will be teaching in our new space on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. We have been working hard to get the space ready and it is looking fantastic!



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HOME FUN

The expectations are to complete reading, basic facts and spelling each day. Children read a personal book each night (suggested 20 minutes). Basic Facts needs to be practised by children also. From Week 2 their spelling lists will be shared to their google account. Even if their book is left at school they will be able to have access to their words via the internet at home. A home fun sheet will be sent home each week except for the last week of this term.

TOPIC

Our overarching theme for this year is based around building and structures and there will be some direct teaching of different aspects of this topic.

As the year progresses we envisage the children taking ownership of their learning by working on building and structures topics they have a strong interest or passion for.

E-LEARNING

All St Albans School students are issued with an email address and password. In Year 5/6 they use Hapara as a tool to organise their Google accounts. They also have workspaces shared as a part of their in class learning. As parents/ caregivers, you have access to your child/ren's login via STAR or by simply asking your child. Logging in together is a great way to share learning and experiences that are happening in the classroom. For children who are new to BYOD you are welcome to bring your own device to work on. All you need to do is hand in a completed BYOD agreement form and bring your device to Sam to have it connected to our Linewize system. St Albans School continues to provide shared devices for those who do not bring their own, ensuring equal opportunities for all children.

If you have any questions about devices or would like help researching the best device for your child you are welcome to chat to Sam.

UNIFORM

We aim for consistency with our school uniform. Please ensure that correct school uniform is worn everyday. St Albans hats are compulsory in Term 1. They can be purchased from the café or office for \$20.

SPORT

Most terms we compete in a local sports competition on a Friday afternoon (12:45 - 3pm). This term's sports are Rippla Rugby, Kiwi Volley, Futsal, Softball and Cricket. All sports travel to Hagley via bus with the exception of Cricket. Cricket is either held at St Albans or the opposition's school. Children are currently trialling for these teams. It is very important that they listen carefully to the daily notices for information regarding sports. Those who do not participate in the teams competition will participate in a Sports programme at school.

We do have a slight change from previous years as we will not be attending Hagley Sport in Term 4. Instead, we will be having an in-school sports competition.

If you are interested in coaching any of the summer sports team or would like to know more please contact Jodi.

CAMP

Every year our Year 5/6 students attend a 3 day camp in Term 4. It alternates each year between Hanmer Springs and Wainui. This year our camp will take place in Wainui. The activities are design to really challenge our students with kayaking, orienteering, coasteering and many more. Information including dates, fundraising and price will be provided well in advance.

STAFFING

Last week you all received an email regarding staffing in Ōtākaro Hub. Ros will remain on sick leave for Term 1. Our thoughts are with Ros as she recovers from her illness. We wish her well with her recovery as we know she is eager to return to full health and also be back with us.

Rachel Kelly has very kindly agreed to step into this role for the term, for which we are most appreciative. She is an experienced senior teacher and we look forward to working with her. We welcome back Olivia Hanson to the Year 5/6 team. Olivia will release Sam every Friday. Renée will continue to have leadership release every second Wednesday with Kate Stokes teaching in Ōtākaro 1.

WONDER

If you have a named copy of the novel Wonder by Raquel J. Palacio we would appreciate you bringing it along.

TERM EVENTS

Week 1 07 - 10 Feb

First Day of Term 1
Tuesday 07 February

Week 2 13 - 17 Feb

Big Day Out - Spencer Park
Tuesday 14 February

Food for Thought In Class Sessions
Wednesday 15 February
Thursday 16 February

Friday Sport begins
Friday 17 February

Week 03 20 - 24 Feb

Aqua Gym
All week

Week 04 27 Feb - 03 Mar

Supermarket Trip
Thursday 02 March
Ōtākaro 1: 9.30 till 10.30
Ōtākaro 2: 10.30 till 11.30
Ōtākaro 3: 11.30 till 12.30

Week 05 06 - 10 Mar

Swimming Sports
Tuesday 07 March

Week 06 13 - 17 Mar

Zone Swimming Sports
Monday 13 March

Week 07 20 - 24 Mar

Week 08 27 - 31 Mar

Week 09 03 - 07 Apr

Canterbury Swimming Competition
Thursday 06 April

Hagley Sport Ends
Friday 07 April

Week 10 10 - 14 Apr

Last day of term
Thursday 13 April

Good Friday
Friday 14 April