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## A Word from the Principal

Kamusta,

Next Wednesday, the students will be having school photos. Please ensure your child has the correct winter school uniform and school shoes for the day. In the afternoon, the students will be sharing their learning with you in the Student Parent Conversations. The students are looking forward to presenting their learning and highlights of the year so far.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 25 June and Wednesday 26 June. A notice asking for your time slot preference will be sent home this week. **School will finish at 12:30 pm on Tuesday 25 June to accommodate the Parent Teacher Interviews.**

*The students will once again swim at Aqua Gym in Term 4 for ten lessons. The cost will be \$86 per child.*

*The Room 4 and 5 students will be participating at the 2019 Cultural Festival on Monday 9 September from 6:45pm. A notice has gone home this week regarding the purchase of tickets. Please ensure if you are wishing to purchase tickets that the forms are returned by June 21.*

Last week our students competed in the fourth week of Weekly Winter Sports at Hagley Park. Congratulations to both our teams who had victories; Year 5/6 Football team won 7-0 and Year 5/6 Hockey won 5-4.

Football: 1:15pm vs St Teresas @ South Hagley 7B  
Hockey: 1:15pm vs Shirley Super Sticks @ Hospital Corner 4

**Fr Rick will be at St Albans Catholic School on Friday 14 June at 3pm to sign Preference Forms. If you have any children beginning school this year or 2020, please ensure you make one of the Friday meetings for the priest to meet with you.**

Nga mihi nui,  
Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

## Congratulations: Week 6 Awards

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## Calendar

### June:

- 11 7pm PTA Meeting
- 13 Weekly Winter Sports
- 14 3pm Priest visiting to sign Preference Forms
- 19 **School Photos**
- 19 Student Parent Conversations
- 20 Board Meeting
- 20 Weekly Winter Sports
- 24 Jubilate (Year 5/6)
- 25 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 Parent Teacher Interviews

## Early Finish – 25 June

We are planning to hold **Parent Teacher Conferences on 25 June. School will finish at 12:30 pm on this day.**

## School Accounts:

The voluntary contribution assists in the payment of various events and resources at St Albans Catholic School. To effectively run the school and provide quality learning outside the classroom these voluntary contributions are important.

The School Donations are \$140 per child, and this can be paid via Internet Banking:

St Albans Catholic School  
Westpac Account number:  
**03 1704 0021234 00**



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Well done to the following students who received a Class Award at last week's assembly. You can be very proud of your effort. Ka mau te wehi!

	Class Awards	Prayer Packs
Room 1	Sadie	Harper
Room 2	Isaac	Kate
Room 3	Grace W	Jasmine
Room 4	Chin Fun	Chloe
Room 5	Morgan	Sophia R
Principal's Award	Louise	



## Jubilate 2019

Our Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Jubilate (Celebration of Sacred Music) at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Monday 24 June.

- Date: 24 June 2019.
- Venue: St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, [375 Manchester Street, Christchurch.](#)
- Rehearsal: 9.45am-10.25am.
- Concert: 10.30am-11.30am.

**We do require assistance to transport students to and from St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. If you are able to assist, please email me.**

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**V.** Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.

**R.** And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations,

Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

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**Bishop's Pastoral Office**  
Catholic Diocese of Christchurch  
Unit 2/9 Washington Way  
PO Box 4544  
Christchurch 8140

## **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul Martin SM**

On Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, Bishop Paul Martin SM wrote a pastoral letter to all Catholics in the Diocese. You can find a copy of the letter and his video message on the Diocesan website [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

In the letter, Bishop Paul outlines his vision for the whole diocese and proposes a change to the structures of parish life to better proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the whole world. As the Bishop notes in his letter, the diocese is in a unique position due to the earthquakes. They have brought with them many challenges, but they have also given us the opportunity to rethink our buildings and structures to better serve our core mission.

In summary, the Bishop is proposing to create five new parishes in Christchurch City amalgamated from the existing 12 parishes. He is also looking at combining the parishes of Selwyn into one parish and is considering options for North Canterbury.

One practical issue that immediately comes to mind is that these proposed changes will result in some of our Catholic primary schools being at a distance from the proposed parish church. In the plan for places that will no longer have a parish church located alongside the school, the Bishop is committed to building a chapel with the Blessed Sacrament reserved for prayer and class Masses and sacramental celebrations.

The Bishop reiterates that this is a proposal and he wants to receive feedback. There is supporting material on the diocesan website [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz). An electronic feedback form will be available on the website from Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (online feedback is encouraged for ease of collation). Hard copies will be available from the school office from the following Monday. The Bishop invites each person to think and pray about the proposal for two weeks and then contribute feedback.

Feedback closes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and the Bishop will respond on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

For more information view the Diocesan website [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

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### World Environment Day proudly supported by St Albans Catholic School

World Environment Day, June 5 2019, is the United Nations day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. Since it began in 1974, the event has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries. Each World Environment Day is organized around a theme that draws attention to a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2019 is "Air pollution". Many thanks to Val, Keep Christchurch Beautiful, for talking to the Garden Club and Community Pride children.



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## PTA News:

# Gala Total Profit - \$23,148.27

We have finally had all Gala payments accounted for and we can share that the total amount fundraised is \$23,148.27. This is a great achievement and an improvement from our previous two galas. A special thank you to Jaz and Claire for their planning and organisation of the 2019 School Gala. Also a huge thank you to our families, friends and wider community who supported our Gala through donations and assisting on the day. Thank you.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

Sausage sizzle is available this Friday 14 June. \$2.50 for sausage, bread and fruit. Gluten Free sausages available. Orders to be placed in the box outside the office by 9.00am Friday morning.

### PARENTS EVENING:

All parents/carers are invited to an adults night out at the Carlton on Fri 21 June, 7.30pm. The PTA will provide some nibbles so come down, have a drink and some fun with the school community.

## Garden Club News:

It's hard to believe we are in Week 7 already, but time flies when you're having fun, and the children have certainly had fun flying this term!

As you may have noticed, we've done something different with the autumn leaves over the past weeks. Each lunch break the group working has collected leaves and added them to a big pile down the drive under the sycamore tree. They then take a *flying* leap into the middle of it!!!

All the children have worked really hard during the time we have and I am very grateful for their efforts. Most are now quite adept at using rakes and 'scooper boards'!

We have had a few groups planting in the vegetable garden too, the garlic and broad bean seeds are in!

Given that we acknowledged 'World Environment Day' last Wednesday, I am also grateful to all the children who help keep our playground, Malvern Park and school block litter free.



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