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March 6th

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A Word from the Principal

Kamusta,

It has been a very busy start to the year and the school Gala is fast approaching. The donations have been coming in steadily and this is much appreciated. We still have a few more weeks of collecting donations which are needed for our stalls, raffles and prizes. Further to the weekly donations, the PTA will be seeking parent assistance for stalls on the Gala day. "Many hands make light work." Please ensure you are reading the Gala News in the newsletter. A big thank you to our PTA and their organisation of this event.

On Tuesday, St Albans Catholic School hosted Principals from four other Canterbury schools for a hui. It is a pleasure showing new families and other educators our school and all that we have to offer. We have a thriving edible garden and garden club, new interactive panels in all the classrooms, quality teaching and learning, and respectful students.

The students attended Ash Wednesday Mass this morning, celebrated by Fr Kevin Wei. The students were reverent and thoughtful as they start the Lenten Season. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this Lenten Season, think about what you and your family could do together to grow in faith. It could be as simple as saying family prayers each night or attending weekly Mass.

Fr Rick Loughnan has made himself available to meet with families who require a Preference Certificate. He will be at St Albans Catholic School on Friday 8 March at 3pm. If you have any children beginning school this year, please ensure you make one of the Friday meetings for Father Rick to meet with you.

Nga mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

Email: aa@stalbanscatholic.school.nz

Calendar

March:

- 12 7pm PTA Meeting (TBC)
- 15 Caritas Visit
- 19 7pm PTA Meeting (TBC)
- 21 Board Meeting
- 24 School Gala
- 28 4:30pm Catholic School
Teacher's Mass

April:

- 3-4 Catholic Special Character
Review

Reminder:

Earlier in the term, the School EOTC contribution invoice was sent to all families. We have received a number of payments and this is much appreciated. The EOTC Contribution helps the school to pay for activities and transport.

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Instant notifications | Absentees

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In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

Congratulations: Week 5 Awards

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



| | Class Awards | Prayer Pack |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Room 1 | Winston | Ava |
| Room 2 | James | Carter |
| Room 3 | Ella | Mason |
| Room 4 | Ari | Cameron |
| Room 5 | Louise | Louise |
| STEPs Award | Morgan | |
| Principal's Award | George | |



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SPORTS Uniform:

SA7.7 - \$27



SA7.1 - \$28



The Board is exploring the possibility of creating a sport uniform for the school. This would be compulsory for Year 4 to 6, and optional for Year 1 to 3. Currently, the students do not have sports gear and they participate in sports wearing their school uniform. The sports uniform would be worn for daily PE activities, as well as Zone and Canterbury events. The school has explored the two options below which ranges from \$30-\$40. We envision that the students would wear either navy or black shorts. This is to be decided.

It is important we consult with our community before implementing any change. The designs are in the School Office for you to view. If you have any feedback please email me; aa@stalbanscatholic.school.nz

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FABULOUS FAMILY FUN

ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GALA

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019

11 - 3 pm

49 RUTLAND STREET



INFORMATION REGARDING MEASLES OUTBREAK MARCH 2019

There is currently a measles outbreak in Christchurch affecting unimmunised or partially immunised infants, children and adults.

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about 3 days. About one in ten people with measles need to be hospitalised and 30% will develop complications.

The best measles prevention is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

Prevent measles at your school

1. Inform staff, parents and caregivers that there is measles in the community.
2. Check and update your Immunisation Register. Registers allow unimmunised children who have been in contact with someone with measles to be quickly identified to help reduce the risk of further spread.
3. Ask parents and caregivers to make sure that their children's immunisations are up-to-date. Staff born during or after 1969 should also make sure that they are fully vaccinated for measles.

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PTA News:

GALA UPDATE

It is now less than 3 weeks until our gala and the excitement is building. Thank you so much to all of the generous businesses and families that have donated goods and services for us to raffle and auction. It would be impossible to organise a successful gala without your support.

GALA HELPER ROSTER

This is going up on a whiteboard after school today. The gala has been divided up into two time slots – 11am-1pm, and 1pm-3pm. We would really appreciate if every school family can add their name to cover at least one time slot on a stall/activity..... 'many hands make light work'. Thanks to all those people who have already filled lots of time slots – but there are loads more to fill!

Please keep the donations of **MYSTERY BOTTLES** coming in this week – eg: sauces, chutneys, vinaigrettes, olive oils, dressings, cordials. Mystery bottles are a very popular stall at the gala and we always sell out – so it would be great to get as many donations as possible.

Next week we would like donations of new items for **LUCKY DIPS** – Kmart and \$2 shop are good for these. Eg toys, books, puzzles, pens, games art supplies.

Please keep selling your **raffle tickets**. There are more available at the school office if you have sold out.

You continued support of this wonderful gala is appreciated.

Gala Committee



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Great Kiwi Competitions:

In 2019 we will be trialling the "Great Kiwi" English, Maths and Science competitions for Primary Schools.

This is for Year 5 and 6 pupils.

They are written by New Zealand Teachers for New Zealand students and are held in Term 2.

Entry into these online tests is voluntary and costs \$9.00 per subject entered.

Please return your entry with payment to the office by 21 March.

The ICAS group have significantly increased the prices of their tests and we have decided not to continue with this option.

Great Kiwi Competitions:

I would like my child _____ to participate in the following tests:

English \$9.00

Maths \$9.00

Science \$9.00

Please circle which tests you wish your child to participate in.

Enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____

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