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## A Word from the Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa,

This weekend we have many Year 4 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Bryndwr. The students have been attending classes and working through the Eucharistic programme over the past few months. We wish the students and their families the very best. Apologies that I will be unable to attend this very special occasion.

Last week the school celebrated Book Week. The week involved teacher's reading a 'bear' book to each class during the week, daily buddy reading and finally the character dress up day. This was well supported by the students and it was great to see many different characters on Friday. It was great to see the children's passion for reading.

Last week our Year 5 and 6 students played in the finals for hockey and football. Unfortunately both teams lost their final, however it was great to see their determination and sportsmanship.

**Hockey A Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Football E Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Well done to the Year 5 and 6 students.**

So far this year we have received donation payments for 61 students. We do appreciate these payments as it assists in our planning of activities for the students. We do have Year 5 and 6 Camp and Swimming at Aqua Gym in Term 4. *Camp will be approximately \$200 (Room 5 students only) and Swimming will be \$86 per child (All students). As these costs are at the end of the year, it may be best to set up weekly/fortnightly payments. Thank you for your support.*

Nga mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

## Calendar

### August:

25 First Holy Communion

### September:

04 Room 5 Cycle Safety

05 Room 5 Cycle Safety

08 Sunday School Mass

09 Cultural Festival

19 Board Meeting

27 Last day of Term 3

### October:

14 First day of Term 4

## School Accounts:

**If you are not sure, if you have paid your voluntary contribution, please contact Jenni in the Office.**

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:

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## Congratulations: Week 4 Awards

Ka mau te wehi! (Fantastic)

Congratulations to the following students who received Class Awards in Week 4. You are working well and applying positive work habits. Keep up the great work!

	Class Awards	Prayer Pack
Room 1	Oliver	Cara
Room 2	Asher	Noah-Grace
Room 3	Deji	Sophia W
Room 4	Lola	Chin Fu
Room 5	Lily	
STEPs Award	Sophia	
Principal's Award	Sophie and Lottie	



## 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.

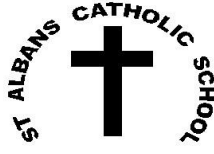
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## Engage Your Brain

Empower Church, St Albans - Christchurch  
Thurs 26 Sept 2019 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
Tickets at [Eventfinda.co.nz](http://Eventfinda.co.nz)

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## Supporting Your Child Through Anxiety Parent Information Evening

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to extend an invitation to all those interested in participating in a workshop on the topic of anxiety.

This workshop will be led by the Mana Ake Team that works with our schools and in our Catholic Kāhui Ako community. This workshop will take a look at what anxiety is, what it looks like, what is normal and how you can help a child with anxiety. If you are interested in attending, we ask you to complete the form below so that we can set up our space according to the number of people attending.

Where: Our Lady of the Assumption School Hall

When: Thursday 12th, September

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Danielle.

Danielle Marston -Our Lady of the Assumption School [danielle.marston@ola.school.nz](mailto:danielle.marston@ola.school.nz)



### Bishop's Proposed Plan – Our Faith Our Future

Bishop Paul has been sharing his vision for the proposed plan for the diocese in the seven area meetings.

These meetings were well attended, by approximately 1200 people. Thank you to all those that attended these area meetings.

There was an opportunity for questions and answers which resulted in good robust feedback. In response to your concerns raised at the meetings the frequently asked questions have been updated on the website.

Almost 400 submissions of feedback have been received. The feedback process is still open and can be submitted online <https://ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz/feedback/> or by using a hard copy form available from parishes.

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## Lockdown Review:

- The Ministry of Education has released the final report of the Lockdown Review report. The report is based on input from a wide range of stakeholders, including leaders and staff from schools and early learning services in Canterbury, parents, children, young people, NZ Police and Ministry of Education.
- It was evident throughout the Lockdown Review that everyone's key focus was to improve practice and preparation to ensure children's safety for any potential future emergency event. Thank you to those of you who took time to provide feedback.
- The safety of children and young people is our highest priority and the Ministry of Education are committed to working with schools, early learning services, and NZ Police to respond to the opportunities for improvements that have been identified through the review process.
- It has been identified there is more that can be done to support communities to understand their roles during an emergency event. The Ministry of Education will be working with NZ Police to develop guidance for parents and caregivers to support communities responding to an incident and what to do during a lockdown.
- Schools and early learning services have a responsibility under Health and Safety legislation to keep staff and children/young people safe. This responsibility needs to be balanced against a parent's right to take their child out of the school or early learning service should they wish to do so. However, it should be noted that opening the school or early learning service to a parent could be a risk when there is unknown danger.
- A copy of the Lockdown Review is available at reception and on [www.education.govt.nz](http://www.education.govt.nz)
- You can be confident the current guidance provided by the Ministry of Education will support a review of our existing policies.

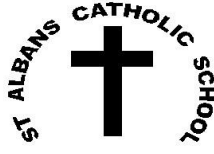
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## SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

Many thanks to those who have already entered our competition.  
Remember, entries close at the end of next week.

This competition is open to all members of our school community, family, friends and work colleagues.

There is no limit to the amount of entries you have and it's great to see some families with multiple entries.

Remember, hand your \$5 entry fee into the office. Include \$3.50 if potting mix required.

Mrs Ryan-Yates



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The John Paul II Centre Pregnancy Centre needs donations of clean cot sheets, good quality cots and robust strollers (birth to two years) that meet safety standards. We are experiencing high demand for these items from families who cannot afford to purchase their own. Please call us if you can help. Ph 351 3227

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