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A Word from the Principal

Kamusta, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo

Last Friday St Albans Catholic School participated in the 'Colour Your Day' fundraiser for the Mayoral Fund to help those families who were affected by the Christchurch attacks on 15th March. The children participated in the 2 minute silence and this concluded with the school saying the Hail Mary. The school was able to raise \$157 for the Mayoral Fund. Thank you for your contribution and support.

We had a vibrant and welcoming environment for our Gala on Sunday. It was great to see so many families from our school as well as some from the other local schools. This fundraiser is only possible due to the hard work, organisation and leadership from the PTA. Thank you to Jaz Thompson and Clare Nimmo for your leadership for the gala. The time commitment that you both dedicated to the Gala was much appreciated. Thank you to all those parents who managed a stall and also those parents who assisted on the day with the stalls. Thank you to all those involved in making this Gala successful.

On Wednesday and Thursday next week, the school will welcome Jo Barlow, Principal of St James, and Mark Gregory, former Principal of St Joseph's and present Catholic Education Office Special Character Reviewer. During our Catholic Special Character Review, Jo and Mark will observe Religious Education lessons as well as meeting with students, parents, staff and the parish priests.

Fr Rick Loughnan will be at St Albans Catholic School on Friday 12 April at 3pm to sign Preference Forms. 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)

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Calendar

March:

- 28 4:30pm Catholic School
Teacher's Mass
- 29 **10:20am Mihi Whakatau
for new parents**

April:

- 3-4 Catholic Special Character
Review
- 12 Last day of Term 1

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.

Let Us Pray

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.
Amen.



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Garden Club



On Monday night I attended the annual Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board Edible Gardens award ceremony. Our school student representatives were the Room 3 Garden Club girls, Jasmine, Sophia W, Ella, Sophia B and Anna. We were delighted to receive an award, on behalf of the Garden Club, for our vegetable garden, and were very excited to learn we had also received a generous voucher from Mitre10, in recognition of our continued participation over the past seven years..

A big tino pai (well done) and Kia Ora (thank you) to all the children who work with me in the vegetable garden. I would also like to say a special Kia Ora to the wonderful parents who transported the girls to and from the event.

Mrs Ryan-Yates

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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SPORTS Uniform:

It is important we consult with our community before implementing any change. The designs are in the School Office for you to view.

Please complete the following survey to have your say.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZBJ6FMzUhPp6I29s2>

GALA THANK YOU:

Just a final thankyou to everyone who helped make our 2019 gala such a success – especially our school families and teachers, and our school community. It was such a fun day with a friendly and positive atmosphere.

Thankyou also to our dedicated and committed gala organising team. These events take many hours of preparation and this team worked so hard behind the scenes to make sure it was a success. We feel very privileged to have been part of such a great team.

We will let you all know how much money we made as soon as we have the final figure.

Thanks again

Jaz Thompson and Claire Nimmo

RAFFLE RESULTS:

1 st	Akaroa Getaway	Bernard Wilkins
2 nd	Grocery Hamper	Nicki Sutton
3 rd	Luxury Food Hamper	William
4 th	Pamper Hamper	Louis O'Neill
5 th	Placemakers Summer Set	Troy
6 th	Ecotan Hamper	Alina Mora
7 th	Neon Subscription	Catherine Butchard



CHILDREN'S RAFFLE RESULTS:

Girls:	Jessica Forrest
Boys:	Richard Sanderson

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PTA News:

Canterbury Rams School Fundraiser

We have recently registered St Albans Catholic as a participant in the Canterbury Rams 2019 School Fundraiser Programme.

This will provide a unique opportunity for us to fundraise for much needed resources through the promotion a Canterbury Rams Game: **Rams vs Saints – Saturday 27th April 7pm Horncastle Arena.**

If you haven't been to a Canterbury Rams games before then you are in for a great treat. The games are full of atmosphere and energy and the Rams focus heavily on entertaining and engaging the fans therefore making the games the perfect event for families - the kids love it!

Tickets (\$20 per adult and \$12 per child) can be purchased directly online through the Ticketek website and if you use the promo code '**STALBANS**', **ENTERED AT THE START OF TICKET SELECTION**, our school earns \$5 per adult ticket purchased and \$3.50 per child ticket purchased.

To purchase tickets go to www.canterburyrams.basketball

We would like to encourage you to market our promocode to friends, work colleagues and extended family and get the St Albans Catholic school community involved in the school fundraiser programme – social media is a great way to promote this fundraiser. This is a unique fundraising opportunity as there is no cost to the school and all we rely on is your support to promote the fundraiser – the Promo Code '**STALBANS**' must be entered for our school to benefit.

To assist with the promotion of this fundraiser, we will provide your child some flyers on Friday with further information and we encourage you to hand these flyers out to promote the game. Remember the promo code '**STALBANS**', **MUST BE ENTERED AT THE START OF TICKET SELECTION** for the school to qualify for the fundraising.

It would be great to see the St Albans Catholic school community at the game and I am sure it will be a fun night for all involved.