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## A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

It was great to see so many parents at our School Swimming Sports yesterday. All the students performed to a high standard and achieved personal bests. The students competed either in width, 25 metres or 50 metre races. The teachers encouraged all students to compete in at least two events, which all students did. Well done to the students and we will share the swimming results in next week's newsletter.

We have been receiving many donations for the School Gala and this is much appreciated. All your support benefits our school community. Last year the PTA contributed funds to the ActivPanels. Please ensure you are keeping up with the Gala News and any assistance for the Gala would be appreciated.

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. For example yesterday's swimming would cost approximately \$1052 including the hire of the facilities, swimming entry and transport.

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)

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## Calendar

### March:

- 06 Ash Wednesday Day Mass
- 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

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## Congratulations: Week 4 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
<b>Room 1</b>	Archer	Oliver
<b>Room 2</b>	Charlotte	Hannah
<b>Room 3</b>	Grace W	Ella
<b>Room 4</b>	Sophia P	Oliver
<b>Room 5</b>	Alexander	Lily K
<b>Principal's Award</b>	Ben Rocco	

## BOT Update:

An update from last week's BOT meeting:

- The design and planning phase for the new classrooms and chapel continue. Detailed plans are expected to be shared with us in the upcoming months.
- We have agreed to commence a consultation with the school community in relation to a new sports uniform. Abraham will share more with you regarding this shortly.
- We discussed the significance that voluntary contribution payments play in enabling the school to offer enriching learning experiences. These contributions bridge the gap from what we receive from our Ministry of Education operational grant. When setting contribution levels, we are mindful of the additional cost this adds to families and try to keep these as low as possible. You may not be aware that you can claim back from Inland Revenue a 33.33% tax credit for voluntary contributions paid. If you complete a tax credit claim each tax year (1 April to 31 March) you will reduce this cost by one third. Families making contribution payments make it possible for the school to provide quality learning opportunities beyond what is delivered in the classroom. Without these we would have to reduce some of the activities offered above the core curriculum.

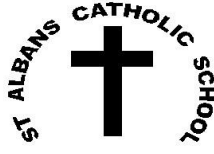
Kelvin Mason (Board Chair)

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## SPORTS Uniform:

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. This would be purchased as part of the school uniform. Kukri, the manufacturer make on order. 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**

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**Next week, we would  
like to ask all families if  
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contribute a...**



**for our School Gala**

*Thank you for your support.*

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**Some questions to replace  
asking your child  
'What did you do at school  
today?'**

- What work habits did you use today?
- How did you work with a friend or partner?
- What challenged you today and how did you work to solve it?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?



**FABULOUS FAMILY FUN  
ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**GALA**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**11 - 3 pm**

**49 RUTLAND STREET**



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## Gala News:

### Gala Item Drop Off

Thursday 28 February between 8:30-9pm & at 3pm is the first gala donation collection day for all school families to drop off any items they wish to donate to be sold at the Gala. \*\*\* Toys, Clothing & White Elephant \*\*\* **Please no electrical goods.**

Donations to be dropped off to the Morel Storage Container near the staff carpark.

We will have weekly collection days up till the week of the Gala, then as required ...

#### **Donation Drop off times:**

Thursday 28 February - 8:30-9am & 3pm

Friday 8 March - 8:30-9am & 3pm

Wednesday 13 March - 8:30am & 3pm

Books can be taken to Jo Foote in Rm 5 anytime.

### **Less than 4 weeks to go!**

Gala planning really is in full swing and it will be a busy few weeks ahead. Thank you so much for all the support – especially in bringing the items into school each week. Keep the bottles coming in this week – these are used for our **Mystery Bottles** at the Gala and are one of the best selling stalls.

Remember there are more **raffle cards** available from the school office if you have already sold both of your cards.

The **children's raffles** are now available in the school office. They will also be sold by Year 6 students before school up until the gala. They are \$1 a ticket or \$2 for 3 tickets. Collect that loose change from home and buy a ticket or 2..... you might just win!!

The gala committee is looking for anyone who would be able to do **face painting** at the gala. We were thinking very basic designs, so no major talent would be needed. Please let a PTA member know if you are interested or have a contact that we could approach.

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## Helpers Board:

Thank you to everyone who has been asking how they can help out on gala day. We will be putting up a **'helpers board'** hopefully during next week and we encourage you all to put your name on the board to help during a session on a stall. Many PTA members will be working throughout the entire gala but we hope all school families will help out for at least one 2 hour session.

Thanks again for your continued support. I know all the school children are getting really excited about the gala.

PTA/Gala committee

## Other PTA News:

Second Hand Uniform Sale:  
Friday 8 March from 2.45pm



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