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A Word from the Principal



Kia Ora e te Whanau,

I have had the privilege to welcome students to school every morning and it has been great to see the students increased independence in walking into school, unpacking their bags and preparing for the day. The teachers have been impressed with the students managing themselves for the day, from our new entrants through to our Year 6's. Well done to all our students.

Schools approached distance learning in various ways and engagement levels varied due to personal circumstances. I would appreciate your feedback to help the school in reviewing our distance learning. An email was sent last week with the information. The link for the survey is <https://forms.gle/eSwjpkxc49SCNG36>

School Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews:

Due to Covid-19 and teacher's limited face to face time, the school will not be sending home Mid-Year School Reports. Teachers will have classroom release time over the next few weeks to assess children, and identify strengths and next steps.

Although, we will not be sending home Mid-Year Reports, we will be having Parent Teacher Interviews to share your child's learning progress. The Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June. In previous years, the school has closed early for Parent Teacher Interviews. I have decided to begin our interviews after 3pm to help parents as they return to work and to also limit childcare.

Today your child will bring home a form for you to complete and return to school by 11 June.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

Please remember that if your child is unwell and not attending school please contact the office either by phone or email. The Skool Loop app also has a feature that allows you to enter your absenteeism, and the school is emailed. If parents can please let the office know of absenteeism by 9:30am.

Recently, we have been inundated with enquiries regarding enrolments. If you have a child starting school in either 2021 or 2022, please contact Jenni in the Office so we can ensure we have your child's name on our enrolment list. We have a maximum school roll of 110 students.

Please download the Skool Loop App and Like and Follow the School Facebook Page.

Kind regards,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

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Enrolments for 2021

As we are looking at our numbers for next year, we would like to invite you to complete the pre-enrolment form for those families with children turning 5 years old in 2021. These forms can be located in the school office.

Term Dates: 2020

Term 2:

Wednesday 15 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3:

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4:

Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December



A special welcome to Lucy who started in Room 1 this week.

A special welcome to Anna and Chris (Lucy's parents) to the St Albans Catholic School community.

We will be welcoming more new students to our school in the coming weeks.

School Accounts:

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

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.

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

School Photos

Friday 19 June

Please ensure your child is wearing correct winter uniform.

Girls Winter Uniform:

Pinafore, plain, long sleeved, white collared shirt or white skivvy, villa blue woollen jersey, navy blue tights or long navy socks, blue or black school shoes.

Boys Winter Uniform:

Grey woollen shorts, navy blue skivvy or grey shirt, villa blue woollen jersey, grey socks with two blue bands, black school shoes.

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Congratulations to the following students:

	Class Awards
Room 1	Isla
Room 2	James
Room 3	Anna
Room 4	Claudia
Room 5	Finn
Principal's Award	Brooklyn Miller
STEP's Award	Sophia R

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St Vincent de Paul

As Christian people we are called to support our brothers and sisters in times of financial stress and need. Over the centuries millions of words have been written on this Christian imperative.

In my opinion this heartfelt prayer written last week by Lexie, a Year 2 student at St James School (Aranui), is a perfectly succinct and powerful summary of the basis of our Christian call to provide such practical support to our fellow citizens:



We are called to be the hands of Christ.

If you are in a position to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) in order that they might provide food to those who now find themselves struggling in these Covid-19 days, I invite you in a spirit of solidarity to make such a donation.

If you are able, you can [make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society here](#).

You will note that this is the Christchurch SVDP page; if you wish your donation to be forwarded to the Mid Canterbury, Timaru or West Coast SVDP branches just indicate this in the message comment and your donation will be forwarded accordingly.

May our Mother Mary support each one of us as we strive to live out our Faith in her Son through the Christian witness of our lives.

Mike Nolan
Manager
Catholic Education Office



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PTA News:

SECOND HAND WINTER UNIFORMS

If you need anything for your children we have stocks of most items for girls and boys in varying sizes including jerseys. Please contact Eliza directly (alfred.eliza@xtra.co.nz) and I can let you know if I have what you need and arrange collection from the school office. If you have any tidy uniform items your children have grown out of which you would like to donate to the school please contact Eliza to arrange pick up/drop off.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage Sizzle is on hold until further notice.

PTA MEETING:

The next PTA Meeting is on Tuesday 9 June at 7.00pm at school. Everybody welcome.

LADIES' NIGHT:

This will be going ahead. New date to be confirmed.

From the Garden Club:

Anyone with empty bags and buckets from the Garden Club Sale before Lockdown at the end of Term 1 please return them to school with your child.

Many thanks to all those who have now paid.

Mrs Ryan-Yates

LOOKING FOR CHOICE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL OPTIONS?

Catholic Cathedral College is a centrally located Year 7-13 high school open to students from across the city who are seeking a quality Catholic education.

We are a culturally diverse school and pride ourselves on our students and staff who are vibrant, successful and compassionate people.

Our students enjoy academic success and our fees are reasonable.

Instead of our usual Open Evening, we are offering small guided tours of the school.

Please visit us at www.cathcollege.school.nz or contact the office for more information

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