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A Word from the Principal

Kamusta,

Thank you to the families that have provided feedback on the proposed Sports Uniform. A survey will be sent home this week asking you to vote on your preferred choice and if you are comfortable with the proposed costs. Once a decision has been confirmed by the Board, there will be sample sizes to assist ordering. As these are made overseas by Kukri, payments would be required at the point of order. I will keep you informed of any decisions made.

I have included Pope Francis' prayer *'Do you want to fast this lent?'* in this newsletter. Fr Kevin shared this prayer with the students in his homily last Wednesday and it provides a timely reminder of what we can and should fast from. This is a great prayer resource that families could say together during this Lenten Season.

Thank you for all your donations for the upcoming Gala. The PTA are meeting regularly to ensure that this fundraiser is a success. We still require more Parent Help to assist with stalls for at least two hours on the day. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and to contribute to our school. On Tuesday, a new basketball hoop was installed on our court and this was due to the hard work of our PTA through past fundraisers.

Fr Rick Loughnan was inundated with families on Friday requiring the Preference Certificate. This was great to see and getting this done earlier rather than later, is important. He will be at St Albans Catholic School on Friday 12 April 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:

- 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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INFORMATION REGARDING MEASLES OUTBREAK MARCH 2019

Measles is a serious and highly contagious, viral disease where up to 30 percent of those who catch it will develop complications – usually children under 5 and adults over the age of 20. Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature labour and low birth-weight in babies. Measles is spread through droplets in the air and through contact, so that anyone unprotected who has been in the same room as someone with measles will likely get it.

The surest protection is for people to have had both of their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations, scheduled to be given to children at 15 months and at four years. As long as children of school age are up-to-date with their vaccinations they should be protected against measles. People vaccinated between 1969 and 1990 should contact their GP team who will provide a booster vaccination. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to measles and will be immune. Family members who aren't sure if they have been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine should talk to their GP team who will be able to provide a vaccination if they need it. An extra vaccination will not cause any harm.

Measles symptoms include:

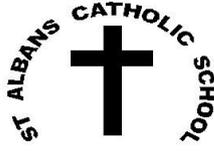
- o A respiratory type of illness with dry cough, runny nose, headache
- o Temperature over 38.5 C and feeling very unwell
- o A red blotchy rash starts on day 4-5 of the illness usually on the face and moves to the chest and arms.

PLEASE:

Confirm with Jenni your child's immunisation status and if your child is NOT immunised please let Jenni know.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>

If you think a child at your school has measles, keep them away from other children until they can be collected and taken home. If they are already sick they should stay home for at least five days after symptoms such as a rash appeared. Once measles has been in your school, parents of any children who are not fully immune (2 doses of MMR) are advised to keep them home for 14 days from the likely date of exposure.



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Congratulations: Week 6 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.



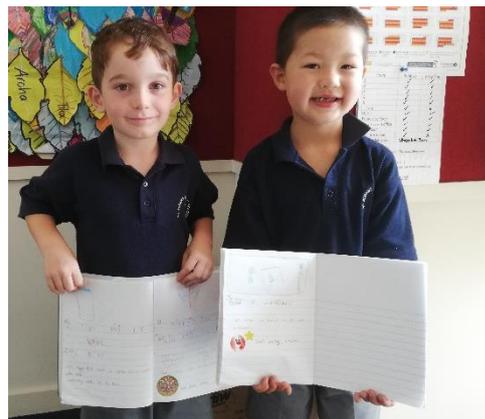
	Class Awards	Prayer Pack
Room 1	Oliver	Noah-Grace
Room 2	Grace	Jessica
Room 3	Fintan	Grace
Room 4	George	Samuel
Room 5	Sophia	Dylan
STEPs Award	Casper	
Principal's Award	Cooper	

Principal's Award

Congratulations to Oliver and Winston who came and shared some fantastic writing. Well done!

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:

SA7.7



SA7.1



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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FASTING FRIDAY:

This Friday we are asking the children to fast from eating morning tea and to bring a donation for Caritas NZ to support their work for the people in South Sudan.

We are looking forward to a visit from the Caritas Education team who will talk to the children about the work of Caritas and this year's Schools' Lenten Unit Peace, Love and Life: Hope and Challenges in South Sudan. This unit features stories from South Sudan that highlight the challenges faced by millions of South Sudanese that have encountered ongoing conflict and food insecurity.

The Caritas theme for Lent 2019 is inspired by a quote from Pope Francis: 'Living our lives with love.' We are called to live our lives with genuine love - for others and for God.



FABULOUS FAMILY FUN

ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GALA

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019

11 - 3 pm

49 RUTLAND STREET



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GALA News:

GALA – 11 DAYS TO GO!!!

Thank you again to our whole school community for the support for our gala which is just around the corner! The PTA has been working really hard to ensure it is a success and that we raise the money we need for the furniture in our new classrooms. It is a really special and fun day for our school and showcases the lovely spirit we are lucky to have at St Albans Catholic School.

We have had some fantastic donations over the previous weeks so thank you very much. This week we are asking for **CHOCOLATE** (boxes of chocolates, fun size bags, king size blocks) for the chocolate wheel.



Our **HELPERS BOARD** is filling up which is great to see but there are still lots of spaces. The expectation is that every family helps out in some way so please add your name if you haven't already. It is loads of fun being involved and a great way to meet other parents.

Donations are needed for **WHITE ELEPHANT** (no electrical goods), **PRE-LOVED CLOTHES, TOYS and BOOKS** (all in good condition please). You can drop these at the container if it is open or just at the school office anytime. Please ask around your friends/family if they have anything they could contribute to these stalls as well... pre-winter clean-outs!

The **CAKE STALL** has been a very profitable part of our gala in previous years – it has raised close to \$2000 which is a huge sum of money and would go a long way to purchasing classroom furniture. We need your help to make sure it is a success again. This Friday each school family will receive 2 plastic plates to fill with cakes, biscuits or slices. You will also receive 2 plastic cups to fill with homemade sweets and lollies. You are welcome to bring homemade jams/chutneys etc. instead of the homemade sweets as these are always a huge seller.

RAFFLE CARDS are due this Friday. Please hand the cards and money back to the school office.

Thanks again for the support

Gala Committee

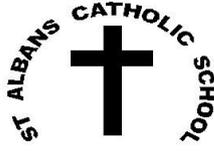
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Empty Jars Required



We require empty jars (with lids would be ideal) for our School Gala. If you have any at home, please bring to the School Office. Thank you.

WE WANT



YOU!

We still require more helpers for our stalls on Gala Day.
People will be on a stall for a maximum of 2 hours with members of the PTA.

The board for you to write your name on is located in the school office.
We still require at least 50 more helpers.

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