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A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

Thank you for your attendance at the Meet the Teacher meetings yesterday evening. It was great to see a number of parents attending. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's teacher for any available handouts.

The 'Meet the Teacher' meeting introduces parents to the classroom programme and your child's teacher. If you have any concerns during the year, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting.

With the current heat wave, it is important that all children have their school hat each day, a drink bottle and if possible, sunscreen applied in the morning. There are bottles of sunscreen in each classroom for children to use during the day.

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. In addition to the Preference Certificate, if you are interested in your child being baptised please let Jenni in the office know. Fr Rick is happy to speak with families about the Sacrament of Baptism.

Nga mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton

Principal – Tumuaki

Email: aa@stalbanscatholic.school.nz

Calendar

February:

- 18-22 PAT Testing Year 4-6
- 19 Year 3-6 Girls Football @ English Park
- 21 Board Meeting
- 26 Swimming Sports

March:

- 24 School Gala
- 28 4:30pm Catholic School Staff Mass

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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?

PREFERENCE CERTIFICATES

Fr Rick will be available to sign preference certificates at Christ the King Parish Office on the first Friday of every month at 3pm. The first signing for this year is on Friday, 1st February.

For St Patrick's families he will be here until 4pm, allowing you enough time to get to Burnside.

Please contact your parish office prior to ensure you have the correct paperwork. Even if your child was baptised at Christ the King or Holy Trinity you will still need to provide a copy of their baptism record.

For St Albans Catholic families, Fr Rick will be available on the 2nd Friday of each month at 3pm in the school library. Once again, please ensure you have the correct paperwork with you when you attend this meeting. Below you will find the link to the Catholic Education Office preference form.

The next meeting at St Albans Catholic School is Friday 8 March.

<https://chhceo.org.nz/enrolment/preferenceofenrolment>



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FABULOUS FAMILY FUN
ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GALA

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019

11 - 3 pm

49 RUTLAND STREET



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



for our School Gala

Each week, we will ask families for an item to donate for the school gala. There will be a collection container in each classroom. The class with the most items at the end of March will receive a reward from the PTA.

Thank you for your support.

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GALA UPDATE

Please collect A3/A4 gala posters from the office to put in your workplace or local café. You will notice signs around the community on fences and we would appreciate your help distributing these in your neighbourhood as well as to friends and families homes.

BOOKS – all books you wish to donate to the gala can now be brought into school. These can be delivered to Mrs Foote in Room 5. Please keep storing everything else at home at this stage, until we have storage at school available.

WE NEED YOUR HELP – we are after brown paper bags to use for mystery bags

We are also happy to let you know we have received our Bar licence and will be serving cold beverages at the gala. The bar area will be controlled, separated and roped off on gala day. We require outdoor beanbags for this area – please contact Jeanine Marriott 0275311778.

Please keep the luxury grocery items coming in this week. It is great to see these donations. Thank you very much.

Running a gala comes with lots of expenses such as food, hiring bouncy castles and game prizes. We understand that many of you work full time and are unable to assist prior to the gala so we would be extremely grateful if any of you have businesses that would like to sponsor our gala, or your family would be willing to donate some money to help keep the costs down. Any contributions would be fantastic.



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The PTA requires parent helpers to assist them each week with the Sausage Sizzle for approximately 1 hour. This involves

- Helping with purchasing
- Cooking the sausages in the staffroom oven
- Chopping fruit
- Serving the children lunch at 12:30pm with a PTA member assisting you.

To be able to continue with this service moving forward we require help from parents.

Please contact Natasha Page 0273051228





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GARDEN CLUB

I am extremely thrilled to welcome 53 students into the Garden Club this term. They have all been divided into six easy to manage class groups, and systematically take turns working with me, from 1-1.30, either in the garden or maintaining the tidy grounds. . No group has a set day and any student away when their group is in the garden, has another opportunity on a 'make-up' day. Already they have all been busy planting seeds and seedlings in the vegetable garden. This year I am teaching the children about simple crop rotation - some of you may already practice the leaf-seed-root-fruit method at home. Please do ask your children what they have been doing in the garden and feel free to ask me too!

I am also very thankful for the 32 senior students who have volunteered to be a part of our 2019 Community Pride project. Each week, four students will accompany me, either to Malvern Park to tidy the tree line, or around the school block to keep our 'Drains to Sea' plastic free.