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## A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. It has been a pleasure to welcome seven new families to our school community.

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher meetings. The first meeting will be held at 5:30pm – 5:45pm and the second meeting 5:50pm – 6:05pm. These are meetings for teachers to share who they are and the programme for the term and year. We hope you are able to attend. There will be supervision of the playground if parents need to bring their children.

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.

The St Albans Catholic School Gala is on Sunday 24 March. This term we will be having a few classroom collections to help gather items for the Gala. The PTA and BOT thank you for your ongoing support. Further information will be sent home regarding any collections.

Nga mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton  
Principal – Tumuaki  
Email: [aa@stalbanscatholic.school.nz](mailto:aa@stalbanscatholic.school.nz)

## Calendar

### February:

- 6 Waitangi Day – *No school*
- 9 Mass
- 12 **Meet the Teacher (5:30pm and 5:50pm)**  
7:30pm PTA Meeting
- 26 Swimming Sports

### March:

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

## Meet the Teacher

*Tuesday 12 February*

5:30 – 5:45pm

5:50 – 6:05pm

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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 Alban's 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.**

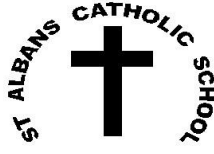
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**FABULOUS FAMILY FUN**  
**ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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# **GALA**

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

**11 - 3 pm**

**49 RUTLAND STREET**



St Alban's Catholic School would like to welcome the following students and their families to our school:

Winston, Samuel, Ethan, Archer, Juliette, Saoirse, Naledi, Chloe, and Sadie

### **2019 Invoice for School Contributions**

Attached to this newsletter is the Tax Invoice for your contribution for each child.

These contributions help to manage and plan your child's education for the year.

These contributions are eligible for tax refunds.

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# Welcome Back to School



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## **GALA ~ Sunday 24 March 2019 from 11-3pm**

Plans are well underway now for the school Gala. The Gala is our big fundraising event which is held every two years and could not continue without all the help we receive from our school families. The Raffles are only possible due to your donations you have all brought in on mufti days and we thank you so much for this. We have some fun things planned for the children this term and gratefully appreciate your donations and support so far.

As you are aware the gala is fundraising to purchase classroom furniture for the two new classrooms we are getting built this year. The PTA are seeking vouchers, goods or services to be used for our grand auction, silent auctions or paired up with other products to be used in raffles and prizes at the gala so please reach out to your own networks for support. Any questions please email [pta@stalbanscatholic.school.nz](mailto:pta@stalbanscatholic.school.nz) or see your class PTA representative - class reps will be updated after the first PTA meeting of the year next week.

**Raffles** - Every student will be coming home with a raffle card to sell. Please sell as many tickets as you can to your friends, family, neighbours or work colleagues then return the cards and money to the school office. We have some great raffle prizes this year and will be selling these tickets up till gala day or when sold out. There will be a prize for the student/family who sells the most tickets. If you require more raffle cards please see Jenni in the office. All the money raised from the raffles will also go into the gala fund to purchase new classroom furniture.

**Donations** - We appreciate all the very generous donations of money and vouchers we have received so far. We are currently coordinating a storage container to be able to collect clothing, books, toys and white elephant items from our school families. Please keep putting aside all your unwanted items at home and we will let you know as soon as we are able to have you bring them into school.

**Facebook** - Please like and share the Facebook event page for Gala - 'St Albans Catholic School Gala'. Make sure you invite all your friends and family to attend.

**Sausage Sizzle** - This Friday 8 Feb! The PTA is offering Sausage Sizzle (Gluten Free Sausages available) as a lunch option on Fridays for term 1. The cost is \$2.50 which includes a sausage in bread and cut fruit. The PTA still requires parent helpers to assist them each week with Sausage Sizzle for approx 1hr. This involves helping with purchasing, cooking the sausages in the staffroom oven, chopping fruit and serving the children lunch at 12:30pm with a PTA members assisting you. To be able to continue with this service moving forward we require help from parents, anyone who can help out on even on only one week please contact Natasha Page 027 305 1228.

**PTA Meeting** - Next PTA meeting is Tuesday 12 February at 7:30pm in the school Staffroom - everyone welcome to attend.

Kind Regards,  
Lisa Buchanan

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