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HATO OPANI KATORIKA KURA

April 10<sup>th</sup>

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## A Word from the Principal

Kamusta, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo

Last week, the school hosted Mark Gregory and Jo Barlow as they reviewed the school's Special Catholic Character. They observed Religious Education lessons in all classrooms and also spoke to a group of students from Room 4 and 5. We will receive feedback on the review in Term 2 which we will share with our community.

On Thursday 11 April at 1:00pm, the school will hold our annual cross country at Malvern Park. The children have been practising every day and they are excited about showcasing their long distance running. After the cross country event, the children will walk back to school for presentation of the certificates. We hope you can attend. If we need to cancel the event due to weather, a message on the Skool Loop app will be sent. Running order will be: Year 4, Year 3, Year 2, Year 1, Years 5 and 6.

This week we farewell Monique Barker as she travels overseas for Term 2. We thank her for her work this term and we wish her safe travels. We look forward to welcoming her back in Term 3. Next term, we welcome Monique Kearns who will be teaching in Room 3.

**Fr Rick Loughnan will be at St Albans Catholic School on Friday 12 April at 3pm to sign Preference Forms. 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

### April:

- 11 1:00pm Cross Country
- 12 9am Room 5 Mass
- 12 Last day of Term 1
- 29 First day of Term 2

### May:

- 07 PTA Meeting
- 09 Catholic Tournament Yr 5/6
- 16 Board Meeting
- 26 School Mass 9.30am
- 28 Catholic School's Day

## School Accounts:

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.

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

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

Swimming lessons are usually held in Term 4. Swimming cost will be extra and you will be notified of the amount in Term 2.

The Year 5 and 6 Camp will be in October this year. The approximate voluntary contribution for the camp is \$200.

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## Congratulations: Week 10 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
Room 1	Harper
Room 2	Brooke
Room 3	Sophia B
Room 4	Thanmaya
Room 5	Archie
Principal's Award	Casper
STEPs Award	Elliot Segun

## 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.

### Let Us Pray

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

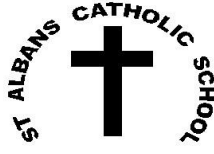
O divine Master,  
grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.  
Amen.

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# Kind Words, Kind Hands, Kind Actions

In Week 10 and 11, the students have been exploring the Kia Kaha programme. The Kia Kaha resource enables students to develop strategies for respectful relationships where negative behaviours are not tolerated. The teachers discussed and created the slogan, "Kind words, Kind hands, Kind actions," which we are sharing regularly with the students to promote positive relationships and play in the classroom and playground.

**Kind Words** – Are we using acceptable and appropriate language? Are we speaking respectfully to one another?

**Kind Hands** – Are we using our hands/ feet responsibly and respectfully? Are we using our hands to build people up?

**Kind Actions** – Are our actions reflecting the school virtues? Are our actions reflecting our mana?

During morning tea and lunchtime, the teacher on duty is wearing the fluro vest so they can easily be identified by the children if an incident occurs. Through the Kia Kaha programme we hope to instil in student's the appropriate strategies to manage and respond to negative behaviour. The classes have been creating a wall display or poster to have in the classroom for the children to refer too.

## **School Uniform:**

Full Winter Uniform is to be worn after the holidays.

Please make sure your child has a named jersey at school with them each day.

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## PTA News:

### Canterbury Rams School Fundraiser

Dear Parents,

We have recently registered St Albans Catholic as a participant in the Canterbury Rams 2019 School Fundraiser Programme.

This will provide a unique opportunity for us to fundraise for much needed resources through the promotion a Canterbury Rams Game: **Rams vs Saints – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Horncastle Arena.**

If you haven't been to a Canterbury Rams games before then you are in for a great treat. The games are full of atmosphere and energy and the Rams focus heavily on entertaining and engaging the fans therefore making the games the perfect event for families - the kids love it!

Tickets (\$20 per adult and \$12 per child) can be purchased directly online through the Ticketek website and if you use the promo code '**STALBANS**', **ENTERED AT THE START OF TICKET SELECTION**, our school earns \$5 per adult ticket purchased and \$3.50 per child ticket purchased.

To purchase tickets go to [www.canterburyrams.basketball](http://www.canterburyrams.basketball)

We would like to encourage you to market our promocode to friends, work colleagues and extended family and get the St Albans Catholic school community involved in the school fundraiser programme – social media is a great way to promote this fundraiser. This is a unique fundraising opportunity as there is no cost to the school and all we rely on is your support to promote the fundraiser – the Promo Code '**STALBANS**' must be entered for our school to benefit.

To assist with the promotion of the this fundraiser, we will provide your child some flyers on Friday with further information and we encourage you to hand these flyers out to promote the game. Remember the promo code '**STALBANS**', **MUST BE ENTERED AT THE START OF TICKET SELECTION** for the school to qualify for the fundraising.

It would be great to see the St Albans Catholic school community at the game and I am sure it will be a fun night for all involved.

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## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE:**

A second hand uniform sale will be held tomorrow at school after the cross country and after school.

## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE:**

Sausage sizzle will be available this Friday. \$2.50 for sausage, bread and fruit. Gluten Free sausages available.

## **MEASLES UPDATE:**

Increasing tamariki vaccination rates is crucial to containing Canterbury's measles outbreak.

Canterbury Medical Officer of Health Dr Ramon Pink says the upcoming school holidays is a great opportunity to ensure vaccinations are up-to-date.

The most effective way to stop the current measles outbreak is to vaccinate those aged 12 months to 28 years who have never received an MMR vaccine.

As well as vaccinating those who have never been immunised, to prevent the transmission of measles, and to protect those most at risk of developing serious complications from measles, a second MMR vaccine is being made available to more people. A second MMR vaccination is available to:

- all those aged 12 months–28 years
- caregivers of infants aged up to 12 months
- those aged between 29 and 50 who work with children

Dr Pink says if you are travelling these holiday's please make sure your tamariki are fully vaccinated before departing.

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