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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. During the holidays, there was a lot of progress on the Chapel and classrooms. As the drainage for the new block was completed in the holidays, there are areas that are cordoned off to allow the grass to grow. The students have done a great job in keeping off these areas.

Last Thursday, the school gathered for a prayer service to begin the school year and to welcome Mrs Asi and our new students to the school. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Asi in Room 3 and we wish her all the best this year. We also welcomed 9 new students to our school community. I would like to especially welcome our new families to St Albans Catholic School.

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher meetings. We would like to gather at 5:40pm on the court to begin the evening with a short prayer service. The first meeting will be held at 6:00pm – 6:15pm and the second meeting 6:20pm – 6:35pm. These are meetings for teachers to share who they are and the programme for the term and year. After the Meet the Teacher, we would like to invite families to bring a picnic or fish'n'chips, so that we can celebrate the beginning of the school year and meet one another. There will be a bouncy castle for the younger children. We hope you are able to attend. There will be supervision of the children during the Meet the Teacher meetings.

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.

Nga mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton

Principal – Tumuaki

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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?



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

**Room 1: Ivy, Henry, Isabella, Lilly, Lochie**

**Room 2: Troy, Askeshiya**

**Room 3: Raimi**

**Room 4: Kaja**

## **A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER**

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

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# Meet the Teacher Wednesday 12 February

**5:40pm Liturgy - Whole School**

**6:00pm First Session - Meet the Teacher**

**6:20pm Second Session - Meet the Teacher**

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