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HATO OPANI KATORIKA KURA

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A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

Rerenga Kupu o te Wiki (Phrase of the Week)

Ka wani kē – Awesome / Fabulous!

There are many notices about the end of year in this newsletter. Please ensure that you have read all the information regarding the End of Year Mass and Picnic.

We are planning on the refurbishment of the Toilet block during the school holidays. We do require parents to assist the builders that have kindly volunteered. Please read the information further in the newsletter and if you are available to help, please contact Jenni in the Office. Many hands make light work.

On Wednesday 2 December, we had four students representing our school and North Zone at the Canterbury Primary School Athletics at Nga Puna Wai. Well done to Lola, Daniel, Sophia P and Rylee for qualifying for this event.

CALENDAR

December

4 – Reconciliation – after 9am Mass (Room 4 and 5 students)

10 – End of School Mass

14 – 10:30am End of Year Picnic

15 – Last day of Term

Parking on Somme Street:

There are a few parents double parking in the afternoon and this is a safety concern, as we have a number of students crossing the road as well as entering cars. Please adhere to the traffic and parking rules, ensuring that you are not double parked.

Ngā mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

END OF SCHOOL MASS

This will be celebrated at St. Matthew's Church, Jeffreys Road at 6.00pm on Thursday 10 December.

We look forward to seeing all children at Mass in their school uniform as we thank God for the blessings we have received throughout the year and farewell our Year 6 leavers.



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School Accounts:

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

Swimming Lessons are \$86 per child.

Year 5 and 6 School Camp is \$250.

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



We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

From the Parish

ATTENDANCE DUES: COMPULSORY PAYMENTS

The Parish would like to remind families that Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment and these are due by the end of this term. The Parish has to pay the Diocese each term for the students that are enrolled at St Albans Catholic School. If you are unsure about payments, please contact the Parish or if you are able to set up a weekly or fortnightly payment to cover your Attendance Dues, this may assist.

Please note there is a new North Parish bank account number for St Albans Catholic School Attendance Dues: 03 1592 0207367 024

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Celebrating Success



Weekly Certificates:

Well done to the following students who received a Class Certificate at last week's assembly.

Room 1: Zoe

Room 2: Ari

Room 3: Jasmine

Virtues Certificate: Madison, Rylee and Jacob

Principal's Certificate: Anna

Maths-Whizz Awards:

Well done to the following students that were recognised for their improvements and progressions on Maths Whizz.

Gold – Most Improved: Kate

Silver – Most Improved: Samuel H

Bronze – Most Improved: Ethan and Samuel C



Kiwi Competition Awards:

The following students were not present when the Kiwi Competition Awards were handed out to the students.

Congratulations to Daniel, Samuel M and George T on their results.

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2021 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Wednesday 3 February to Friday 16 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: Waitangi Day (observed) – Monday 8 February, and Easter: Good Friday – 2 April, Easter Monday – 5 April, Easter Tuesday – 6 April (a school holiday)

TERM 2: Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: Queen's Birthday – Monday 7 June

TERM 3: Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

TERM 4: Monday 18 October to Wednesday 15 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: Labour Day – Monday 25 October

End of Year Picnic:

On Monday 14 December we are walking to Abberley Park for fun and games, leaving school at 10.00am. We have the park booked until 2.00pm. We would like children in school uniform, please feel free to add a touch of Christmas cheer to your uniform. You are very welcome to join us.



Date: Monday 14 December

Time: Walking to the park at 10am
Morning tea 10:30-10:45am
Fun and Games from 10:45am

Where: Abberley Park

What to wear: School uniform (school hat) and sports shoes for walking. Children may also like to bring their togs and towel for the paddling pool.

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We are looking for 2 parents who would be willing to be our Parent Special Character Representatives in a group of parent/student representatives of the Primary schools in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North.

The purpose of the group is to:

- Come together in prayer
- Gain student/parent voice.
- Build community - organise combined events.
- Discuss ways to engage our school students in prayer and worship
- Liaise with School leaders to share information back to schools and implement initiatives within school communities and across the parish

If you would like to be part of this group and/or have any questions please get in touch with either Catherine Quinn or Abraham Atherton.



Catholic Parish of
Christchurch North

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**Support
St Vincent de Paul
this Christmas**



This Christmas please support St Vincent de Paul by donating gifts for families around Christchurch.

Please support the St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas appeal and help them to bring joy to those in need. Gifts which are donated go directly to people they help in Christchurch.

This year has been especially tough with COVID-19, so any donations of new items are much appreciated.

If your family would benefit from gifts from St Vincent de Paul please speak to Abraham Atherton.

Please leave any gifts in the Christmas box in the office by Tuesday 15 December.

Please do not wrap the gifts.

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From the PTA:

Gala Donations

Thank you to all the families that have given donations towards our gala. Please drop off any more donations of Luxury Pamper items, fizzy drink or children's raffle items at the office before the end of the term.

Jolly jars

Save your jars!

Early next year we are going to be asking our families to make jolly jars to be sold at our gala. We will be sending through more information before the end of the year on how to make a jolly jar but start saving your jars now!

Sausage sizzle

There will be sausage sizzle this Friday 4th December. \$2.50 for sausage, bread and fruit. Gluten free sausages available.
Please make sure orders are in by 9.00am.

Join the PTA

We need you!

Joining the PTA is a great way to involve yourself in the school community and meet new parents. As we head into 2021 consider joining us to support our school and children and help us run our biennial gala.

See Eliza, Karina or your class PTA member if you would like to join us. All welcome



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We are currently exploring options to update our school toilet block during the January school holidays. At this time we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who may be able to offer some assistance. We would be keen to hear from any parents who are able to assist with this possible project – builders, electricians, plumbers, and any other parents who can lend a hand.

If you are interested, please contact the school office and we will pass your name on to Dax Morel.

Target Programme:

Start and demo	18 th to 20 th Jan
Re build subfloor as required, install cavity slider and relay timber floor	21 st to 24 th Jan
Plaster and painter	25 th to 26 th Jan
Lay vinyl	27 th and 28 th Jan
Fit off plumber, sparky and carpentry	29 th to 30 th Jan
Cleaner and finish	1 st of Feb

You do not need to be an experienced builder to help with the repairs of the toilet block.

We need parents to help with the demolition, removing waste material to the skip and assisting the builders. If you have time these holidays, we would appreciate your assistance. Please let Jenni know if you are interested.

Barking the Playground

In the holidays, we are planning to have some bark delivered for the playground. We will require some parents to help spread and bark and aerate what is currently there as it is very compacted. If you are able to help with this task, please leave your details with Jenni.