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A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

Rerenga Kupu o te Wiki (Phrase of the Week)

Kei te pai! – I'm well!

Over the past two weeks it has been great to see the students learn and practise the various athletics events. We hope that you will be able to join us on Friday at Rawhiti Domain Keyes Road entrance for our annual athletics day.

The children will be transported to Rawhiti Domain by bus. Parents will be able to take their child/ren from Rawhiti Domain at the end of the day.

Please complete the following Google Form indicating if your child will come back to school on the bus or be taken home by a parent.

We need this form completed by all families to help in knowing the numbers for the bus.

The link is <https://forms.gle/afEJKVbozgaA28Pu8>

Children are to wear their sports shoes to school on Friday along with their sports uniform if they have one. If not they are to wear school polo shirt with navy/black shorts.

Please ensure your child has applied sunscreen before school. Children also need sunhats, water bottles, morning tea and lunch.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 students will travel to Hanmer Springs for school camp. The students will participate in various outdoor activities such as mountain biking and tree climbing. We wish our students, staff and parent helpers the very best for this school event.

In Week 4, the students will begin daily swimming lessons at Aqua Gym. The cost of the swimming lesson is \$86 per child. We are very fortunate to have the PTA pay the transport cost for the two weeks of swimming. The timetable for swimming is:

- Students in Room 5, 2 and some of Room 3 will have their lesson at 10:00 to 10:30am.
- Students in Room 4, 1 and the remaining Room 3 will have their lesson at 10:30-11:00am.

CALENDAR

October

21 – 7pm Year 5/6 Camp Parent Information Meeting

22 – 5:30pm Board Meeting

23 – School Athletics at Rawhiti

26 – Labour Day (No School)

28-30 – Year 5/6 Camp at Hanmer

November

2-6 – School Swimming at AquaGym

3 – North Zone Athletics

6 – 5pm Family Picnic

12 – TEACHER ONLY DAY

13 – Canterbury Anniversarv

TERM 4 SWIMMING

All students will receive swimming lessons at Aqua Gym in Week 4 and Week 6 of Term 4.

The cost of swimming is \$86 per child. If you are able to set up weekly/fortnightly payment, this would be appreciated.

Information regarding the splitting of Room 3 will be sent home closer to the beginning of swimming.

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Thank you to the families that have provided feedback regarding the teaching and learning in Mathematics. The responses have been informative and very beneficial in looking at how we can progress and review practices. If you have yet to share your perspective please do so as soon as possible.

Mathematics Parent Survey: I have been seeking feedback from our parent community regarding the teaching and learning in Mathematics. The survey seeks feedback about your interest in Maths, the teaching and learning and our next steps. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PCFDNG>

Ngā mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)



School Accounts:

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

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.

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Westpac Account number:
03 1704 0021234 00*

Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby games begin today Wednesday 21st October. Follow this link for the draw

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=93c74d2f-808d-406f-a0e4-a15f94d70256>

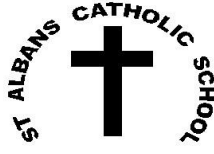
The cost of Touch Rugby for the season is \$36 per student. This must be paid to the office before the second game

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Enrolments for 2021

As we are looking at our numbers for next year, we would like to invite you to complete the pre-enrolment form for those families with children turning 5 years old in 2021. These forms can be located in the school office.

Year 5/6 Camp

The cost of the camp is \$250. This includes accommodation, activities, meals and transport. If you are able to setup a weekly/fortnightly contribution to assist the cost of the camp, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if there are any concerns regarding the cost of the camp



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.

Lucky Books

Last week your child was given the latest lucky Book Cub order form.

Orders for these close on Tuesday 27 October.

If you are ordering through the school please make sure the money accompanies the order.

Term Dates: 2020

Term 4:

Monday 12 October –
Tuesday 15 December

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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.

Celebrating Success

Well done to all students that received an award!



Class Awards



Steps Awards

Principal Awards

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From the PTA:

There is no Sausage Sizzle this Friday as we will be at the Athletics.

FAMILY PICNIC EVENING

School Family Picnic night: Friday 6th November from 5pm

Come along and bring your picnic dinner/fish and chips for an evening of family fun. Enjoy a relaxing evening on our school lawn with fun activities for the kids and enjoy a chance to catch up with other families or meet someone new.

We would love to see all our families and we hope for a fine evening!

Save the date and more details will follow closer to the time.

GALA 2021

As we begin planning this major event in our fundraising calendar we need as much help as possible please.

Today the children are bringing home some information regarding the gala and a form that we ask all of our school families to complete. Please take the time to read the information and complete and return the form.

The success of our gala relies on the help of our school community so any help is welcomed with open arms

Donation of items: Over term 4 we will be asking for a variety of items to be donated and left in the office to make up our raffle prizes so please take note of the items we need and drop them into the office.

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Open to all, you don't need to be enrolled.
Parents with children of any age welcome.

Wednesday 28th Oct & 11th Nov
9.30 - 11am

SUNBEAM

email us sunbeam@kidsfirst.org.nz
drop in at **13 Cornwall St, St Albans**
or phone **03 366 7157**