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## A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who were able to come and support the children at their swimming sports yesterday. The juniors were able to showcase their swimming skills and their confidence in the water. The Year 4 to 6 students competed either in width, 25m or 50m races. Students who compete in the 50m races are able to qualify for the North Zone Swimming Competition. Miss Barker will be looking at the results over the next week, to name the team for this competition. The students swimming ability was very impressive and it was great to see many students competing in the 25m and 50m races.

This morning the children attended Mass in the library to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. It is a time that we pay special attention to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We hope that you can support the Season of Lent through doing small activities with your children – there were some suggestions in last week's RE Newsletter. For example, 10 Cent Tuesdays ~ On Tuesdays, the children are encouraged to bringing 10 cent coins to donate to the Caritas Lenten appeal.

Nga mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton

Principal – Tumuaki

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## Calendar

### February:

26 Ash Wednesday

### March:

08 School Mass – Sunday  
9:30am

12 North Zone Swimming  
Sports

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### Congratulations: Week 4 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        | Prayer Pack |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <b>Room 1</b>            | Lachie              | Henry       |
| <b>Room 2</b>            | Gus                 | Harper      |
| <b>Room 3</b>            | Isaac               | -----       |
| <b>Room 4</b>            | Chloe               | Claudia     |
| <b>Room 5</b>            | Thanmaya            | -----       |
| <b>STEPs Award</b>       | Morgan              |             |
| <b>Principal's Award</b> | Isaac P<br>Indigo B |             |



### School Mass

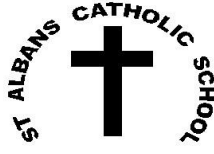
Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
It is always a highlight when the school and parish gather together for Mass. Please come and join with your children to celebrate our faith on Sunday 8 March 9:30am. It is an expectation that children will attend Mass in full school uniform.

**Sunday 8 March 9:30am**



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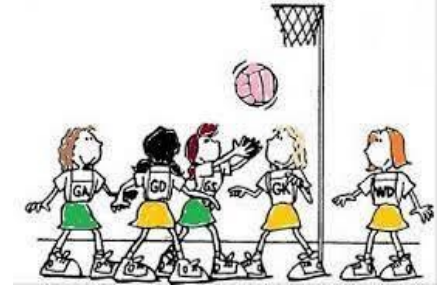
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## Future Ferns Netball:

If your child is interested in playing Future Ferns this year please let Jenni know as soon as possible.



Past pupil Daisy, brother of George in Room 5 is going to Russia in July to study and perform at the International Festival of Dance with her ballet school. She is selling Juicies to fundraise. They come unfrozen ready to put in your freezer when you are ready. They are 100% natural with no added sugar and taste delicious! There are 10 in a box and each box comes with a holder. If you would like to purchase any and help Daisy get to Russia, text or phone Sarah on 021 1404 389. Last day for orders is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (next week) with delivery to school the following week.

Thank you for your support.

## PTA News:

### Sausage Sizzle:

Sausage sizzles is available this Friday 28 February. \$2.50 for sausage, bread and fruit. Gluten Free sausages are available. Please make sure your child's order is in by 9.00am.

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## Donations of baking needed for cake stall 8 March

The PTA will be holding a cake stall after our school Mass on 8 March. Money raised from the cake stall goes directly to the PTA and back to the school and it is an important fundraising event for us. We would appreciate if every school family could either make or donate a cake or biscuits or slice to sell at the cake stall and/or bring cash to purchase treats after mass.

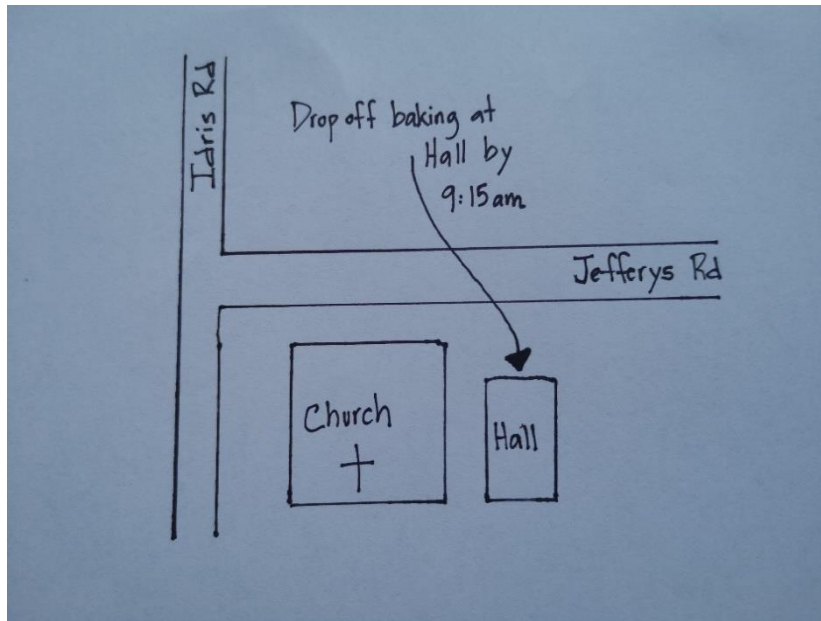
Keep it easy – coconut ice, biscuits, cupcakes and fudge are easy to make and sell quickly.

Please drop your donations of baking to the **Parish Hall by 9:15am** before Mass – see the map.

Donations of baking must be 'ready to sell' either individually or as an entire plate (but not in personal Tupperware or on personal dishware).

If your donation of baking is gluten free, please mark it that way as it will sell quickly!

Any questions, please ask either your class rep, a PTA member or a family that has been involved in the cake stall previously. Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you at the school Mass.



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## Garden Club News:

### 3 weeks till 'GROW'!

The last of the planting has been done and now the students are working on the craft activities.

Many thanks to those who have filled in and returned the forms I've sent home.

I will try to catch up with students at school to get their '**Voice**' but would appreciate some more words from parents.

I'd also appreciate 1 or 2 more offers to help load (at Oderings from 8.30) and unload plants (Botanical Gardens at 11) on Monday 16th morning?

Any more forms to return regarding event participation on Saturday/Sunday as I would like to sort out the roster as soon as possible?

The children feel 3 hours is a good length of time for each shift so these will be the time slots. **1)**9-11.45, **2)**11.45 - 2.30 , **3)**2.30 - 5

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions etc.

For those of you who get the **NorWest News**, a lovely photo and write up last week with some of our students at the Oderings holiday working bee.

Also a little early bird tells me there is another photo and write up in the March **Kiwi Gardener** mag!

Mrs Ryan-Yates

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