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## A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

**Rerenga Kupu o te Wiki (Phrase of the Week)**

**Karawhiua! Give it all you got!**

This week the students started 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.

The students will also be swimming every day in Week 6.

Due to not having a newsletter last week, I was unable to thank the parents who supported the school athletics at Rawhiti Domain. It was a great day for the students to share what they had been learning in athletics. Thank you to Miss Barker for her organisation of this event.

Yesterday, we sent a strong 15 person team to represent our school at the North Zone Athletics event. The weather was wet and cold, however our students performed to a high standard and achieved some excellent results. Well done to the following students for representing the school: Alexander, George K, Segun, Daniel, Rylee, Sophia R, Cameron, Samuel C, Samuel M, Sophia P, Lola, Louis, James, Cooper and Chloe.

Last week our Year 5 and 6 travelled to Hanmer Springs for School Camp. The students participated in mountain biking, tree climbing, orienteering and mission impossible (team building). It was great to see the students apply a positive attitude and perseverance to have success in the activities. The activities provided some challenges, however the students were encouraging and motivating their friends to try their best. I would like to thank our parent help for their assistance on camp. Thank you to Paddy O'Neill, Bill Keene, Paul Buchanan, Tim Nimmo and Emma Kelsen.

Ngā mihi nui,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

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## CALENDAR

### November

**2-6** – School Swimming at AquaGym

**6** – 5pm Family Picnic

**10** – PTA Meeting

**12** – **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**13** – Canterbury Anniversary

**16-20** – School Swimming at AquaGym

**19** – Board Meeting

**21** – North Parish Mass 5pm

**22** – North Parish Mass 10:30am

**23** – Jubilate (Room 5)

### December

**2** – Canterbury Primary School Athletics





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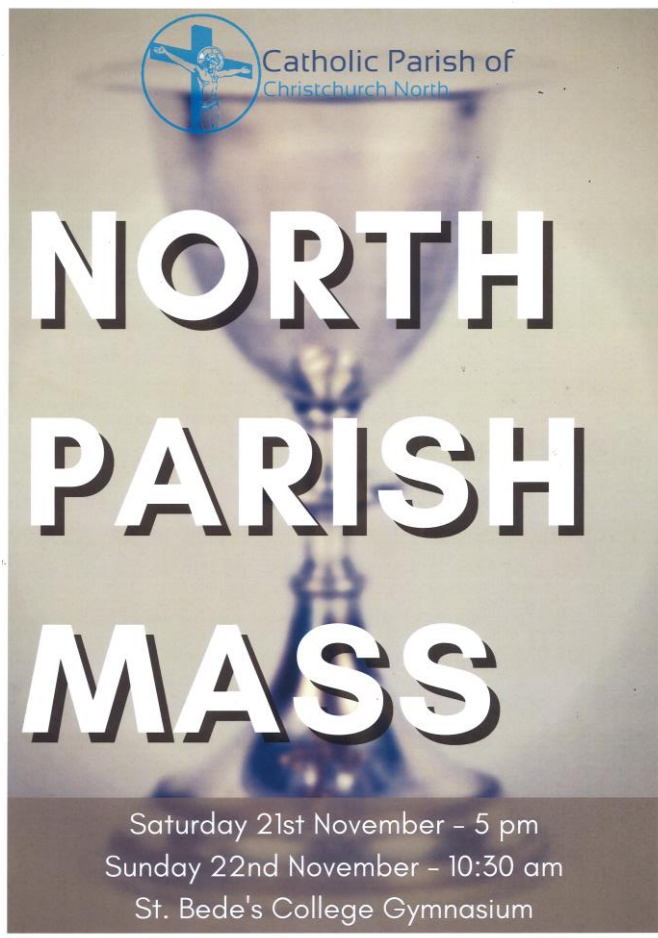
### **School Accounts:**

*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 contribution per child is \$140.00.*

Your assistance in paying the contribution is greatly appreciated. At present we have received 59% of contributions (excluding Swimming (17%) and Camp (71%).

**Abraham Atherton**

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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.

### **Payment for Year 5/6 Camp**

The cost of the camp is \$250. This included 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.



### **Head Lice**

The school has been notified of cases of head lice. Please check your child/ren's hair regularly. If head lice are found please treat before sending your child to school. More information on the school website: Parents Head Lice Information.

### **Term Dates: 2020**

#### **Term 4:**

Monday 12 October –  
Tuesday 15 December

### **Preference Form Signing.**

Fr Rick will be available between 3.pm and 4.00pm this Friday 6 November to sign Preference Forms at Christ the King.

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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.



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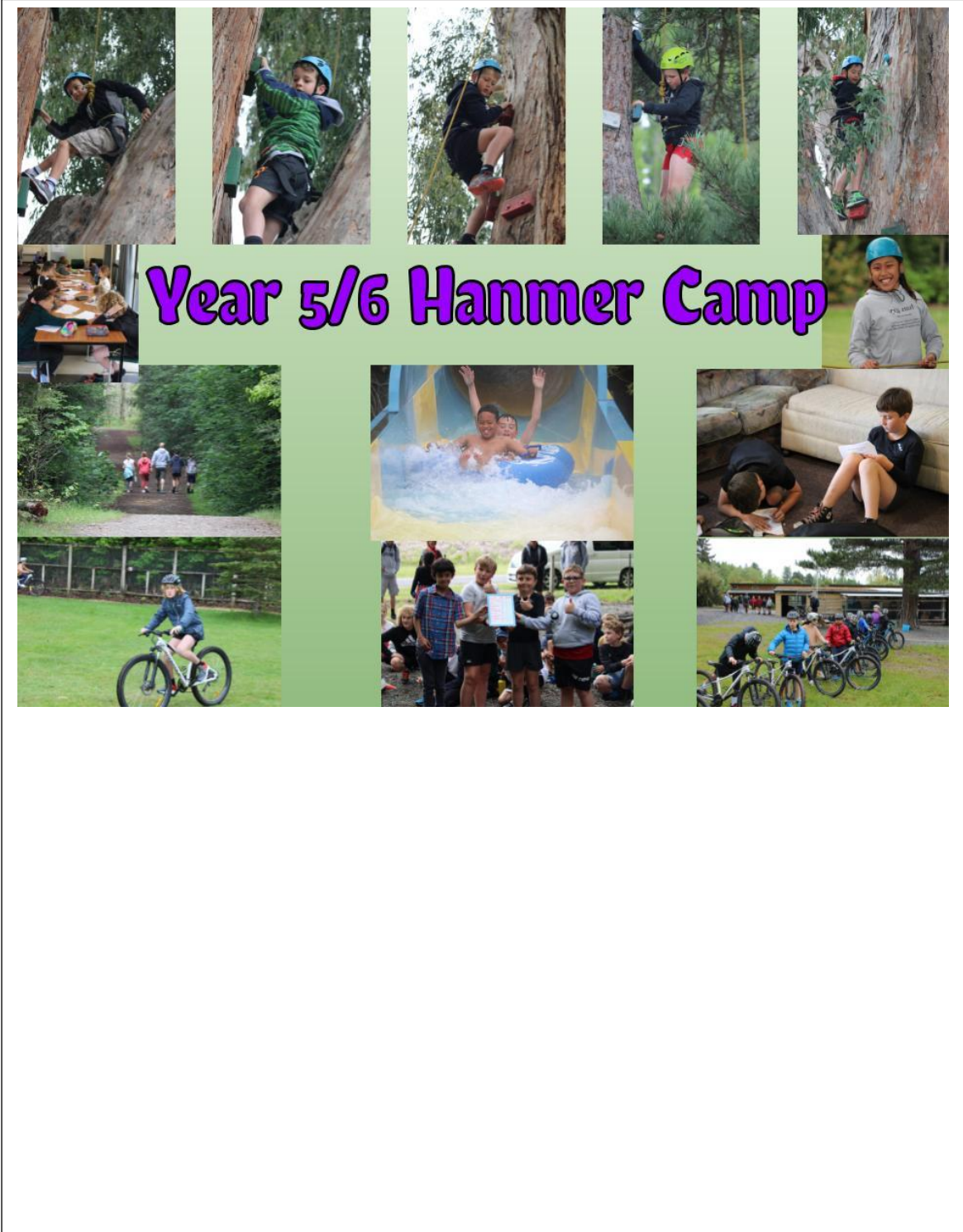


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## From the PTA:

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE:**

There will be sausage sizzle this Friday 6 November. \$2.50 for sausage, bread and fruit. Gluten free sausages available. Please make sure orders are in by 9.00am.

### **FAMILY PICNIC EVENING**

#### ***School Family Picnic night this 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.

Fun, family friendly activities and a few treats for the children  
We would love to see all our families and will hope for a fine evening!

### **GALA COLLECTION**

This week (now until Friday 6<sup>th</sup>) we are collecting **1.5l bottles of fizzy drink** for our school gala. These bottles of fizzy will be used for some of our most popular games and attractions at the school gala. We would be most grateful if you could be all bring in a 1.5l bottle of any type of fizzy drink during the next week and leave the donation at the school office.

Thank you to those families who have already contributed.

If you have not returned your form indicating ways in which you could help with/at the gala could you please do this thank you.

As always your ongoing support and contributions to our gala is very much appreciated.

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