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A Word from the Principal

Kia Ora e te Whanau,

I would like to thank our school community for adhering to our Health and Safety procedures while we manage Alert Level 2. St Albans Catholic School has the NZ Covid Tracer QR Code displayed at the entrance of all classrooms and the school office. At Alert Level 2, we ask that parents refrain from entering the school if possible as the school must record all people entering the grounds.

The classrooms have access to hand wash, hand sanitiser and cleaning disinfectant to ensure that shared surfaces can be cleaned throughout the day. Teachers are being vigilant in ensuring children are practising safe hygiene practices. If your child has any reactions to hand sanitiser, there is hand wash in all classrooms. Please notify the teacher if your child has any skin irritations from the hand sanitiser.

I would like to remind our school community that if your child/ren are presenting signs of being unwell (runny nose, coughing, sneezing etc), please keep them at home. Please remember that if your child is not attending school please contact the office either by phone or email. The Skool Loop app also has a feature that allows you to enter your child's absenteeism. If parents can please let the office know of absenteeism by 9:30am.

School Accounts:

The School Donations are \$140 per child, for the year 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.

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

If you are unsure if you have paid the voluntary contribution for 2020, please ask Jenni in the Office.

Please download the Skool Loop App and Like and Follow the School Facebook Page.



Kind regards,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)

Year 5/6 Camp

A notice will be going home shortly regarding the Year 5/6 school camp in Term 4. 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.

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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.



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.

Term Dates: 2020

Term 3:
Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4:
Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December

Chapel Chairs DONATION

15 remaining

We have had a number of families past and present that have offered to sponsor a chair for the Chapel. If you have indicated you would like to sponsor a chair this has been recorded. Payment by the end of August would be ideal.

Thank you for your support!!

Celebrating our New Parish

On the weekend of Saturday 5th September and Sunday 6th September we will gather as the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North at St Bede's College gymnasium for Mass. There will be just two Sunday Masses across the whole parish that weekend at St Bedes College.

Saturday, 5pm and Sunday, 10.30am

This will be a great chance to gather and farewell our old parishes and celebrate the beginning of the new parish. Mark this weekend in your diaries, further details will follow.

St Albans Catholic School will have a role at the Mass with some of our students being in a combined schools choir. Further information regarding our school's participation will follow shortly.

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ROAD SAFETY



We would like to remind parents that parking on the yellow lines outside the school gate is prohibited. This is the only vehicle access into the school and therefore needs to be cleared at all times in case of emergency. There is limited parking on Rutland St, however we must be considerate to our neighbours and ensure cars are parked legally.

We ask that parents are mindful of their children exiting vehicles, as some children are exiting on to the road and/or cycle lane. This can be dangerous and therefore we encourage parents to assist children in exiting their cars.

WEEKLY WINTER SPORTS: YEAR 5 and 6

Dear Year 5 and 6 Parents,

It has been decided that Weekly Winter Sports will resume tomorrow and Thursday 27th August. Schools are to adhere with the following conditions to ensure the Health and Safety of all participants:

- There are no spectators allowed.
- All equipment is sanitised, and the children will have to sanitise their hands prior to the game and when the game finishes.
- There is contact tracing in place – Schools will make note of who is playing on the chosen days.
- Students who are unwell should not be present at the games, as they would not be at school.

During the weekend hockey, football and league played. Furthermore, Senior netball and rugby played, with no spectators.

New draws for the last two rounds will be created by Primary Sports Canterbury.

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RESEARCH PROJECT AND SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Dear Parents,

I am currently enrolled in the Masters of Contemporary Education degree at the Mind Lab and I seek your help in meeting the requirements of the project component of my Masters Research Project.

Research Project Title: St Albans Catholic School Curriculum

Synopsis of project: The school curriculum is an important element of any school. This provides direction and guidance to staff and the Board of Trustees. The Education Review Office expressed that the school curriculum is our core business and it should be reviewed and redeveloped to meet our current learners. This project will develop and implement a Curriculum that is underpinned by the 21st Century Learning Skills and Contemporary Pedagogies, and co-constructed by our staff, students, and school community.

What it will mean for you:

Year 4-6 Students: I would like to survey students about their engagement and motivation in the various learning areas - What helps them learn? What resources and tools assisted them in the learning area? The information will be collated without any personal information, to help inform our school curriculum and for teachers to review practices.

Parents: I would like to survey and consult with our parent community to gather your perspectives about the teaching and learning across the various learning areas. The information will be collated without any personal information, to help co-construct our school curriculum. The teachers would like the curriculum to be reflective of our school community, and therefore seeking your perspective and ideas is important.

Your name and any information that may identify you will be kept completely confidential.

If you are happy to help co-construct the St Albans Catholic School Curriculum through sharing your perspective - students, parents, and teachers - please complete the Google Consent Form. As this is a Masters Research Project, we must have permission before using people's survey responses etc. There is also an Information Sheet linked to the form.

CONSENT FORM: <https://forms.gle/4BYT5k39AQUbBSs6>

Your assistance is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Abraham Atherton
Principal - Tumuaki

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In the holidays, we were fortunate to have Michael Winstanley (St Albans Catholic School parent) and his team from Alba Tree Services to professionally service our trees by the Rutland Street entrance. It is great to have the trees pruned and shaped, for the start of Term 3. You can find more about Alba Tree Services on either their website <https://www.albatreeservices.co.nz/> or Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/albatreeservices>. Thank you Michael and Alba Tree Services.

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Would you like to contribute to our School Chapel?

We are seeking sponsors to assist in the payment of the chairs for
our Chapel.

A chair costs \$200 and we will have a plaque/name plate on each
chair to acknowledge those who are able to contribute.

There are 50 Chairs to purchase.



Plaque / Name Plate



If you wish to offer your support or learn more, please
contact Abraham Atherton
aa@stalbanscatholic.school.nz

Payment can be made to:
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Account number: 03 1704 0021234 00