



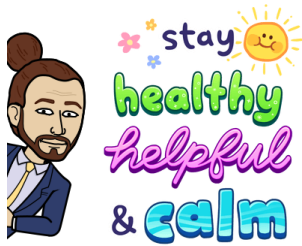
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## A Word from the Principal



Kia Ora e te Whanau,

It has been great to see the students interacting with one another and especially engaging with their learning, as if they never were away from the classroom. The learning conversations the children are engaged in have been rich and the students are motivated to learn. It has been a pleasure to see all the students in their classes.

Schools approached distance learning in various ways and engagement levels varied due to personal circumstances. The teachers at St Albans Catholic School endeavoured to make contact with all families from their classrooms during the lockdown period. In the next few days I will be sending an online survey for parents to complete to help us review our distance learning. In our review I will also be seeking teacher feedback and student feedback. I would appreciate your feedback in this online survey.

**During Alert Level 2 if you child is unwell (runny nose, cough, sneezing) please keep them at home.**

**Please remember that if your child is unwell and 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 absenteeism, and the school is emailed. If parents can please let the office know of absenteeism by 9:30am.**

*Recently, we have been inundated with enquiries regarding enrolments. If you have a child starting school in either 2021 or 2022, please contact Jenni in the Office so we can ensure we have your child's name on our enrolment list. We have a maximum school roll of 110 students.*

Kind regards,

Abraham Atherton (Principal – Tumuaki)



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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.

### Term Dates: 2020

**Term 2:**  
Wednesday 15 April – Friday 3 July  
**Term 3:**  
Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September  
**Term 4:**  
Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December



A special welcome to Alexis and Hunter who started in Room 1 this week.

Alexis is the younger sister of Archer in Room 2. He has been a great older brother to her in the playground and after school.

A special welcome to Mel and John (Hunter's parents) to the St Albans Catholic School community.

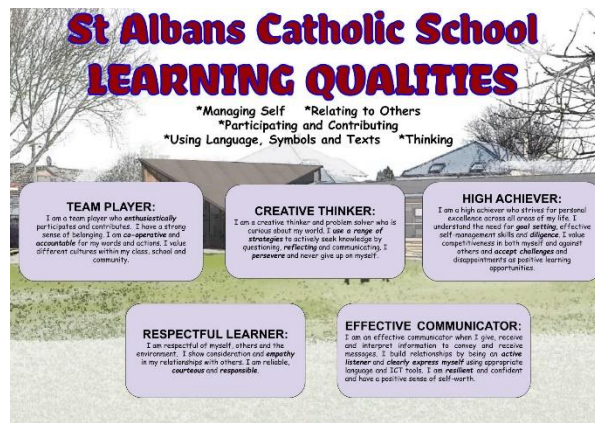
We will be welcoming more new students to our school in the coming weeks.

### 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**



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Last week, the school had a Virtual Assembly in which I welcomed the students back to school and more importantly, I was able to congratulate the students on following our safety practices to an excellent standard. Congratulations to the following students:



	Class Awards
<b>Room 1</b>	Henry
<b>Room 2</b>	Saoirse
<b>Room 3</b>	Dominic
<b>Room 4</b>	Billy
<b>Room 5</b>	Chin Fu
<b>Principal's Award</b>	Dominic Cameron

Room 5 watching the screen for our Virtual Assembly.

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# St Vincent de Paul

As Christian people we are called to support our brothers and sisters in times of financial stress and need. Over the centuries millions of words have been written on this Christian imperative.

In my opinion this heartfelt prayer written last week by Lexie, a Year 2 student at St James School (Aranui), is a perfectly succinct and powerful summary of the basis of our Christian call to provide such practical support to our fellow citizens:



We are called to be the hands of Christ.

If you are in a position to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) in order that they might provide food to those who now find themselves struggling in these Covid-19 days, I invite you in a spirit of solidarity to make such a donation.

If you are able, you can [make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society here](#).

You will note that this is the Christchurch SVDP page; if you wish your donation to be forwarded to the Mid Canterbury, Timaru or West Coast SVDP branches just indicate this in the message comment and your donation will be forwarded accordingly.

**May our Mother Mary support each one of us as we strive to live out our Faith in her Son through the Christian witness of our lives.**

**Mike Nolan**  
**Manager**  
**Catholic Education Office**



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## PTA News:

### **SECOND HAND WINTER UNIFORMS**

If you need anything for your children we have stocks of most items for girls and boys in varying sizes including jerseys. Please contact Eliza directly ([alfred.eliza@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alfred.eliza@xtra.co.nz)) and I can let you know if I have what you need and arrange collection from the school office.

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Sausage Sizzle is on hold until further notice.

### **PTA MEETING:**

The next PTA Meeting is on Tuesday 9 June at 7.00pm at school. Everybody welcome.

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