

A Word from the Principal



Kia Ora e te Whanau,

It has been great to see the students returning to school with enthusiasm and motivation to learn. The teachers are out each morning to welcome the students, and we are packing up earlier in the afternoon to allow the older sibling to collect their brother or sister.

Some of the procedures that we have implemented to ensure the health and safety of the children is: monitoring students washing hands with soap before morning tea and lunch; sanitizing before entering the classrooms; spraying the door handles with disinfectant throughout the day; regularly cleaning shared surfaces; and limiting students' movement across classrooms and in the office area. We do have some external agencies working with students, however they follow the protocols of the school ensuring areas are cleaned and hands are washed or sanitized. All people entering the school grounds are required to sign in to the office for contact tracing.

The students have settled to the school and classroom routine very well. I have had the privilege to walk around the classrooms and the teachers have not missed a beat, and are continuing to nurture the relationships they have with your children and engaging them in their learning. We have had excellent attendance on Monday and Tuesday, with 97% and 95% of students in attendance. It is a timely reminder, 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.

Finally, I would like to thank our school and parent community for your patience with our new processes and the many positive comments I have received regarding online learning and communication.

If anyone is experiencing difficulties or hardship during this time please feel free to contact me confidentially. Where possible the school may be able to offer support or contact external agencies.

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 Aristeia who started in Room 3 this week.

I also would like to welcome her family to the St Albans School Community.

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.

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

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LEARNING QUALITIES

*Managing Self *Relating to Others
*Participating and Contributing *Thinking
*Using Language, Symbols and Texts

TEAM PLAYER:
I am a team player who enthusiastically participates and contributes. I have a strong sense of belonging. I am co-operative and accountable for my words and actions. I value different cultures within my class, school and community.

CREATIVE THINKER:
I am a creative, thinker and problem solver who is curious about my world. I use a range of strategies to actively seek knowledge by questioning, reflecting and communicating. I persevere and never give up on myself.

HIGH ACHIEVER:
I am a high achiever who strives for personal excellence across all areas of my life. I understand the need for goal setting, effective self-management skills and diligence. I value competence in both myself and others and accept challenges and disappointment as positive learning opportunities.

RESPECTFUL LEARNER:
I am respectful of myself, others and the environment. I show consideration and empathy in my relationships with others. I am reliable, courteous and responsible.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR:
I am an effective communicator when I give, receive and interpret information to convey and receive messages. I build relationships by being an active listener and clearly express myself using appropriate language and ICT tools. I am resilient and confident and have a positive sense of self-worth.

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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) 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.

Congratulations to Segun, Casper and Daniel who received awards



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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