



Term 1 | Week 10

07 April 2022



# St Albans Catholic School Newsletter

## **VIRTUE:** **MANATIKA PĀPORI:** **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

I act with social justice when I show fairness, equity and respect for human dignity and the rights of all living things. I am hospitable and show courage when I speak up for the needs and rights of others.

### Calendar

#### *April*

- 01 Mass – Room 3
- 08 Swimming Lessons conclude
- 14 Last day of Term 1
- 15 Good Friday
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 18 Easter Monday
- 25 ANZAC Day

## **LEARNER QUALITY:** **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 competitiveness in both myself and against others and **accept challenges** and disappointments as positive learning opportunities.

Tēna koutou katoa, Kamusta, Talofa lava and Greetings

Over the past week, I have been working from home as my family were required to isolate for 7 days. We have approximately 30 students absent each day from school due to Covid-19, isolation and the common cold. Thank you for ensuring you are letting the School Office know of any absences. Please contact Abraham Atherton as soon as possible after you have been informed of a positive test result. Contact: 021 2118549 or [principal@stalbanscatholic.school.nz](mailto:principal@stalbanscatholic.school.nz)

### **Community Covid Update - 07 April:**

- **(6) Family Households Isolating:** Room 2 (2), Room 3 (3), Room 5 (1) and Staff (1)
- **(11) Positive cases of students:** Room 1 (1), Room 2 (1), Room 3 (1), Room 4 (5), Room 5 (2), Staff (1)

## **Events and Activities**

### **Swimsafe**

This week we have a few different activities to extend their water safety skills: \*Wednesday and Thursday are boat safety days – the students will learn how to fit and swim with a lifejacket, we will have inflatable boats where they will learn how to work as a team to get on a boat, off a boat and under a boat and how to stay as warm as possible. For these days the seniors will go into the deep (2m) pool and the juniors in the rec pool, and they will work in larger groups.

\*Friday is called Pyjama day - where we would like the students to bring a change of clothes to wear in the water. Often we ask for Pyjamas but it can be anything with long legs and long arms (not jeans or onesies please). The PJ day is about teaching the students what it feels like if we accidentally fall into the water, we will swim with our clothes and create some waves, currents and rips for them to swim through.

### **No spectators allowed.**

Students are to bring swimming togs, towel and goggles to school each day. They will be given time to get changed into their swimming gear before leaving for Jellie Park.

**Please make sure all items are named, especially school uniforms.**

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## Casual Vacancy for the Board of Trustees

### ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

St Albans Catholic School

49 Rutland St

Christchurch 8014

by: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

If you are interested in becoming a parent representative on the Board of Trustees of our wonderful little school and would like more information about becoming a Board member, please contact Rebecca Sparrow BOT Chair –  
[rs@stalbanscatholic.school.nz](mailto:rs@stalbanscatholic.school.nz).

## Working Bee

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, the Board of Trustees are planning to aerate the bark. We will require some parents to help with this job and it is not expected to be more than an hour. If you are able to help with this task, please leave your details with Katrina in the Office.



## Enrolment 2023



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 2023. The forms can be requested for from Katrina in the Office.

As we will begin next year with 100 students, it is important to have these forms completed as soon as possible.

## Special Character



**20 Cent Tuesdays** ~ On Tuesdays, the children are encouraged to bringing 20 cent coins donate to Caritas (Caritas Aotearoa NZ is the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development.)

Ideally, they will be generous with their own money or undertake extra chores at home to earn money to share.

This Term our donations will be going to the Caritas Pacific Relief Fund, to help with the aftermath of the volcanic eruption in Tonga.

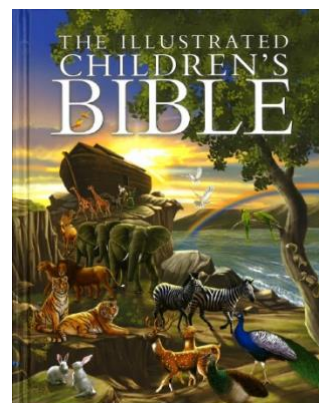
Donations can also be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund ([www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online))



We have **6** copies of “The Illustrated Children’s Bible” to sell on behalf of Fr John O’Connor. This is a hardback Bible and costs \$35.

It would make a great First communion gift!

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact Katrina in the office so she can check availability and give you the payment instructions.



## Catholic Parish of Christchurch North

### HOLY WEEK

#### HOLY THURSDAY – 14 April

6pm – St Gregory’s

7pm – Christ the King

#### GOOD FRIDAY – 15 April

10am – Stations of the Cross, Christ the King

Noon – Commemoration of the Passion, Christ the King

3pm – Commemoration of the Passion, Christ the King

3pm – Commemoration of the Passion, St Gregory’s

(All Good Friday Passions are followed by Reconciliation)

#### HOLY SATURDAY – 16 April

9:30am – Reconciliations at both Christ the King and St Gregory’s

7pm – Easter Vigil, Christ the King

8pm – Easter Vigil, St Gregory’s

#### EASTER SUNDAY – 17 April

8am – Christ the King

9:30am – Christ the King

11am – Christ the King

NO 5pm Mass

#### Easter Monday - 18 April

7am & 9:15am at St Gregory’s

NO Noon Mass



## Community Notices

Community Dental Service - Dental Care in the School Holidays

*The Community Dental Service will be providing urgent and relief of pain appointments during the school break at:*

**Aranui Community Dental Clinic, 240 Breezes Road,  
Christchurch**

**Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road,  
Christchurch**

*You can access these appointments by calling our Contact Centre on **0800 846 983**.*

*For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on **0800 846 983** or email*

*[commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)*