



Term 1 | Week 7
16 March 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

March

- 17 Board Meeting
- 18 Reconciliation Yr 5/6
- 24 Year 6 Cycle Safety
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- 28 Swimming Lessons begin

ABSENCES:

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 contact the office either by phone or email



Tēna koutou katoa, Kamusta, Talofa lava and Greetings

Thank you to our school community for your ongoing support of our procedures in the Covid Protection Framework. As with many schools, we do have some confirmed cases. We continue to keep the health and wellbeing of students and staff a priority. Each class has hand sanitiser at the entrances and cleaning disinfectant to clean high touch areas. Please notify the school office if your child is absent from school.

This Friday, our Year 5 and 6 students will be attending Mass in the School Chapel. Following the Mass, our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (those who have received this Sacrament). Our students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Seasons of Lent and Advent.

Events and Activities

Swimming Lessons: 28 March – 8 April 1:30pm and 2:00pm

In week 9 and 10, our classes are booked for the Swimsafe programme at Jellie Park Recreational and Sport Center. Participants in a CCC Swimsafe sessions are taught Water Skills for Life. Water Skills for Life comprises of seven competency areas, and our program is designed to cater for students from year 0 up to year 13.

Competency Areas:

- Children learn to safely enter and exit water in any environment
- Going under the water – Submersion
 - Children learn to perform underwater skills and control their breathing.
- Floating on the water – Personal Buoyancy
 - Children learn to perform underwater skills and control their breathing.
- Rolling and turning in the water – Orientation
 - Children learn to be in confident control of rolling and turning movements.
- Moving through the water – Propulsion
 - Swimming skills are one thing, but moving in water is also about how to stay safe.
 - Children learn water awareness, how to behave in water and to respect it.
- What to do in an emergency – Safety of self and others
 - Children learn to help themselves when in an emergency and how to help others.

Further information will be sent home closer to the time. The cost per child will be approximately \$55. Invoices will be sent home to families once this has been confirmed.

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School Netball Year 3 - 6

Registrations are not yet open for Term 2 and 3 Friday afternoon Netball, however we would like to gauge an interest so we can plan for teams and coaches. If you have a child in Year 3 to 6 and they are keen to play netball for the school, please register your interest with Katrina in the Office as soon as possible.



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)



During Lent we are collecting Easter treats (Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies etc.) for our Parish St Vincent de Paul group to distribute to families in need of a bit of extra help.

There is a collection box in each classroom for the children to add their contribution to.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this Lenten practice of Almsgiving.



THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR

Te Reo Māori



Kia tau

Kia tau
 Kia tātou katoa
 Te atawhai
 O tō tātou Ariki a Ihu
 Karaiti
 Me te aroha o te Atua
 Me te whiwhinga tāhitanga
 Ki te Wairua Tapu

May the grace of the
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of
 the Holy Spirit be with
 you all,
 Forever and ever,
 Amen.

Garden Club:

Children have been planting cauliflower, brown onions and dwarf peas. Due to the Rutland St drive being a no-play space, we have finally been able to pick some pears!!!! They are delicious, sweet and juicy, & students have been enjoying them with their lunch.

We do have rhubarb in the vegetable garden too, so anyone wanting some, please email me and I will send some home with your child: nicky@stalbanscatholic.school.nz

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