



Term 1 | Week 8  
**23 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**

- 24** Year 6 Cycle Safety
- 25** Year 6 Cycle Safety
- 28** Swimming Lessons begin

#### **April**

- 08** Swimming Lessons conclude
- 14** Last day of Term 1

## **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

It was great to have Fr Kevin Wei back in our school on Friday morning to celebrate Mass with Room 5, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No parishioners are attending the Friday Mass. Room 4 will be going to Mass this Friday.

Please ensure you read the information below regarding Swimming Lessons in Week 9 and 10. We were unable to do swimming last year due to lockdown. Room 3 and 4 may be late back to school after swimming as they will be leaving Jellie Park at 2:45pm.

## **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 the program is designed to cater for students from year 0 up to year 13.

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

The timetable for swimming is:

- Students in Room 5, 2 and 1 will have their lesson at 1:30 to 2:00pm. They will depart school at 1:10pm to Jellie Park
- Students in Room 4 and 3 will have their lesson at 2:00 to 2:30pm. They will depart school at 1:45pm to Jellie Park. Please note that this group may be late to school depending on the traffic. They should arrive by 3pm.

**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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## 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))



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.

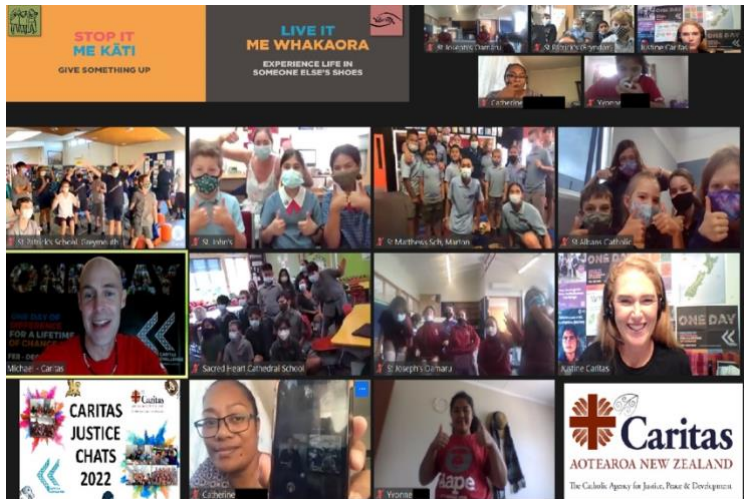
Thank you for your generosity in supporting this Lenten practice of Almsgiving.



### THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR

### CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAT

Five of our Room 5 students attended an online Caritas Social Justice Chat last week. Well done to Sophia W, Rocco, Jessica, Quinn and Madeline for representing our school.



## 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:

Last Friday the children were offered the opportunity to try some delicious roast rhubarb and whipped cream which I prepared following Miss Quinn's advice and recipe.

How wonderful to see so many willing to try something new, with quite a few really enjoying rhubarb's unique flavour, even coming back for seconds!!!! Students also planted our final brassica and more pyrethrum.

The Autumn task of leaf collection has begun!!! Mrs Ryan-Yates




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