



Term 1 | Week 9
29 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

28 Swimming Lessons begin

April

01 Mass – Room 3

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's been lovely to see so many of our children at Swimsafe this week at Jellie Park. On the first day, the children were divided into groups and allocated to a Swimsafe teacher. The swimming programme is an important part of the school curriculum. We have some extremely confident students in the water, but we also have many children who are not comfortable. This two week programme does not teach children how to swim, but how to be safe in the water. Children will learn water entry, balance, buoyancy, breathing, water safety and survival skills that can be used for life.

Events and Activities

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

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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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 27th 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.

Working Bee

On Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th 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)





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.

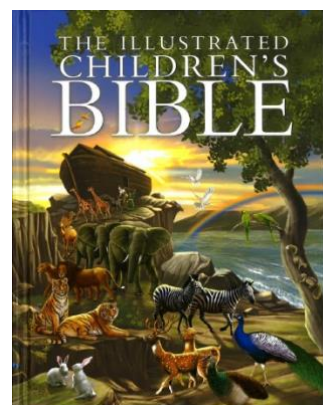


THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR
Wednesday 6 April is last day for donations.

We have 8 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.



Community Notices

Give TaeKwon-Do a go 4 week free trial

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Contact Nic on 021 026 48404