



Term 1 | Week 4  
**23 February 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:**

#### ***February***

**25** Yr 4-6 Swimming Sports

#### ***March***

**02** Ash Wednesday

**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

## **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

Thank you to our school families for your vigilance in keeping your child/ren home when they are unwell and returning them to school when they have fully recovered. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Last Friday the school sent home information regarding the process for communication if there was a Positive and/or Close Case outside of school. If you did not receive the email, please let Katrina know in the office so we can check our contact information.

Today, we have sent a 'Test' txt message from our School Management System. We have used this system to contact parents regarding absences over the past term, however we are now exploring bulk text messages to our community. We hope this will send to both parents' phone numbers, yet some amendments may need to occur in our system. If you did not receive a Txt Message from the school, please email Katrina [office@stalbanscatholic.school.nz](mailto:office@stalbanscatholic.school.nz) so we can look into troubleshooting.

Next week we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Unfortunately, due to our current 'Red' setting, we will not be having a Mass or distribution of the Ashes. The Catholic Parish of Christchurch North is planning on sharing a reflection video for this holy day. If you wish to keep informed about events of the Parish, please follow them on Facebook and check their website.

## **Events and Activities**

### **Year 4-6 Swimming Sports**

Our Year 4- 6 students will be competing in our annual swimming sports on Friday 25 February at Jellie Park. The students will leave school at 12:30pm and arrive back at school by 3pm.

Unfortunately, due to our current 'Red' setting, we are unable to have any spectators for the event.

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## MacFarlane Touch

We have been notified that the remainder of the touch season has been cancelled.

MacFarlane Touch would like to thank you for your continued support and patience over this season, under ever changing covid-19 restrictions, we hope to be back up and running in Term 4.

## 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))



## Te Reo Māori

### Karakia

This is a commonly used karakia which will often be said before kai .

E te Atua  
Whakapainga enei kai  
Hei oranga  
Mō ō mātou tinana  
Me ō mātou wairua hoki

O Lord  
Bless these foods  
for the wellbeing of our bodies  
and may we have  
spiritual wellbeing also.

Amine

Amen

### **IMPORTANT:**

The following have been sent home or emailed. Please complete as soon as possible.

- Family Information Contact Form (Paper copy)
- EOTC Permission Form (Emailed)
- Digital Device Consent Form / Student Information Consent Form (Emailed)

The link is <https://forms.gle/sfgQjxV8MEVcEwu48>

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## Community Notices

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