



Term 1 | Week 5
2 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

02 Ash Wednesday

17 Board Meeting

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

Last week, I sent an email and shared on Facebook about Phase 3 in the Covid Protection Framework. Your job remains the same: continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test. Our school will communicate with our community when we have a confirmed positive case of a student in our school, as per MOE and MOH guidelines. Who do we advise if my child tests positive for Covid-19? Please contact Abraham Atherton as soon as possible after you have been informed of a positive test result. Contact: principal@stalbanscatholic.school.nz or 0212118549

Last Friday, Room 4 and 5 went to Jellie Park for the school's annual swimming sports. The student's supported each other and competed well. The results for swimming sports will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Today the Catholic Church celebrates Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The school gathered this morning outside for a short prayer service led by some of our Room 4 and 5 students. Lent is a time of renewal and spiritual growth to focus on our relationship with Jesus.

Events and Activities

Child Cancer Fundraiser -<https://childcancer-fundraising.org.nz/webbysrun>

On Friday 4 March, Aaron Web, the Crusaders Academy Manager will be running 112 laps of Rugby Park and Malvern Park (102km) to fundraise for the Child Cancer Foundation. This event was initially planned for the Tarawera Ultra, however due to Covid has been adapted.


The school has been invited to go down to the park to support him as he completes his laps. Each class will visit the park during the day and we will have an area where we can view. This will allow us to ensure the students are not mixing with the public and to provide appropriate physical distancing. If families would like to donate to the cause there is further information in the newsletter or children could bring a gold coin to place in the bucket at the park.

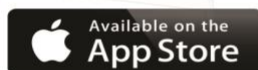
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School Netball Year 3 - 6

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.



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)



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.

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Amen

Religious Education Newsletter

Please find attached to the email, this term's RE Newsletter. This provides information regarding our Virtue for the term and the Strand being taught.

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Garden Club News

All the children have been busy working in the vegetable garden beds. Groups have planted kohlrabi, cabbage and beetroot with pyrethrum for pest control. Other groups have prepared beds for carrot, cauli and broccoli. In doing this, one group dug up some potatoes and our amazing Katrina very kindly cooked them up so the children could enjoy delicious crispy potato with their lunch. Thank you so much Katrina!!!!

The seniors digging in the compost wore masks as a precaution, given that our unopened bags of compost had been sitting for a while.

NB: I do take photos of every session with the children but am unable to include them in the newsletter until parental approval.

Please make sure you have completed the Online Consent form.

Mrs Ryan-Yates



Community Notices

Webby's 102 km Ultra Run

<https://childcancer-fundraising.org.nz/webbysrun>

Webby (Aaron Webb) the Crusaders Academy Manager here in Christchurch, decided for his 50th birthday, earlier this year to not only grow a mullet, but also train for a 102km ultra marathon, the Tarawera Ultra. While this event didn't take place due to COVID, Webby is still committed to completing the run, and raising important funds for Child Cancer Foundation in the process.

From 7am on Friday March 4th, Webby is tackling 112 laps around Rugby Park and Malvern Park to get to his target distance of 102km with support from his Crusaders Academy colleagues and players! Rumour has it the mullet may be being cut off too!

There will be donation buckets, a BBQ and other fundraising activities at the event on the day, as well as donations taken via this page and via texting CRUSADERS to 3457 for a \$3 donation.

You can book in a session via the link <https://www.thehiitsquad.org/classes> (then go to Friday 4th March and you'll see 30min slots from 7am-7pm under Join Webby on his 102km Ultra Run @ Rugby Park).

For more information or to get involved in supporting Webby, please contact: ashley.cassin@crusaders.co.nz

Catholic Parish of Christchurch North:

LENT CHALLENGE

How many of these challenges can you tick off during Lent? Download the checklist and see what how many you can do with the family.

You'll need the Lenten Wheel - so make sure you get Mum or Dad to download that too.

When you complete them email your finished wheel back to school@christchurchnorth.org.nz

<https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/lent-activities>

