



What's the hAPS?

8th June 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend, the celebration of the Queen's 70 year old reign and the weather not as bad as initially predicted.

What a highlight having our Year 3-6 cross country last week, on the most stunning Autumn morning. It was fantastic to see so many parents and whānau supporting our eager runners, who had been training all term. The students' fitness levels increased significantly during this term and it was a celebration of this effort to have all students finish the course. Congratulations to those students that were successfully placed, and will represent our school at the Interschool event. To all students (and the dinosaurs) that finished the course you showed true determination and grit.

Thank you for your continued vigilance in wearing masks on entering school buildings; keeping your children home if they are unwell, and for alerting the school office if your child or family are unwell, isolating or testing positive. A reminder that we are still at orange level and encourage our Year 3-6 students to wear masks. If your child is going to be absent/late please continue to contact us through—our website, our school app (contact the school office if you require assistance in this regard), or leave a telephone message on our absence line (phone: 09 415 9668). On average we have had very few students confirmed positive on a weekly basis with no evidence of spread within the school. Unfortunately we are experiencing waves of staff absence with approximately one quarter of our staff having been absent due to illness (not all COVID related). We have a fantastic group of relievers but unfortunately many of them are also not available due to winter illness, so at times classes may have had several teachers within a day, as specialist and leadership staff cover blocks. I would like to acknowledge parents for your understanding of this situation at this time and to all staff for their flexibility and support for each other during this time. Let's hope we are almost through the worst...

For those of you that may have been on the school site last week or in the weekend, you will have seen that a start has been made on the demolition of the old Junior Block. Safety fencing has been erected around the site as services are removed. We are aware of breaches to the fencing after school hours and want to reiterate the danger of this and to please keep out. In the next two weeks the hall driveway will be completely closed off as large diggers and trucks will be loading debris. Wherever possible trucks will only enter school grounds outside of school hours but please be aware that there will be disruptions to traffic flow and pedestrian entry areas.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



TERM 2 2022: MONDAY 2ND MAY—FRIDAY 8TH JULY

Thursday 16th June	Rippa and tackle rugby tournament—select students (rainsaver—21st June)
Wednesday 22nd June	Year 6 netball tournament
Thursday 23rd June	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Friday 24th June	Matariki public holiday—school closed
Wednesday 29th June	Northern Bays Year 3-6 Interschool cross country (rainsaver—1st July)
Thursday 30th June	Student Led Conferences—school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm
Thursday 30th June	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair, 12.00pm onwards
Tuesday 5th July	School class and individual photos
Wednesday 6th July	School class and individual photos
Friday 8th July	Last day of Term 2—school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

FOS—Help Needed

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! If you are able to assist our team with the Book Fair (the role involves keeping the books and merchandise tidy, assisting with eftpos and cash sales) please contact Jan, phone 09 415 9668 or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz.

SPARE CLOTHES NEEDED FOR ALL STUDENTS

As the weather is starting to turn, a reminder that all students require a change of clothes in their school bag. This change of clothes does not have to be school uniform but will save the school office having to contact parents. Thank you.

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Student Information—Update

It is always important that we hold up to date student information on our school records for a number of reasons including maintaining contact and reporting to parents, illness and emergency situations, as well as Board elections. Board elections will be held next term and we need to ensure that we have correct address details for voting papers to be mailed out in this regard.

Each child will be bringing home a sheet (printed on yellow paper) with their student information which we request that you read over, if necessary update, and return to the school. All forms must be returned even if no changes are to be made.

As an incentive to return the forms, the first class with all forms returned will enjoy a pizza lunch!