



22nd June 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

Mānawatia a Matariki: Celebrating Matariki

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
 Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
 Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau

Celebrate the rising of Matariki
 Celebrate the rising of the lord of the heavens
 Celebrate the rising of the New Year

Matariki hunga nui
 Matariki ahunga nui
 Matariki manako nui

Matariki, a time to come together
 Matariki, a time of bounty
 Matariki, a time of aspiration

Just as the stars of Matariki are twinkling so too is the “new dawn” in many ways, as Matariki is the first public holiday that recognises the significance of this celebration to Māori and our nation. In much the same way that many cultures celebrate “new year”, traditionally Māori would come together as a Whānau (family) sharing kai (food), karakia and waiata (prayer and song) acknowledging their tupuna (ancestors) as well as planting and harvesting of mid winter crops. We hope that wherever your family or friends may be in the world that this day will allow you time to connect. Encourage your children to share the story of Matariki, observe the stars with them and the significance of this day to Aotearoa. There are numerous events being held around Auckland (Tāmaki Makaurau) see link/ information over.

With incredible excitement before school on Tuesday morning the demolition of the junior block begins a new chapter for our school. At the time of the new school opening in 1976 this block consisted of one classroom and a coal burner—as part of the nine classroom space “modern school.” The block continued to be extended to meet the growing school roll. During the last 46 years there have been many hundreds of children, teachers and parents who have memories of these classrooms. It is truly the end of an era and new beginning of our extensive rebuild programme.



Last week our Year 5 and 6 teams welcomed staff and ex-pupils from Albany Junior High School to talk about the upcoming experience day. Information regarding the open day was sent home with Year 6 students on Monday.

Congratulations to Area 40 for their “Impact” inquiry leading to such a successful fundraiser raising some \$1,350 for KidsCan charity, as well as providing baking for the Salvation Army food bank and a delicious afternoon tea for Aria Gardens residents. Thank you to all the parents that supported on the day and those that supplied home baking, showing such aroha and caring for others.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
 Principal

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

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

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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Kids Care operating from Meadowood Community House, 55 Meadowood Drive, Unsworth Heights. Day activities include games, movies, beach, scavenger hunt and more. 7.30am-6.00pm. Book more than two children and get a 10% discount. Book for the full 2 weeks and get 5% discount. Flyers at the office. Contact phone: 09 478 9304, 021 108 9904 or email martinvr@xtra.co.nz

Kelly Club Operating from Albany Primary School hall. Full school holiday programme available. Contact phone: 022 693 7732, web: www.kellyclub.co.nz, email: albany@kellyclub.co.nz.

KEEP COLLECTING YUMMY STICKERS

Did you know that in 2020 our school was in the top 4 primary and intermediate schools in New Zealand for collecting Yummy stickers? For every Yummy sticker collected we receive PE and sporting goods from a prize pool of \$200,000. Download your [sticker collection sheet](#) now and start collecting!



Albany Primary School on Tues 5th & Weds 6th July, 2022

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

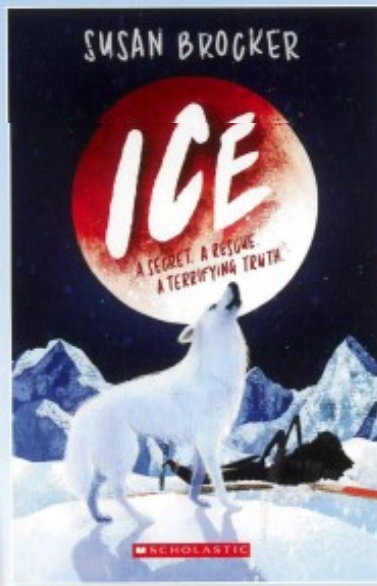
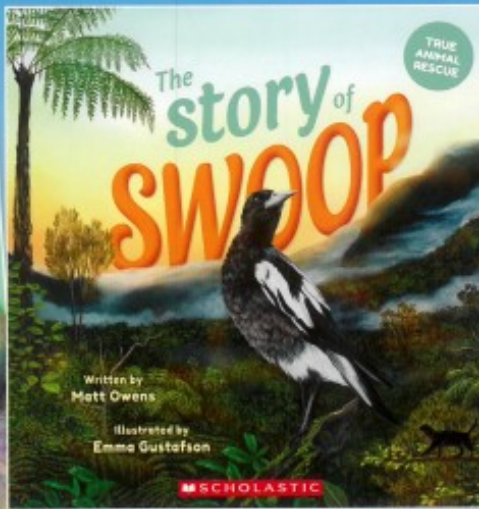
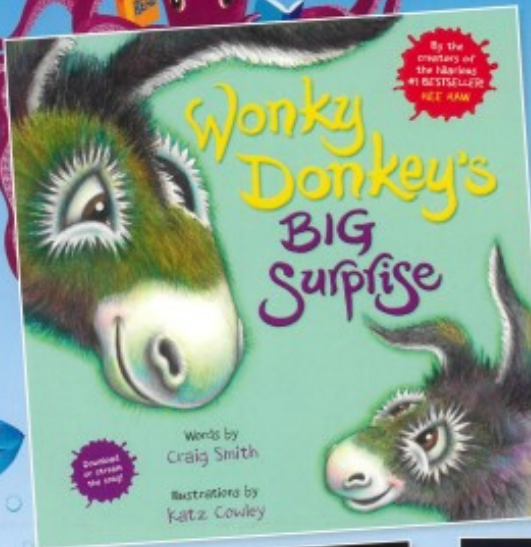
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		<p>Class Only \$17.00</p>

Siblings (In School only) Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

You're invited to our Scholastic

BOOK FAIR

DIVE INTO READING



Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!

On the same day as Student Led Conferences—

DATE: Thursday 30th June

TIME: 12.00pm—6.00pm

In our School Library

Cash and EFTPOS / VISA facilities available

Spot prize draw for all families who come into the book fair

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



**SUPPORTED BY
ALBANY PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**INFORMATION MEETING
FOR PARENTS AND
CHILDREN
WITH ANNA SANFORD**

WHERE:

Albany School Hall

6 Bass Road

WHEN:

Tuesday 5th of July
at 6pm for 1 hour and 15
minutes



**If you are a parent of a
Year 5-6 child, then this
is a definite for your
diaries!**

PARENT/PRINCIPAL TESTIMONY

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you for the puberty night you delivered. I was there as a parent with my 11 year old son. I was impressed with the way in which you delivered a complex topic with such humour. It definitely opened doors to be able to continue discussing puberty with my son at home.

As a past school principal and teacher, it was hands down the best puberty talk I have ever heard. I know my son and his mates had a great time too. Thanks for what you do, it is so needed in our schools for both parents and kids. A great night." *Ben*

This is a great opportunity to supplement your child's learning at school. An engaging overview of the physical changes throughout puberty.

With years of knowledge and experience, as an adolescent Specialty Nurse & Youth Worker, Anna expertly positions information about pubertal change in a way that is Authentic, Fun and Safe.

Visit her website here
<https://www.annasanford.org.nz/puberty-conversations/>

"Anna Sanford has been facilitating Northcross Intermediate's Puberty Information Evenings and in-class educational sessions for many years. She is an amazing communicator and knows instinctively how to engage with her audience. Age appropriate content about pubertal change is delivered in a humorous and relatable way; Northcross Intermediate highly recommends Anna to any organization looking to utilize her talent in making the topic of Puberty more accessible for both child and caregiver." *Janine Joyce, Head of Health, Associate Principal*

MATARIKI FESTIVAL—AUCKLAND

Mānawatia a Matariki! Celebrate the Māori new year at Matariki Festival.

The star of Auckland's winter season, Matariki Festival returns with an exciting line-up of more than 85 events region wide from 21 June to 16 July; from captivating kapa haka, to a street party featuring contemporary Māori musicians.

Enjoy kite-flying, delicious kai, lighting shows and cultural events across Auckland – many are free or low-cost.

As we observe our first Matariki public holiday, gather with friends and whānau to celebrate Māori new year and learn more about Matariki – a time to remember loved ones, plan for the future, celebrate the present and honour ancestors.

Visit the [website](#) for the full programme.

Matariki Festival is brought to you by Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland Council with iwi partners Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

Nau mai, haere mai – everyone is welcome!

I raced into the room and I was shocked to see the mountains of mouth-watering food. A smile appeared across my face. I knew today was going to be brilliant. We set up the amazing food then the first customers came. I nudged Vivi “they’re looking at your food” she nudged me back. Then suddenly she nudged very hard. Someone bought one of my cookies. My first five dollars! I was so happy because I knew that I had positively impacted an amazing charity. **By Amelia**

When I was setting up my cupcakes the smell of melting sugar filled my nose. I stared eagerly at the mouth watering goods lined out in front of me as the first wave of eager kids flooded in. Coins clicked and clattered. Our delicious treats disappeared before you could say ‘brownies and cupcakes.’ I could hear the wind **screaming** in the distance. The kids streamed out all together making them look like gigantic **bees** slowly flying away. Again and again waves of kids were thrown at us like cows falling from the sky. Small crowds surrounded our baking then swarmed away. Then I heard a **ring**, it was finally over. **By Ella**

The moment I walked into Area 40 I was shocked to see piles and piles of amazing homemade baking on the floor. The smell of delicious baking floated through the air. Mrs Franklin told us to put the tables outside in a line. A girl approached my table and asked “how much for a cookie?” I said two dollars so she bought one. I had a big smile on my face and said “thank you for supporting KidsCan.” I was shocked that I had my first customer. Just like that I sold out! **By Kinda**

I stood my ground on the other side of the table terrified. My feet felt flustered and I felt like my feet would fall off! “OUR FIRST CUSTOMER!” “Hi look at my amazing cookies!” I screeched as they awkwardly walked away. Despair filled my heart with a side of awkwardness. Then suddenly a swarm of children came rushing in. In return a large gush of wind blew through the deck sounding like a wolf howling to the night sky. Soon enough people were buying up my sugar cookies. I felt like I was on a throne built for royalty. **By Boon**



AREA 40's
BAKE
SALE

