



What's the hAPS?

6th July 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

It was wonderful to see so many families here last Thursday for our Student Led Conferences and the pride and confidence of all of our students sharing their learning with you. Thank you to all families that supported the **Scholastic Book Fair with a significant amount of funding raised towards library and school resources**. We will share photos of our new library books when these have been received. Many thanks to Helen Furness (teacher in charge of the library), Jan Munroe, Suman Wang, the FOS team and parent helpers for assisting with this event.

As you are aware this has been a difficult term in terms of student and staff absence through illness and other reasons. Unlike many schools, we have ensured we have remained fully operational and this is thanks to a **fantastic team of relievers and the flexibility of our staff**. We have valued your support as parents in understanding that within any one week your child may have several different teachers, and this has been unavoidable, but has meant we have not had to switch to at home learning or bubble school. With the threat of new Omicron variants we may have to reconsider options next term, but hopefully the school holidays will provide not only a circuit breaker but for some families and staff time to recuperate from current winter illnesses.

Now that international borders are opening and it is becoming easier for overseas travel we note that some families are **requesting leave during school term time**. For any periods of leave (over 10 consecutive learning days), acknowledgement needs to be obtained from the Principal advising the reason for the request and the dates absent from school. Please email the class teacher and the Principal's PA lelder@albany.school.nz for these requests during term time. Please note that in most cases (such as a holiday) the Ministry of Education requires that this leave be formally recorded as an unjustified absence from school. **For all other absences a reminder** to either email admin@albany.school.nz, use the absence link on the school website or school app, or leave a message on the absence phone line 09 415 9668.

If you have been on school grounds recently you will have noticed the great progress the demolition team have made in the last two weeks, with the entire junior block now completely gone. Thanks for your patience with the change of pedestrian routes required, this will be a feature of our school as temporary fencing areas change. Over the holidays we are delighted that our long awaited sun canopy will be erected over the deck areas between Area 23 and 28. Consequently there will be large **trucks driving through the school grounds during the holidays** so please take extra care if you are using school playgrounds during the break. **No children should be unsupervised on school grounds** during the holidays due to these building projects causing significant and dangerous safety concerns.

Wishing you all a wonderful end of term break.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change)

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

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

TERM 3: MONDAY 25TH JULY—FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Friday 22nd July	School office open for enrolment enquiries, 9.30am-12.00noon
Monday 25th July	First day of Term 3—school classes commence at 8.55am
Tuesday 26th July	Pōwhiri welcome assembly for new families, 9.10am
Friday 29th July	Athon fundraiser commences
Tuesday 2nd August	FOS meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom (all parents welcome)
Thursday 4th August	Trees for Survival for select students
Monday 8th August	Maths week commences
Thursday 11th August	Rippa and tackle rugby tournament for select students
Thursday 11th August	Board meeting, 6.00pm in the Boardroom
Wednesday 17th August	Northern Bays Cluster winters sports day
Tuesday 23rd August	Sports photos
Friday 26th August	Athon finishes
Monday 29th August	Dances with schools fortnight commences
Thursday 1st September	Parent curriculum information evening
Thursday 8th September	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Monday 12th September	Whanau/Maori language week commences
Thursday 22nd September	Student Led Conferences, 12.30pm early school close
Monday 26th September	Book week
Thursday 29th September	Book parade
Friday 30th September	Last day of Term 3—school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

Albany Primary School School Board Elections Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of three parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will have received a nomination form by email on Friday 1st July. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also have received a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. **NOTE:** Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on Wednesday 3rd August 2022. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on Wednesday 10th August 2022.

Signed
Lisa Elder
Returning Officer

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!



These scooters were left on the school grounds some time ago—do they belong to your child? If so, please contact the school office to collect.

Congratulations to Shanice C who placed 3rd in the Under 8 category at the recent Auckland Girls Chess Championships on 1st July and to **Kayal V-K** who won 4 out of 6 games in the Under 10 category. Thanks to coach Roshan, teacher and parent support.

Congratulations to **Jasmine McH** who placed 2nd at the recent Northern Bays Cross Country in the 8 year old girls division, and **Eliza M-K** who placed 3rd in the 10+ year old girls. Many thanks for teacher and parent support.

ASHS In Zone and Out of Zone enrolments for 2023 now open!

It is that time again....2023 Enrolments are now open for In Zone and Out of Zone applications.
Enrol Now at <https://www.ashs.school.nz/enrolment/>

OPEN EVENING



WELCOME

Thursday 4th August 2022
6.00pm - 8.00pm.

TAKE A TOUR of the school with some of our fabulous students. Hear what it's like to be part of our learning community.

JOIN OUR PRINCIPAL, CLAIRE at **TE TEPU NUI CAFE** for a brief intro to "Life at ASHS" at 6:45 pm. (before or after your tour).

JOIN OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPALS at **TE TEPU NUI CAFE** for coffee and/or dessert. Take advantage of the 'Open Evening Blackboard Specials' and ask all those burning questions about ASHS.

**WE CAN'T WAIT
TO MEET YOU!**

