



3rd August 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

Welcome back to term 3, and what a very wet start last Monday was. However the warmth of the **welcome and manaakitanga** (respect and care) shown from our school to all our new families (whānau) at last week's **Pōwhiri** was significant. With international borders opening it was a delight to welcome enrolments once again from many different countries, as well as our own domestic students from all over Aotearoa.

You may be aware that last Thursday we held a **"Lockdown" practice** to ensure all school systems are effective and that students and staff are aware of what to do should this ever be required. This type of practice is a normal part of our safety policies as we practice for evacuation and earthquake drills routinely throughout the year. Whilst we hope never to have to instigate a Lockdown, for new parents it may be timely to note that you would always be informed via school app and email should emergency services or the Ministry of Education instruct us to perform this action, with the website thereafter being updated. **Please note that during a Lockdown, we ask that parents do not enter school grounds** to attempt to collect your child, or telephone the school office, as our first priority during this event is always to keep staff and students safe.

While it may have been a very mild winter it has been extremely wet (and is likely to continue to be so this term). Please ensure that children **have a rain coat or jacket**, (including those who catch the bus as children will get wet lining up for the buses). Could you also check that your child has **a spare set of clothes** (which does not need to be uniform) as unfortunately many areas of our grassed areas are currently mud puddles. If your child requires a change of clothes and there is not one in their bag, then parents will be contacted.

Thank you to those parents that are making sure their children do **stay at home with any symptoms of winter illness** such as seasonal colds, flu and other respiratory illness. Children should be at home when they are unwell, and we know that this can be difficult in some family circumstances. As a school we are continuing all hygiene requirements and supporting mask wearing. We appreciate your action, therefore preventing further spread though the class or school. Useful video and social media links (from the Ministry of Health):

[Tips to help keep our tamariki well this winter – YouTube](#)

[Ministry of Health: Monitoring illness in children – Facebook](#)

[Ministry of Health: Tips on when to keep your child at home – Facebook](#)

We also note that there are a number of students wearing incorrect school uniform. Please refer to page 3 for our **school uniform guidelines**. We have a large amount of donated uniform items available in the large bin located currently in front of the school office. You are welcome to help yourself, then label with your child's name.

We request that **all parents and students use the footpaths** when entering or leaving the school front entry as it is NOT safe to walk through the staff carpark with vehicles and trucks backing in this area.

Next week we welcome **Miss Joana He to Area 24**, and we wish Miss Deli Franklin all the very best for her forthcoming maternity leave.

Athon packs were sent home with students on Friday. Years 0 - 4 are doing a 'Spell-athon' and Years 5 - 6 a 'Challenge-athon'. We ask that parents help their children to gain sponsors and assist them in learning their spelling words or achieving their challenge. The final day for the 'athons' is Friday 26th August. As children return their sponsored amount from Monday 29th August, they will go into prize draws. Winners will be announced at the online assembly on 16th September. Fundraising will be put towards sand, play.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change) TERM 3: MONDAY 25TH JULY—FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

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
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 including Book parade
Friday 30th September	Last day of Term 3—school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

CONFIRMED DATES FOR 2023:

Term 1

Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April

Term 2

Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June

Term 3

Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

Term 4

Monday 9th October - Wednesday 20th December

COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Education and Health have provide us with several hard copy resources (available at the school office) and a very useful online link should you have any questions about the COVID-19 Immunisation programme for 5 to 11 year olds. [COVID-19 Immunisation programme link](#)

You can also phone the COVID-19 Healthline- 0800 28 29 26 if you have any questions.

CLASS / INDIVIDUAL / SIBLING PHOTO ORDERS

Class/individual/sibling order envelopes went home last Friday. You can either place an order online (using key code provided), or put cash in the envelope and hand in to the office (please put in the exact amount as the photographers/office are unable to give change). Orders close 19th August. If you have any queries please contact the office.

SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS—AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Sports photographs are taking place on 23rd August—If your child participates in an after school APS team, please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform on the day and **brings their sports** uniform to change into when they are called up for photos. This photo opportunity includes miniball/basketball players from Semester 1. Netball players are not to wear leggings or long sleeved shirts under netball dresses for the photos. This photo opportunity will also include flippaball and hockey teams. If you are a team Coach/Manager and would like to be in the team photo, please make contact with Michelle Molesworth, After School Sports Co-ordinator on email mmolesworth@albany.school.nz by 17th August to book your team into the timetable at a suitable time.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Uniform is compulsory for all children at Albany Primary School

The school uniform consists of the following items

Available for purchase through ArgyleOnline (www.argyleonline.co.nz):

- Polo shirt
- Gold collar sweatshirt and/or polar fleece sweatshirt
- Sunhat (also available for sale through the school office) and **MUST BE** worn in Terms 1 and 4
- Navy shorts
- Navy skort
- Jacket

Sports Uniforms—only required if your child plays after school sports, available for purchase through the school office:

- Sports shorts (may be worn as part of the school uniform)
- Sports shirt
- Netball dress

The following items may be purchased from external retailers however they must be plain navy blue with no visible stripes/emblems/brand names etc – denim is not permissible:

- Trackpants
- Trousers
- Shorts (minimum length—mid thigh)
- Leggings (minimum length—mid thigh)
- Skortz
- Culottes
- Thermals (may be yellow or navy)
- Socks or tights (may be yellow or navy)

Additional comments:

- Footwear should be suitable for fitness
- Jewellery is not recommended for safety reasons, ear studs, a watch or appropriate cultural / religious jewellery may be worn
- If additional items are required to be worn for cultural or religious reasons, families are requested to inform the school. School colours yellow / navy blue are preferred for these items of clothing.

Please note we take pride in our school uniform. The class teacher / Deputy Principal's will notify parents if uniform standards are not being followed.

We ask that you ensure all children have a change of clothing in their bags (this does not have to be school uniform). This saves the office having to phone you and disrupt your day if your child requires a change of clothing.





Albany Kindergarten

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Session Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

School Hours

8:30am - 2:30pm

Extended Hours

8:00am - 3:45pm

- ✓ 100% Fully Qualified, experienced, dedicated, and caring teachers who provide an inclusive, safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for children.
- ✓ Albany Kindergarten has been part of the Albany community since 1986.
- ✓ 20 Free ECE hours (max 6hrs funded p/day)
- ✓ Hourly rate of \$6.50 p/h for any hours over the 20 Free ECE
- ✓ No charge over Christmas Break

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