



What's the hAPS?

31st August 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

What a change in the weather from last week's continuous days of rain, to this week's hint of **Spring in the air**. Let us hope with the change of season the spread of winter viral illnesses may have also reached its peak.

Despite the weather conditions it has been great to see school events taking place such as Kids Lit, Book Battle, end of winter sports, beginning of spring sports, rippa/tackle/rugby tournament. Thank you **so much to all families who have supported our "athon"** with both practice at home, as well as sponsorship. So far we have raised \$14,200 which is fantastic— the highest amount we have ever received for this fundraiser! This funding will be used towards our new sandpit and interactive play equipment.

Thanks to the many parents that have responded to our curriculum survey, your feedback has been valuable. **Thursday 1st September at 6pm sees Albany Primary School's first curriculum evening in two years.** Prior to the evening, and to help us select the best venue, [please indicate whether you are planning to attend](#). We are looking at sharing the evening's content back online, complete with survey feedback.

Since the demolition of the junior block, it may appear that there has been no visible progress in terms of our new build. However, I can assure you that the property team have regular meetings with the architects, construction company and MOE personnel, **as we carefully plan the design of this new 20 classroom space.** We look forward to sharing these exciting designs with you, our students and the wider community early next term. Planning is also underway for an upgrade of the junior toilets, and library block roof design, exterior cladding and internal refurbishment.

When arriving and leaving our school grounds, the safety of all of our students and families is of utmost importance to us, this was sadly brought closely to home when a student from a school in our area was struck whilst leaving school yesterday. On this note:

- **Please do not walk through the carpark.** One of our school safety rules for students is that there should not be any pedestrians walking through the front staff carpark (students, parents or visitors) so we request that you also model this rule for your children. Sadly on a daily basis we witness parents talking on cell phones, completely oblivious to their children running through this area, as a courier or visitor is reversing a vehicle. It only **takes a moment to walk to the footpath** rather than behind vehicles who may not be able to see you or your child when backing. We have reminded the kindergarten parents of this requirement also.
- As per our newsletter of 18th August, we are still having safety issues at our back entrance on Roanoke Way. For those parking in Roanoke Way—**do not park in the restricted areas for the half hour before and after school.** We have used large safety cones to alert you of the areas where you cannot park. The reason for this restriction is because **children cannot see** from the footpath curb over the height of a parked car to cross the road, so they have no visibility until they are actually on the road. We have contacted Auckland Transport for more permanent options, and Mike will be painting 'caution' and 'stop' signs on the driveway footpath.

Together in learning,

Maree Bathurst
Principal

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

Thursday 1st September	Parent curriculum information evening, 6.00pm
Thursday 8th September	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Monday 12th September	Whānau/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



Family Fun Festival

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

FRIDAY 4th November
5.00pm-7.00pm
Rainsaver :
11th November

Working bee, outdoor disco, family fun games, sausage sizzle and treats, Kapa haka to perform, and more...

More details closer to the time



Well done to the Year 5/6 girls who represented Albany Primary School at the recent Rippa/Tackle/Rugby Tournament who were asked to play at half time of the Hibiscus Coast's FPC game at North Harbour Stadium on Saturday 20th August. The team had a great experience playing on the turf, as well as being extra loud supporters!



On Friday 26th August Year 6 students attended the annual Book Battle. The event was held at Northcross Intermediate School with 18 other schools. Students had to answer 7 rounds of 10 questions. The students had a great time—Sam won a spot prize! Thank you to Mrs Furness for organisation.



OUT OF ZONE BALLOT

Do you have a child starting at our school in 2023? We are aware that there are several of our current families living out of zone who have a child due to start in 2023. If you have moved house since your first child started you may not be in zone for our school and will need to apply for a place for your child in the upcoming out of zone ballot. **IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ACCEPTED IN AN OUT OF ZONE BALLOT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START AT THIS SCHOOL.** Applications close noon on Wednesday 28th September and the ballot date is 19th October For more information please email lelder@albany.school.nz.



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Diaries

Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

Mouse Mats

Your child's Artwork or Photo print, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

Sketch Pads

Front cover features your child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound with 50 x A5 sized pages. Includes envelopes.

Orders to be returned

ARTWORK FOS FUNDRAISER

Students are working in class on artwork that parents are being given the opportunity to turn into calendars (\$12.50), cards (\$12.50), diaries (\$16.00), mouse mats(\$15.00) and sketch pads (\$15.00).

Artwork will be available for viewing in your child's classroom on the night of Student Led Conferences, Thursday 22nd September.

Order forms will also be available on that date.

Orders will close on Wednesday 28th September, with completed orders arriving at the school in early Term 4 ready for mailing overseas in time for Christmas.

Samples of product are available at the school office.

If you want to Upload Photos for your purchase

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