



30th September 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

What a wonderful conclusion to Term 3 we have had this week with our Book Week Celebration. Thank you all for your support of our book character day, no matter what age we are, it is so much fun to dress up! (Photos below.) However, in addition to the fun element our purpose of all the book week activities this week was to foster a love of reading. We have a wonderfully well resourced library and encourage you to also join our local Albany community library for extra holiday reading.

While there has been a fairly “patchy” start weather-wise to spring this month no doubt by the time we return to school next term our New Zealand sunshine (and high UV levels) will cause sunburn. This is why one of our school rules is that ALL children must have a hat to wear for all outdoor events. We also recommend you encourage your child to apply sunblock every day. We have been advised by our uniform provider that the price of the hats has now increased. Hats are available through [www.argyleonline.co.nz](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz) with our other uniform items or through the school office at \$10.00 each. School sun hats are compulsory for Term 4 and Term 1).

Thanks to the parents that participated in our recent Curriculum Update and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Consultation that Mr Hopkins held. Two further BYOD Consultation sessions will be available on **Thursday 20 October from 8.30am—9.30am** and again from **2.30pm—3.45pm** (refer information below).



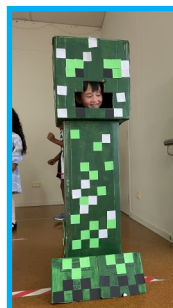
Just to add to the joy of spring, we thought you and your children may like to see a recent photo of our current “mums on parental leave”. Unfortunately Nicole Petersen was not able to be present.

We hope you and your families enjoy this change in routine, have time to rest, refresh and reconnect.

As you will see over the page our Term 4 is only 9 short weeks and already a full page of events and activities scheduled.

Together in learning,

Maree Bathurst  
Principal



### BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) CONSULTATION

Further to our BYOD drop in session at Student Led Conferences this term, we're pleased to offer two more times to attend an informal consultation session in week one of next term. These will once again be a chance to come in, talk, share and gather questions and an opportunity to have some of the other community feedback shared with you. The sessions will be on **Thursday 20 October from 8.30am—9.30am** and again from **2.30pm—3.45pm**. Once we have a wider picture of community opinion, we can begin to finalise plans and make firmer decisions as a partnership. Looking forward to seeing you if you're free and interested. Come in to the office, venue to be confirmed.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change)

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

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

### TERM 4: MONDAY 17th OCTOBER—FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

<b>Friday 14th October</b>	School office open from 9.30am-12.00noon for enrolment enquiries
<b>Monday 17th October</b>	First day of Term 4
<b>Tuesday 18th October</b>	Pōwhiri welcome assembly, 9.10am
<b>Tuesday 18th October</b>	FOS meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom—all welcome to attend
<b>Thursday 20th October</b>	Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) consultation, 8.30am—9.30am and again from 2.30pm—3.45pm
<b>Monday 24th October</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday—school closed
<b>Tuesday 25th October</b>	Year 2 excursion—MOTAT
<b>Friday 4th November</b>	Gumboot mufti day—gold coin donation requested
<b>Friday 4th November</b>	Family Fun Festival—refer flyer (rainsaver Friday 11th November)
<b>Thursday 17th November</b>	Board meeting, 6.00pm
<b>Monday 21st November</b>	Year 3-6 Athletics Day to be held at Kristin School
<b>Tuesday 29th November</b>	Northern Bays Athletics Day (rainsaver 30th November)
<b>Wednesday 30th November</b>	Year 2 excursion—Tip Top
<b>Thursday 1st December</b>	Year 2 excursion—Tip Top
<b>Tuesday 6th December</b>	Years 0/1 end of year celebration, 11.00am-12.30pm
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b>	Years 3/4 end of year celebration, 9.00am-10.30am
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b>	Year 2 end of year celebration, 11.00am-12.30pm
<b>Thursday 8th December</b>	Board meeting, 6.00pm
<b>Monday 12th December</b>	Years 0/1/2 fun sports day, 9.00am—12.30pm
<b>Tuesday 13th December</b>	Years 3-6 Sports end of year celebration, 6.00pm-8.00pm
<b>Wednesday 14th December</b>	Years 5/6 end of year celebration, 6.00pm-8.00pm
<b>Friday 16th December</b>	Final assembly, 11.00am

### FOS MEETING—TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER AT 6.00PM

We will be holding our next FOS (Friends Of the School) meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 18th October in the staffroom. We will be preparing for the upcoming Family Fun Festival (Friday 4th November), so would love to have some extra hands to assist. We look forward to seeing you there!

### ALBANY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (AJHS) GALA

Albany Junior High School are holding their 2022 Gala Day on Saturday 12th November from 9am - 2pm. There will be carnival rides, bouncy castles, main stage performances, stalls, food trucks, crafts and much more. Entry is free. It will be a fun filled family day with something for everyone. AJHS is fundraising to have their playground safety upgraded, which unfortunately has had to be closed in the meantime. For more information visit the Gala Day website here <https://www.ajhs.school.nz/gala-day-2022/>.



# IT'S KICKING OFF

8 OCT - 12 NOV

**GET TICKETS NOW TO BE IN TO WIN**

Terms and Conditions apply - see <https://www.nzrugby.co.nz/rwc2021-schools-promo-terms-and-conditions>

The women's Rugby World Cup is kicking off on **October 8!**

Playing in Auckland and Whangarei, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the very best female rugby players in the world, right here in Aotearoa. Tickets start at just \$5\* for children and \$10\* for adults.

[Get your tickets](#) before 30 September 2022 and you'll be in to win **\$2000 worth of sports gear for your school plus a signed jersey from the New Zealand team!** Just use the code **SCHOOL** to go in the draw.

See you at Rugby World Cup 2021 for unforgettable memories, world-class rugby, all-day entertainment and more!

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\*Prices applicable to cash purchases made through Ticketek agents or outlets. Online purchases may attract additional payment processing and delivery fees.



Congratulations to some of our prize winners of the recent 'athon' fundraiser.

## SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN SURVEY

Kia ora Albany Whānau,

We are a group of year 5 and 6 students who are on a mission to design and create a school vegetable garden that our community could benefit from.

We would love to hear your voice, as our school community, so that we can design a garden that aims to benefit you in the best way. Please take time to complete this short [survey](#).

We look forward to reading your responses!

Nga mihi  
Garden project team.  
*Where Learning Makes a Difference*

# Family

## FUN FESTIVAL



### ...and Working Bee

...WITH  
A  
HINT  
OF  
CHRISTMAS

#### Free—no charge

- Outdoor disco
- Colouring in
- Temporary tattoos
- Tug of war
- Throw the water balloon
- Games supplied by Auckland Transport (Travelwise) and Harcourts

**Friday**  
**4th November**  
**5pm-7pm**

#### Cost to User (cash only)

- Face painting
- Food—lolly bags, chips, iceblocks drinks and more
- Harcourts - coffee and cone van
- Sausage sizzle
- Hair spraying
- Lucky dip

**Working Bee**  
**starts at**  
**3.30pm**



**Rainsaver -**  
**Friday**  
**11th November**

At our Working Bee (from 3.30pm) we will be planting over 200 plants in the Native Grove, as well as beautifying the pergola.

Bring along your spades and gardening gloves.

Thank you for your help!

#### Performance by our Kapahaka group

BRING YOUR OWN  
PICNIC TO ENJOY  
A FANTASTIC  
COMMUNITY  
EVENT

