



26th October 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

It was lovely to **welcome 41 new families** (with students starting during Term 3 to beginning of Term 4) at Tuesday's Pōwhiri Welcome Assembly, as well as welcoming returning staff member Ms Sarah Gartner who is teaching our New Entrant class in Area 34.

Term 4 is always a busy one as teachers are completing assessments, as well as planning all of the exciting end of year activities that come with the final term of the school year. Given so many of these events have not been able to have occurred for the last two years **class trips and community events feel extra exciting.**

Sadly it is inevitable that at the end of the year we will lose some of our amazing staff; as once again they can travel and teach internationally, move out of Auckland or have family circumstances that require them to leave us. Over the next month (once new staff have been appointed) we begin the process of drafting next year's classes. **Our teachers work through a very careful process** as they match students who learn well together, teacher styles, multi year level placements and ability levels. If you feel you need to make a specific request concerning your child's placement for next year, please write or email in confidence to the my PA, **leider@albany.school.nz**, verifying the reason for your request, **by 3rd November**. Please do not simply mention this to your current teacher **as we must have any formal requests in writing**. We also request that you let the school office know if your child will not be returning to Albany Primary School next year or will be leaving before the end of the year (Year 6 2022 children excluded).

End of year dates have now been confirmed, see over. With current COVID level restrictions being removed we are delighted to advise that once again **end of year celebrations will be able to be held on site in our school hall**. You are of course welcome to wear a mask at any school events.

We are looking forward to our upcoming **Family Fun Festival and Working Bee** on Friday 4th November (with a rainsaver date of Friday 11th November). We have been fortunate enough to have been donated over 200 native plants, thanks to the support from Anna Harrison at Sustainable Schools and Trees for Survival as well as donated and delivered mulch from Treescape. The Green Grub Gardening Club students and teachers (Cherie Goldie, Alys Lee) have been working hard to clear the Native Grove area of weeds under the guidance of teacher, Aimee Redknap and Timothy M (student, Albany Senior High School). **We would love to have as many helpers as possible from 3.30pm**—please bring along your gumboots, gardening spades and gloves. We also require a few wheelbarrows to assist with the spreading of mulch—if you are able to provide a wheelbarrow please advise the school office (Jan, phone 09 415 9668, or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz) so we can ensure that we have enough available for use on the evening.

Our FOS team are organising what looks to be an **amazing Family Fun Festival**. It will be a great opportunity for the full school community to get together with your picnics and enjoy a fun filled evening together. There will be games supplied by Auckland Transport and Harcourts, as well as our own 'water balloon toss' and 'tug of war'. As the 4th November is **National Gumboot Day** there will be a special feature 'Gumboot Toss' with optional gold coin donation to the "I am Hope" organisation who offer counselling for young people. There will be a Christmas theme to the outdoor disco (free), colouring in (free), temporary tattoos (free), hair spraying (\$1), and lucky dip (\$2). Face painting will be offered (\$3), food (50c to \$1) including lolly bags, chips, drinks and iceblocks, sausage sizzle (\$2) and Harcourts coffee and cone van (cost to user). There are no EFTPOS facilities so bring along cash. This event runs from 5.00pm-7.00pm and will kick off with a performance by our Kapa haka group.

School hats are compulsory for Terms 4 and 1 and are available for purchase from the school office for \$10 each.

Together in learning,

Maree Bathurst
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change)

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

Friday 4th November	Gumboot mufti day—gold coin donation requested
Friday 4th November	Family Fun Festival and Working Bee—refer flyer (rainsaver Friday 11th November)
Friday 11th November	Year 0/1 excursion—Stardome
Monday 14th November	Year 0/1 excursion—Stardome
Thursday 17th November	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Monday 21st November	Year 3-6 Athletics Day to be held at Kristin School
Tuesday 29th November	Northern Bays Athletics Day (rainsaver 30th November)
Wednesday 30th November	Year 2 excursion—Tip Top
Thursday 1st December	Year 2 excursion—Tip Top
Tuesday 6th December	Years 0/1 end of year celebration, 11.00am-12.30pm
Wednesday 7th December	Years 3/4 end of year celebration, 9.00am-10.30am
Wednesday 7th December	Year 2 end of year celebration, 11.00am-12.30pm
Thursday 8th December	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Monday 12th December	Years 0/1/2 fun sports day, 9.00am—12.30pm
Tuesday 13th December	Years 3-6 Sports end of year celebration, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Tuesday 13th December	Year 3/4 incursion—Thrillzone Day
Wednesday 14th December	Years 5/6 end of year celebration, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Thursday 15th December	Year 5/6 incursion—Thrillzone Day
Friday 16th December	Final assembly, 11.00am
Friday 16th December	Last day of Term 4—school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm

As previously advised, the first school day for 2023 is Wednesday 1st February.

Congratulations to Julia P who participated in the Artistic Swimming New Zealand National Championships 2022 and was awarded 1st place in the aged 10 and under duets, and to Olivia Y who was awarded 3rd place in the Dolphin Combi Category (team result).



Our lost property box has been overflowing with unclaimed uniform.

This has now been sorted through and we have a large quantity of un-named sweatshirts which will be transferred through to our donation box (situated outside the administration office), or contact the school office (phone 09 415 9668 or email admin@albany.school.nz) with your child's name, area and size and we will deliver a sweatshirt to them.

Family

FUN FESTIVAL



...and Working Bee

...WITH
A
HINT
OF
CHRISTMAS

Friday

4th November

5pm-7pm

Rainsaver -

Friday

11th November

No charge - free

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

**Working Bee
starts at
3.30pm**

Cost to User (cash only)

- Face painting (\$3)
- Food—lolly bags (50c), chips (\$1), drinks (\$1) and iceblocks
- Sausage sizzle (\$2)
- Hair spraying (\$1)
- Lucky dip (\$2)
- Harcourts - coffee and cone van (cost to user)

Gumboot Toss
Gold coin donation

The 4th November is National Gumboot Day. As a special feature at this event we will hold a 'Gumboot Toss' game with optional gold coin donation to go to the "I am Hope" counselling organisation for young people.

Performance by our Kawahaka group

**BRING YOUR OWN
PICNIC TO ENJOY
A FANTASTIC
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

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

Bring along your spades and gardening gloves.

Thank you for your help!





ALBANY
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**SPRING
GALA²²**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Time: 9am - 2pm

Location: AJHS Fields

Free Entry

We will have; Stalls, Crafts, Food Trucks, Face Painting, Main Stage Performances, Competitions, Bouncy Castle, and much more.

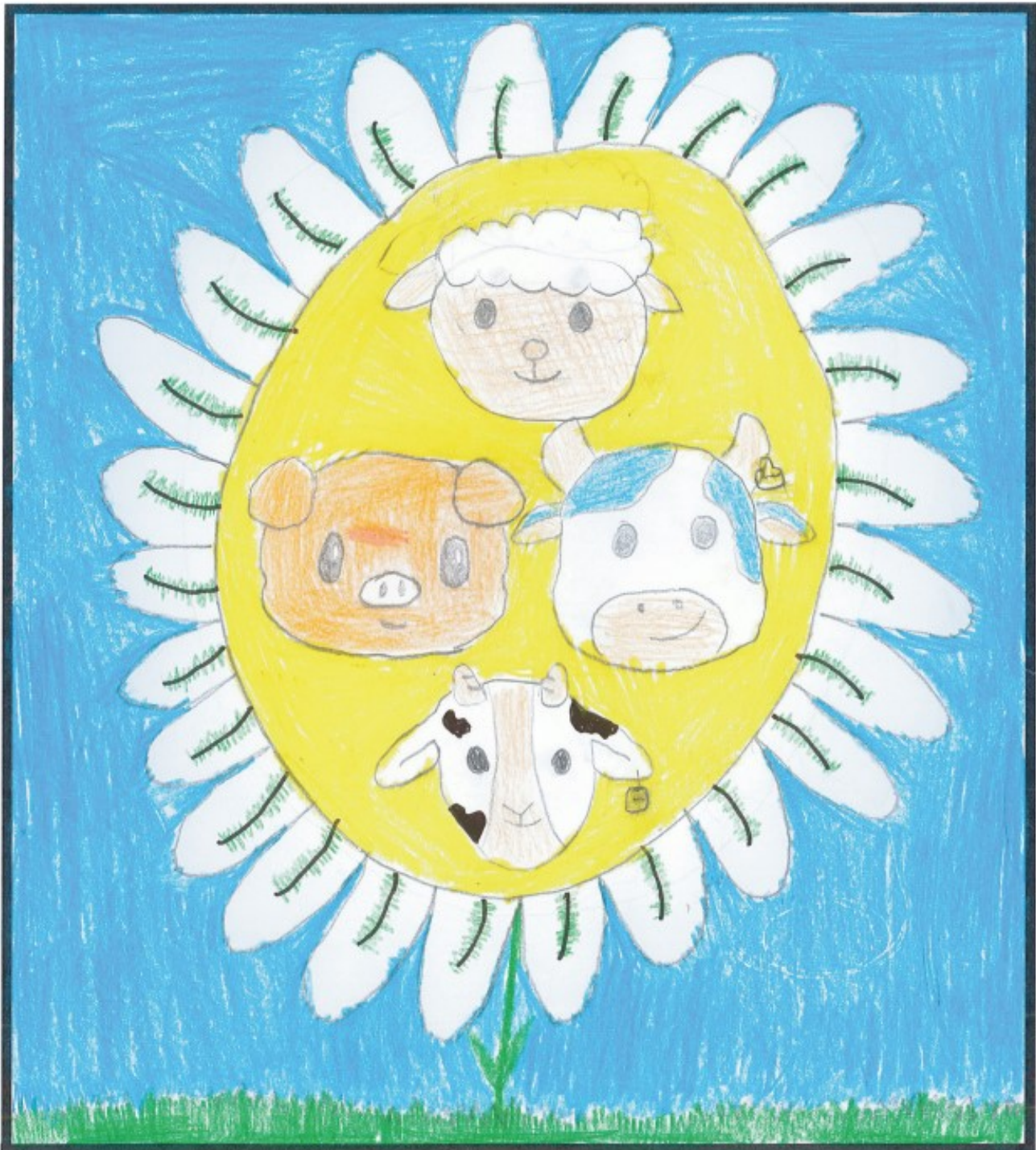
For more information visit: www.ajhs.school.nz/gala

AG DAY 2022

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER



Coatesville School, 24 Mahoenui Valley Road, Auckland



Maddy Wallace, Room 3

Farm animals, bouncy castles, food stalls, games, climbing wall, face painting, plants, silent auction, baked goods and more!

Judging starts at 9am and stalls open 10.30am

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