



What's the hAPS?

9th November 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

Wow! What a Friday night! The Working Bee and Family Fun Festival was exactly what we all needed... and missed so much during COVID times. A golden sunny afternoon and chance to gather together as a school community, work hard and enjoy some fun and laughter. Thank you to all those families that were able to attend. Refer photos pages 2, 3 and 4.

The Working Bee commenced at 3.30pm. Many thanks to Aimee Redknapp for overall co-ordination, the Green Grubs Gardening Club and teachers (Cherie Goldie, Alysa Lee), Anna Harrison at Sustainable Schools/Trees for Survival and Nick Maine for donation of trees and Treescape for mulch. Thank you also to Timothy M (student, Albany Senior High School) for his expertise in weeding, planting and for the beautiful Karakia. Thank you families that assisted with the Working Bee to complete the planting of 250 native trees and spreading of mulch. A huge job!

Many thanks to Ian Thompson, Danjela Martin, Sareta Kemp and the Kapa haka group for their beautiful performance to mark the start of the Family Fun Festival. A huge thank you to the FOS team for their organisation and efforts in ensuring the Festival was a success, along with parent helpers and support from teaching staff and leadership. Special mention to Jo Mersh—MC, DJ and Dance Party Host extraordinaire. We appreciated Gary and Lucy of Harcourts providing games and the Coffee and Cone van, Auckland Transport for their crossing game, and Kelly Club for assisting with temporary tattoos.

NZEI is the Union that represents Primary School Teachers, Primary Principals and support staff. Under the Employment Relations Act, paid Union meetings are a legal entitlement to discuss Union business. These meetings are being held to discuss the progress of negotiations for their collective employment agreements, the proposed unified public service pay offer and their Wāwāhi Tahā | Time 4 Tamariki campaign. This campaign aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise the work of teachers. **As a large portion of our teaching staff will be attending this meeting on Thursday 24th November, the school will only have limited supervision for children from lunchtime, or you have the option to either keep your child at home for the day or make some arrangements to collect them from school at 12.30pm.** Notices will be going home this week in this regard. It is essential you return this notice by Wednesday 16th November to ensure we have enough staff on site for supervision.

Due to temporary classroom placement the school bikes have been in storage with only half of our original bike track available due to temporary classroom placement. Despite these difficulties, this term we have been extremely fortunate to have had both Mr Thompson and Mr Cowell offering “Bikewise” training lessons on the school courts for some teacher release classes. The focus for these lessons has been on safety, road rules and developing skills and confidence for all our riders. I wanted to share feedback from a parent received over the weekend about these lessons. *“I’m writing, to show my appreciation to all the work you both are doing with the kids regarding the bike safety. I was watching and listening to (son and his friend) talking about the things that Mr C told them to do. One of them, how to wear your helmet and tighten the strip one finger away from your chin and it shouldn’t be on your chin. And so many other things. A learning that will be embedded for a life time. For all that, as a mum, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”* Yet another example of our vision “Where Learning Makes a Difference”.

A reminder that if your child is leaving Albany Primary School at the end of the year (Year 6 students excepted) please make contact with the school office so that we have a record of this.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change)

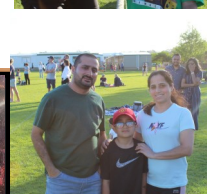
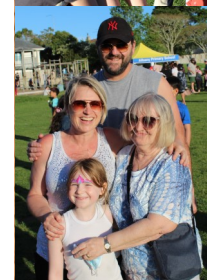
TERM 4: MONDAY 17th OCTOBER—FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

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
Thursday 24th November	NZEI Union Meeting, limited supervision from 12.30pm
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

The first school day for 2023 is Wednesday 1st February.

CHESS TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

323 students from across New Zealand played in the National Chess Team Tournament in Rotorua over Labour Weekend and 317 students played in the Individual Champions Trophy Tournament. Xavier, Ryan, Kevin, Oscar, Kayal, Rico and Jonathan participated on site and were awarded 2nd place receiving Silver Medals. Online players included Brian, Charlie, Cathy, Ding, Meherjot, Hugo and William who placed 5th. Brian was awarded 2nd place overall in the individual competition. Both onsite and online teams put in their best effort in the National Finals. Special awards included 3rd place in Primary for Best Girl—Kayal, and Highest Gainer to Rico. Xavier, Ryan, Kevin, Oscar, Kayal, Rico and Jonathan participated on site in the individual event. The prestigious Junior Master title was won by Oscar. Xavier was half a point off this title also. Thank you to Coach, Roshan Gallage for the amazing support and dedicating his time to training students and support from parents. It was a great experience for students to meet players from other parts of New Zealand, and to collaborate and have fun with students from AJHS.



We understand some parents may have money in credit with our now closed tuckshop service (lunchonline). Please contact Jan in the school office if this applies to you (email: jmunroe@albany.school.nz or phone : 09 415 9558), so that a refund may be arranged.



