



# What's the hAPS?

24th November 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

What a **fantastic event our Year 3-6 Athletics Day was on Monday**. We are extremely grateful to Kristin School—their PE department and groundsman for allowing us to use their amazing fields and facilities. Thanks also to the Year 3–6 athletics team Miss Abi Cawood, Mrs Adri Rousseau, Mr Xu Han, Miss Shari Turner and Mrs Desirae Lagerwall with support from Mr Faron Turner and Mr Mike, for their superb organisation of this off site event. The only event we didn't get finished on the day was high jump (which has since been completed this week) so we now have all our finalists identified and ready to compete in the Northern Bays Cluster event, to be held next Tuesday (29th November) at Kristin School. Thanks also to all the parents that were able to assist on the day, you were awesome!

We thank you all in advance for supporting our teachers to attend the New Zealand Education Institute **Union meeting today, requiring school to remain open for supervision only from 12.30pm**. We really appreciate your return of signed notices so we know how many staff are required. The teachers' attendance at this meeting is significant as there are a number of areas that we believe the current government need to acknowledge as COVID continues to impact on schools' attendance, rolls and our students' learning and wellbeing.

Recent media and Ministry of Health of warnings have indicated a further **COVID 19 spike** as new variants enter New Zealand. This week we have had a number of students and staff who have tested positive. If your **child is showing any symptoms** please keep them at home and test them (you are still able to order free RATS tests <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/>). Please let our school office know if your child has tested positive. A reminder that if a family member has tested positive then household contacts need to test on a daily basis. While masks are not mandatory please encourage your child to wear one, as teachers will also be vigilant with our hygiene and ventilation requirements.

**Library Books** will not be issued from the end of the week. Please ensure all books are returned to school next week, as we are completing a major stocktake in anticipation of our library being renovated over Christmas. We have a total amnesty on any books (or readers) that you may find at home— please have your children check under beds, in wardrobes and any other obscure place that books may have found their way to. For your convenience, there will be a box in the office reception for any returns, or students can return library books next week during their normal library session.

Unfortunately we had a serious “near miss” last Friday at our back gate, Roanoke Way exit. The rain was torrential right on 3.00pm. A senior student ran across the road, simply not stopping to check before they crossed. Thankyou to the wonderfully attentive driver who was driving with caution and despite the terrible weather managed to stop in time so the child was not hit. This SO easily could have been a very serious accident. We have painted a yellow line and marked ‘stop and look’ on both sides of the footpath as a caution. PLEASE talk to your children if they leave our school at this back gate and **practice every time you cross the road the rule—look right, look left, look right again**, and only if clear can you cross.

This **Saturday (26th November and possibly also Saturday 1st December) large trucks will be accessing** the current old junior block demolition/fenced construction site as a precaution to ensure there is no asbestos contaminates (low level) left in the remaining soil. All the relevant Health and Safety requirements have been reviewed for this procedure, but we request that you do not enter school grounds on these days as trucks will be entering through the front gate and staff car park.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst  
Principal

## SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change)

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

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
Friday 2nd December	Salvation Army food drive—see over for full details (new)
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.*

# Sports Representative Acknowledgement

If your Year 3-6 child has your child been selected for a Sports Representative Team in 2022, we would love to acknowledge them in the Year 3-6 Sports Celebration programme. Please forward their name, sports code and sports representative level team that they have been selected for by Wednesday 30th November to Jan in the school office, email: [jmunroe@albany.school.nz](mailto:jmunroe@albany.school.nz)

## Realising the potential of kids wired differently: Neurodiversity Workshop

Mind Over Manner presents a free workshop in support of the responses to Sonia Gray's "Kids Wired Differently" documentary.

The workshop is for whānau and those in association with young people who have sensory, cognitive and learning differences.

Mind Over Manner uses the power of theatre to give an alternative way of understanding and enabling young people who are neurodivergent.

The workshop helps parents and caregivers find new ways of responding to what often looks like "behaviour".

Monday 28 November 6.30 pm - 8.45 pm

Fickling Convention Centre  
546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland

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# CHRISTMAS

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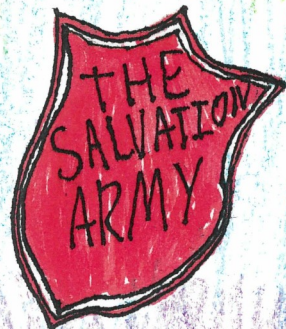
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FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Everyone please  
Donate a can  
So the Salvation  
Army can help  
thousands of  
people in  
NEED!!!

Or non-perishable  
food item



Scholastic Book Orders have now been handed out to students. We had two unnamed orders. If you have not received your order please contact the school office—phone: 09 415 9668, or email [admin@albany.school.nz](mailto:admin@albany.school.nz)