



What's the hAPS?

7th December 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

Being in a school at this time of year is a very special place to be as the stress of holiday traffic or shopping malls is replaced with the sheer joy and anticipation of Christmas. This magic was shared at our recent Celebrations of Learning, when once again we could come physically together, which in itself still feels special after only online celebrations last year. Each ceremony was a reflection of the growth of every learner, and we really appreciate you all coming to share in these occasions with us. We are looking forward to our Year 3-6 Sports Celebration and Year 5/6 End of Year Celebration next week.

Just as the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, the dawn of change emerges for our graduating Year 6's, and Year 0-5 students as they move to new classes, teachers and year levels. It is important to remind ourselves and our children that with change comes growth.

Change is faced too by a number of teachers who are leaving our school for new and exciting adventures. We thank and acknowledge the wonderful service and support from our fixed term teachers; Miss Chelsea Phipps, Ms Leisel Inglis, Miss Erica Jung, and Miss Joana He. Whether these teachers have been at our school for two years or only one term, they have each given their absolute dedication and passion to their class and our school. We wish them all success in their new schools or travels.



We also have several teachers who are leaving us after many years service to our school. It is never an easy decision to move or change for any of our long term staff, but life sometimes has an alternative plan. Ms Jo Franklin, has been teaching and leading in a variety of roles at our school for 16 years. Jo's strength of fostering deep and lasting relationships with her pupils and families, as well as seeing and believing in the potential of every one of her learners is a huge loss to our school, but we know that the bonds that she has made with many families and colleagues, will not be forgotten. We wish Jo every success for her move to the Gold Coast. Mrs Carol Chambers will also be missed for her wonderful dedication and service of 10 years, her passion and knowledge of junior school learning and literacy are exemplary. We bid farewell to our sparkling Miss Chelsey McDonald, who began her career at Albany Primary School in 2018 and is now moving to Christchurch. We also farewell Mrs Ellen Thompson, who has been with us for three years and wish her well on her exciting new journey and move to Wellsford.

Change too will happen very quickly over the school holidays as finally the hall will be demolished to create a space for our new two storey classroom block with construction beginning in March. In anticipation of this project, our carved waharoa situated over the main entrance was blessed for removal by Mate Webb and Reverend Manuel Beazley. This carving was created especially for the hall 26 years ago and depicts the five key people responsible for the vision and creation of this wonderful community asset. The occasion was made even more special with our Year 5 students sharing waiata as we walked around the hall exterior. Over the holiday break the exterior cladding will also be removed from the library and resource room (next to the administration office building) so that these rooms can be fully refurbished in the New Year.



Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Dates subject to change)

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

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.

Library and Book Returns

Many thanks to those families that have already returned library books and readers. There are still a number of outstanding books that we would love to have returned before the end of the school year. Please return into the box situated in the school office.

KELLY CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

December Pre-Christmas Holiday Programme [flyer](#):

January Summer Holiday Programme [flyer](#)

Information [flyer](#):



Thank you to our Albany families that supported the recent request for cans and non-perishable food items. The Salvation Army was grateful for your generosity and will distribute these items to families in need.



Albany Primary School was awarded silver for their work with Auckland Transport (AT) Travelwise during 2022. School crossing volunteers, Tyra and Ethan accepted the certificate from Louise on behalf of Albany Primary School. Many thanks to Mr Cowell and Mr Thompson for overseeing Travelwise for 2022.

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!



Nativity Sandcastle Competition

You can build your sandcastle (which must be based on the Nativity story), anytime and anywhere.

Upload your photo of it onto our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/AlbanyBaptistNZ

Entries close Dec 22nd, 2022. The more facebook likes you get for your entry the greater chance of winning a prize.



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