



22nd February 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

While our year may have started with a few 'disruptions' what a pleasure it is to have all learners back into our first full five day routine and settling into their new classes. Our thoughts and aroha remain with those devastated communities (including schools) that may not only be mourning the loss of whānau but also dealing with the devastation of homes, schools, marae, as well as loss of stock, produce, and their livelihood. In the spirit of manaakitanga (generosity and caring) and whanaungatanga (connection and togetherness) we will hold a school **Mufti Day (non school uniform) on Thursday 9th March**. Please bring a gold coin or a note donation. All funds raised will be **gifted to the New Zealand Volunteer Fire Service** in memory of the two local heroes whose lives were lost in their dedication to saving others.

Your very positive response with bookings for **Partnership Meetings** confirmed that you are as keen as we are to get to know you, and your family. We appreciate your time given attending these meetings. Just as your children are building a new relationship with their class teacher, as part of our learner focussed relationship with whānau, it is essential that teachers also learn about you and your family, eg what is the most suitable way the teacher can communicate with you, are there any significant cultural or sporting focuses for your family? If you were not able to attend a meeting last week, please contact your class teacher for an alternative meeting time before or after school.

Well done to all students who participated in our swimming grading day last week, and to those who will be competing in our upcoming **School Swimming Sports** to be held at the Northern Arena this Friday. Thanks to Mrs Rousseau and Mrs Lagerwall for their efforts in organising these events, and to all the parent helpers for their assistance.

Next week our Year 3/4 team are looking forward to their **Education Outside the Classroom opportunity**, travelling to Orewa Beach to participate in surfing lessons with NZ Surf Academy Limited. For the Year 3/4 team this off-site learning experience (plus another that may be offered through the year) replaces the traditional school camp. Year 5/6 are also very excited about attending Carey Park Camp later in the year. The parent information evening for this camp will be held next Tuesday 28th February (a link has been shared with all of our Year 5/6 parents) so come along if you have any questions once you've viewed this video. Parent helper requests and permission slips regarding this camp will be going home next week.

Thank you to those parents that have been able to pay all or part of the **school donation** this year. If this payment is made by the end of March you are eligible to **claim one third back as a full refund** for the current tax year (or gift this portion back to the school). To claim your refund from Inland Revenue go to [IRD website](#). These funds support the purchase of quality resources that may include library books, reading texts, maths equipment, chrome books and computers, for which we are very appreciative. The Mathseeds/Mathletics rollover has now been completed for Years 1-4. To renew Mathseeds/Mathletics for 2023 please ensure you have paid \$24 towards this. Should you have any queries regarding payment please contact the office.

On Thursday 2nd March, teachers will be attending a **Paid Union Meeting**. In order to minimise any further disruption to our school year, our school will remain open, but please aware your child may be in with an alternative teacher and a shared teaching environment for the duration of this meeting. If you would prefer to keep your child at home on this day or collect them at lunch time this would be considered an explained absence. Please advise the school office in the usual way if your child will be absent.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst  
Principal

As we no longer have a school hall we are unable to accommodate the dental van at our school this year for student checkups. The Dental service will be in touch with you directly when your child is due for their checkup however if you have any concerns or your child needs an urgent appointment please contact Albany Children's Dental Clinic yourself on (09) 415 2059

**TERM 1 2023—dates subject to change**  
**TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 6TH APRIL**

Thursday 23rd February	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Friday 24th February	APS swimming sports
Tuesday 28th February	Year 5/6 Camp information meeting, 6.00pm-7.00pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 28th February—Friday 3rd March	Year 3/4 surfing
Thursday 2nd March 2nd	Teacher Union meetings (school remains open)
Thursday 9th March	Mufti (non uniform) day fundraiser
Thursday 9th March	FOS (Friends of the School) meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom—all welcome to attend
Thursday 16th March	Interschool swimming for select students (rainsaver 17th March)
Thursday 30th March	Board meeting
Thursday 6th April	Last day of Term 1—school finishes at the usual time of 2.55pm



Further to previous notifications we are still having issues with traffic around our school. Our goal is safety first. Please abide by all road rules including no parking over driveways and no stopping or parking on yellow lines. Auckland Transport will be issuing tickets for any parking infringements or unsafe driving practices in the next few weeks.



**Start collecting your Yummy Stickers!**

At the end of the year we receive PE and sporting gear based on the number of stickers collected. Junior School—hand in to Area 3 (Judith-Ann Sillick), Middle School—hand in to Area 33 (Deli Franklin) and Senior School—hand in to Area 29—Danjela Martin.

**2023 DATES**

**TERM 1**

**TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 6TH APRIL**

**Half day closure for Partnership Meeting:** Thursday 16th February, 12.30pm close

**TERM 2**

**WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL—FRIDAY 30TH JUNE**

Teacher only day—Monday 24th April, ANZAC day—Tuesday 25th April

**Public holidays:** Kings Birthday Monday 5th June

**Student led conferences:** Date to be confirmed (half day closure)

**TERM 3**

**MONDAY 17TH JULY—FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**

**Student led conferences:** date to be confirmed (half day closure)

**TERM 4**

**MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER – TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER (end date subject to change)**

**Public holiday:** Labour Day—Monday 23rd October

**BRICKS 4 KIDS**

Thursday 4pm – 5:30pm Junior Robotics Level 1 with coding introduction (ages 5-8) \$38

Friday 4pm – 5pm Junior Engineer (ages 5+) \$28

Enrolment link <https://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/auckland/upper-north-shore/lego-robotics-classes/>





**ALBANY**  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

# SUMMER GALA<sup>23</sup>

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

**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.schoolnz/gala](http://www.ajhs.schoolnz/gala)**

### ***Gala Day - Albany Junior High School***

*AJHS is hosting their inaugural Gala Day on Saturday March 4th from 9am - 2pm. Head along to enjoy carnival games, food trucks, main stage performances, bouncy castles, rides, face painting, stalls, crafts and much more. All money raised will go towards fixing their school playground, which has had to be closed due to it needing an urgent safety upgrade. For more information visit [www.ajhs.school.nz/gala-day-2023](http://www.ajhs.school.nz/gala-day-2023)*