



6th April 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

There was huge excitement in our school this morning, as mysteriously **Easter Bunny footprints** were clearly visible all across the court leading to the school field. The Year One learners (and their parents) had made a huge effort to design and produce some exceptional hats to celebrate this special long weekend.

With Easter leading into the holidays the start of our Term 2 is unusual in that **Monday 24th April** is our Kahui Ako conference day for staff (**therefore school will be closed to students**). This is a day when our seven local schools come together at Albany Senior High School for professional learning. Much of our focus this year will be around the changes to the New Zealand curriculum as the New Zealand History focus is also relevant for Junior and Senior High teachers.

ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day is a **public holiday held on 25th April**. The Albany community have strong links to this part of our local history, as at the time of the World War I, the loss of life from such a small village had significant impact on families (see the mural near our flagpole). Some of these young soldiers had actually attended Albany Primary School. There is a commemoration ceremony held at the Coronation Hall (corner of Library Lane and Albany Highway), to which all families are welcome. (See invitation overleaf.)

Thank you all for showing the school value of Respect with the significant disruption to pedestrian traffic at the front gate entry area. During the holidays **the bus shelter will be relocated** and the new kindly footpath completed. This is in readiness for the closure of the current footpath, as this will be completely boarded up to allow the construction site vehicles their own driveway entry.

Have a wonderful and safe break. Whatever your faith may this Easter time be one of gratitude and reflection for your family and whānau. With the break from normal school routines may you all have time to enjoy nature and family time together.

Me te wai korari– May there be joy in small things.
Maree Bathurst, Principal



TERM 1 2023 (Dates subject to change)

Thursday 6th April	Last day of Term 1—school finishes at the usual time of 2.55pm Happy Easter and end of term break
Friday 21st April	Office open for enrolment enquiries, 9.30am-12.00noon

TERM 2 2023

Monday 24th April	Teacher only day—school closed to students
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC day—public holiday—school closed
Wednesday 26th April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 27th April	Pōwhiri welcome assembly for new families, 9.10am
Thursday 11th May	Board meeting, 6.00pm in the Boardroom
Monday 15th-18th May	Year 5/6 camp 1
Monday 22nd-24th May	Year 5/6 camp 2
Thursday 1st June	FOS (Friends of the School) meeting, 6.00pm all welcome to attend
Monday 5th June	King's birthday recognised—public holiday—school closed
Thursday 8th June	Board meeting, 6.00pm in the Boardroom
Monday 12th –14th June	Year 5/6 camp 3
Thursday 22nd June	Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 27th June	FOS occasional treat Cadbury chocolate fundraiser
Friday 30th June	Last day of Term 2



An ANZAC Commemoration Service will be held at 11.00am on 25th April at the Albany Coronation Hall (corner Library Lane and Albany Highway).

A morning tea will follow the service.

The Albany Memorial Library will be open from 11.30am -1.00pm for people to visit.

All welcome to attend.

Introducing: Kelly Napper

Kia ora! My name is Kelly Napper and I am so excited to have joined the Albany School community as Area 30's new class teacher. I am an experienced primary school teacher originally from the United Kingdom and have taught for the past seven years. In my spare time I love to take my pet puggle Ludo for long walks, explore this beautiful country and read spooky stories. I am looking forward to the new term and having the opportunity to get to know all of my amazing students and their families.



Introducing: Guo Fen

My name is Guo Fen and I come from China. My university is Minzu University of China. My major is teaching Chinese as a foreign language. I am very happy to join the Confucius Institute and Auckland University and come to this primary school to teach Mandarin. I hope that more people can know more about the Chinese culture, and for me to extend my English and learn about New Zealand.





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**AUCKLAND COUNCIL LIBRARIES
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

7-23 April 2023

ALBANY VILLAGE LIBRARY

EARTH DAY ECO-FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023 1 - 3PM

30 Kell Drive Albany Village

Bays Work in Progress food activity game 1:00-3:00
Waterwise DIY cleaning products workshop 1:00-2:00
Watercare water saving workshop 2:00-3:00
Community Park Ranger will talk about restoration, pest animals, and traps.

Find out more at aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays

FREE



MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRY (years 3 & 4)

Design the Easter Bunny's eggs and colour!

Saturday 8 April 10:30 - 11:30

Easter Storytime and craft

Let's celebrate Easter with music and dancing. We will make Easter decorations and cards afterwards.

Wednesday 12 April 11:00 - 12:00

Awesome eels

Come along to listen to a New Zealand story about eels and make an eel movement puppet to take home.

Fridays 14 and 21 April 3:00 - 4:30

Kids movie time.

Saturday 15 April 10:30 - 11:30

Fun Recycle Storytime

Fun Recycle Storytime followed by a craft project. We will make a shopping bag out of an old T-shirt. Bring your own T-shirt.

Tuesday 18 April 1:00 - 5:00

Escape Room: Climate Action!

Let's see if your team can solve all the puzzles. You will have one hour to escape. Please, get in touch with us for booking. Call 09 484-7117 or email ana.gaevski@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Thursday 20 April 11:00 - 12:00

Worm farming for kids

Come to the library to learn about worm farms, worms, and their anatomy, and why it is important to compost instead of throwing food scraps in the bin.

Saturday 22 April 10:30 - 11:30

Earth Day Storytime and craft

Saturday 22 April 1:00 - 3:00

Earth Day Eco-Festival Family fun day

Bays Work in Progress food activity game 1:00 - 3:00PM
Community Park Ranger will talk about restoration and pest animals.
We will learn about saving water and how to make our own cleaning products.

New **community noticeboard**—on display in the window opposite Area 17. Please contact the school office if you would like your event/business advertised.

Scholastic advise that the **Book Club orders** will be despatched in week 2 of next term. They apologise for this delay.

Good Friday Service—combined service with Albany Presbyterian, Holy Cross Trinity and Albany Baptist Church. Meeting at 9.3am at Albany Presbyterian and then will walk with the cross to Holy Cross Trinity. Followed by hot cross buns.

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.

Find out more at aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Contact
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HAPPY EASTER!



Many thanks to Gary and Lucy Douglas, Harcourts Albany for sponsoring their annual Easter colouring competition.

**A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS LOVE!**

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JUNIOR ENTRY (years 1 & 2)
Design the Easter Bunny's egg and colour!

Easter colouring competition - many thanks to all students that took part in the Harcourts, Albany colouring competition. Gary and Lucy and their team were amazed at the number of entries and all of the hard work put in—choosing winners was incredibly hard!

Congratulations to:

Juniors: 1st place - Hunter C, 2nd place - Aria K, 3rd place - Jeremy L

Middles: 1st place - Estel C, 2nd place - Kyna O, 3rd place - Alfred J

Seniors: 1st place - Seulwon P, 2nd place - Norah Z, 3rd place - Isabella H

Monday 24 April TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've got an amazing programme planned including crafts, games and more!
Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$55*
8am-6pm

School Day: \$45*
9am-3pm

Half Day:
7:30am-12:30pm or 1pm-6pm

*7:30am start option for an extra \$7 with free light breakfast.

Contact: Jackie dela Rosa

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Nominate an outstanding educator for a National Excellence in Teaching Award

The 2023 National Excellence in Teaching Awards are now open.

Nominations now open

For more than 28 years, the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA), has recognised New Zealand's most outstanding educators. NEiTA is proudly supported by Futurity Investment Group. NEiTA acknowledges the talented, committed, and caring educators who demonstrate the personal qualities, skills, and passion that help shape the lives of future generations in a fast-changing world.

As nominations for this year's NEiTA Awards open, we please ask you to consider if there's an outstanding educator you'd like recognised.

Award winners receive a professional development grant of up to \$10,000 to further their career and they'll also be invited to the NEiTA Awards ceremony for a celebration with their peers.

The NEiTA Awards are open for nomination by anyone in the wider school community. You can nominate an outstanding educator for a NEiTA Award now by visiting neita.com. The NEiTA Awards are proudly supported by Futurity Investment Group.

Award recipients receive a certificate of recognition, a stunning handblown glass trophy and a \$5,000 professional grant. The school principal who wins the *NEiTA Founders' Leadership Award* receives a \$10,000 professional grant. Nominations are open till 21 July 2023. You can nominate a special teacher at <https://neita.com>



Visit neita.com or simply scan the QR code
to nominate a teacher, or principal now.



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The National Excellence in Teaching Awards was started more than 25 years ago by the NEiTA Foundation to honour exemplary teaching in Australia and New Zealand. The Foundation was first established as a Trust in 1994 by Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) on behalf of its members, the parents and guardians of school age children, and the wider community to support improved teacher quality and retention, assist teacher professional development, and to promote enhanced professional recognition for teaching and teachers. It is proudly supported by Futurity Investment Group, ASG's new entity name, and reflects Futurity's mutual values and its objective to advocate for quality education and accessible lifelong learning. For more information on the NEiTA Awards, visit <http://neita.com>

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Register to work at the 2023 General Election.

**We need people with different
skills and backgrounds all
across Aotearoa New Zealand.**

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the roles, and to register your
interest, visit work.elections.nz.

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