



What's the hAPS?

17th May 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

Our **ground-breaking ceremony took place on the wet morning of Tuesday 9th May** (little did we know what was yet to come). In attendance were members of our kapa haka group, senior leadership team, representatives of our Board and Friends of the School, Ministry of Education, Site Manager and Project management team. Helen Furness kindly represented the staff as the longest serving teacher and leader present. The kapa haka representatives were magnificent and the beauty of their waiata, plus Ian Thompson's karakia and Rick Pierce's blessing made the weather seem insignificant. The kapa haka's performance was a tribute to their hard work and practice; this feedback was emailed to me by Olga Lozova, Delivery Manager with Ministry of Education "Thank you for the amazing ground-breaking ceremony earlier this morning. The kids are beautiful, talented and super motivated!" A special stone was laid to commemorate this significant event in our new block construction. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of our new two storey block—or you can keep an eye on it yourselves through special perspex windows built into the safety wall beside the office. Photos on page 3.

Many thanks for the calm and orderly manner in which parents responded to our invitation to collect children on the afternoon of the 9th May. We had over 375 students signed out within a 3 hour period. Following feedback we will work to refine this **emergency sign out system**.

Thanks to all the staff and parents of students in Areas 24, 25 and 26 involved in the fantastic **Year 5/6 camp** at Carey Park, Henderson Valley. We wish dry weather and sunshine for Areas 28, 29 and 31 for their camp next week.

We warmly welcome **Danbee Kim (Area 18)** who has been appointed to start our next new entrant class. We wish Erin Konings (Area 8) all the very best for her maternity leave and welcome Makayla Lawson to the class.

Now that the full blast of winter weather has hit us, and the fact that we have limited court and a very muddy field space we request ALL students **bring a change of clothes in their school bag**. This does not have to be school uniform. This will prevent parents and caregivers being called into the school by the office to provide spare clothes so that your child doesn't have to sit in class in wet or muddy clothes for the day.

The winter weather also seems to have bought out the "worst" in parent driving behaviour. It is so disappointing that instead of sharing the wonderful creative learning that is occurring in our school, half of my newsletter today is about road safety rules. On a daily basis our road patrol students, parents and staff observe and report dangerous driving behaviour. A HUGE thanks to the **99% of parents who do follow our road rules, and who also attempt to politely help or show new parents or visitors when they make a mistake, as we know it is not easy when you have not driven near the school entries in peak traffic times**. We have these rules because we care about our children's safety.

"No Entry" times to the bus bay require you to continue down Bass Rd and turn around at the roundabout. There is a sign that indicates when the "NO RIGHT HAND TURN" into the bus bay applies, as the time for this does vary each day depending on when our three school buses arrive, as well as traffic flow. We have very clear rules around times that the no right hand rule into the bus bay applies (and a huge thank you to the 99% of parents who do respect this rule).

We had a near miss reported when a child was almost hit by a car at the school rear entry—caused because several cars had parked **on the yellow dotted NO PARKING lines in Roanoke Way**. The yellow dotted lines are marked there to allow our children visibility past the cars when crossing the road. Auckland Transport will be issuing tickets if any cars stop or park on these marked areas.

It is noted that parents are reversing into angle parking on Bass Road, which is illegal. We have had it confirmed by the NZ Police that if angle parking is indicated then a driver must not stand or park a vehicle otherwise than in accordance with the direction indicated. In essence you must be facing the same direction as the flow of traffic. Reversing into an angle park means **you will disrupt traffic in both directions** to manoeuvre in successfully and disrupt traffic in both directions to get out. Section 40 of the Land Transport Act 1998 and Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004, Section 6.13 apply.. Please note that you can get a \$40 fine for this incorrect parking.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 2 2023

Monday 22nd-24th May	Year 5/6 camp 2—Areas 28, 29, 31
Monday 29th May	Year 3-6 cross country change of date
Tuesday 30th/Thursday 31st May	School, class and individual photos
Thursday 1st June	Year 6 students to AJHS for experience day
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
6th-9th June	Book Week
Wednesday 7th June	Interschool cross country for selected students (rainsaver 9th June)
Thursday 8th June	Year 3-6 Rippla/tackle rugby tournament for registered students (rainsaver 13th June)
Thursday 8th June	Board meeting, 6.00pm in the Boardroom
Monday 12th –14th June	Year 5/6 camp 3—Areas 23, 30, 32
Tuesday 20th June	NBC cross country for selected students (rainsaver 23rd June)
Wednesday 21st June / Thursday 22nd June	Student Led Conferences please note that this is no longer a half day closure, school will close at the usual time of 2.55pm with SLCs commencing at 3.00pm. Further details to come.
Friday 23rd June	Excursion to CATS show—Areas 21, 22, 37, 38, 39
Tuesday 27th June	FOS occasional treat Cadbury chocolate fundraiser commences
Friday 30th June	Last day of Term 2

We are looking for **parent helpers to assist our road patrollers on the pedestrian crossing** on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. If you are able to assist in this regard please contact teacher in charge, Michelle Lacey, mlacey@albany.school.nz. Full training will be provided. Time required 2.45pm-3.15pm (approximately).

Bus Monitors

We have senior students as our Bus Monitors on the 061 and 062 bus services. Our bus monitors are there to support students to be safe on the bus. They encourage all students to follow the rules of the bus such as; sitting on the seat they have chosen at all times, talking quietly so as not to distract the bus driver, and not eating and drinking on the bus.

If at any time there are concerns over a student's behaviour the monitors will inform the DP in charge of the school buses, who will discuss the matter with the children. Many thanks to our appointed students for showing our REACH values in their roles.

CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY—CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers. To take part in this study you must:

- ◆ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ◆ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ◆ Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact: Niklas Gemmell, Email: info@wcresearch.co.nz, Phone: 0800 48 74 25

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BOOK WEEK (6TH-9TH JUNE) - A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME...






- **Classroom doors will be decorated**—take a discovery journey around the school.
- Students will an opportunity enter a **design a new book cover** for their favourite book.
- There will be **guest readers** for all classes at some time in the week (Tuesday to Friday).
- There will be a fun **list of activities for each syndicate** to promote books and reading.
- And... to finish the week... the looked forward to **Dress as a Book Character Day** on Friday.

Albany Primary School on Tues 30th & Weds 31st May, 2023

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Premier Pack \$45.00</p> 	<p>Classic Pack \$39.00</p> 	<p>Single Pack \$33.00</p> 
	<p>Packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Premier: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class<input type="checkbox"/> Classic: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets and Class<input type="checkbox"/> Single: 1x 5x7 and Class<input type="checkbox"/> Portraits: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets but no Class<input type="checkbox"/> Class: Class only	<p>Portraits Only \$22.00</p> 
	<p>Portraits include complimentary portrait file voucher. You will be able to redeem your file after you receive your photopack.</p>	<p>Class Only \$17.00</p> 

Siblings (In School only) Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

Notices similar to the above will be going home today regarding photo day with information for options for purchase available and pricing. Please note that no payment is required at this stage. Order forms will go home with a photo proof and details of ordering after photo day.

SIBLING PHOTOS—if you would like a sibling photograph (ie if you have more than one child at Albany Primary School) then please complete the sibling photo request on the reverse of the notice sent home. Return this to the school office by Friday 26th May.

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.

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