



What's the hAPS?



15th June 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

It has been an incredibly busy fortnight at Albany Primary School, as in addition to our in-class learning we have been able to offer many of our learners so many opportunities for learning outside our school environment including sporting, extension and performance as well as our final Year 5/6 camp at Carey Park for Areas 23, 30 and 32 (see page 3 for photos).

Thanks to Xu Han and Danjela Martin (and parents) for supporting our rippa rugby/tackle rugby interschool tournament. This event was held at Windsor Park. Feedback from Mr Han—"All of the teams played really well and students tried their best! And a special thanks to all parent helpers and coaches who supported the students with passion and love."

Students were selected to attend a Mathex competition with one team achieving 8th place, and the other 16th out of 49 teams. Congratulations to student Muhammad A who made it to the top 6 amazing runners that demonstrated the school values of respect and resilience.

What a pleasure for the staff and families that attended the Northern Bays Performing Arts Festival last night for the most delightful evening's entertainment. Our school choir's item was absolutely outstanding as students experienced the joy of performing at the Bruce Mason Theatre to an audience of over one thousand. For many of our children this will be an absolute highlight of their year, and made the hours of practice all worthwhile. Many thanks to Fiona Sutton, Sol Lee, Danjela Martin and Karen Gliddon for all of their effort and support.

Our Book Week was also a huge success! Many thanks to the Book Week team for organising—Helen Furness, Fiona Sutton, Judith-Ann Sillick and Emily McGall. The atmosphere around the school over the week was one of excitement and anticipation. Activities included 'guest' readers in class—including reading fairies, a pirate with a Scottish accent and a harmonica playing caretaker. Classes decorated their classroom doors, and students entered a competition to create a book cover. The week concluded with the much awaited 'dress as a book character' day. Many thanks to families for all efforts taken to create the most incredible assortment of characters.

Together in learning

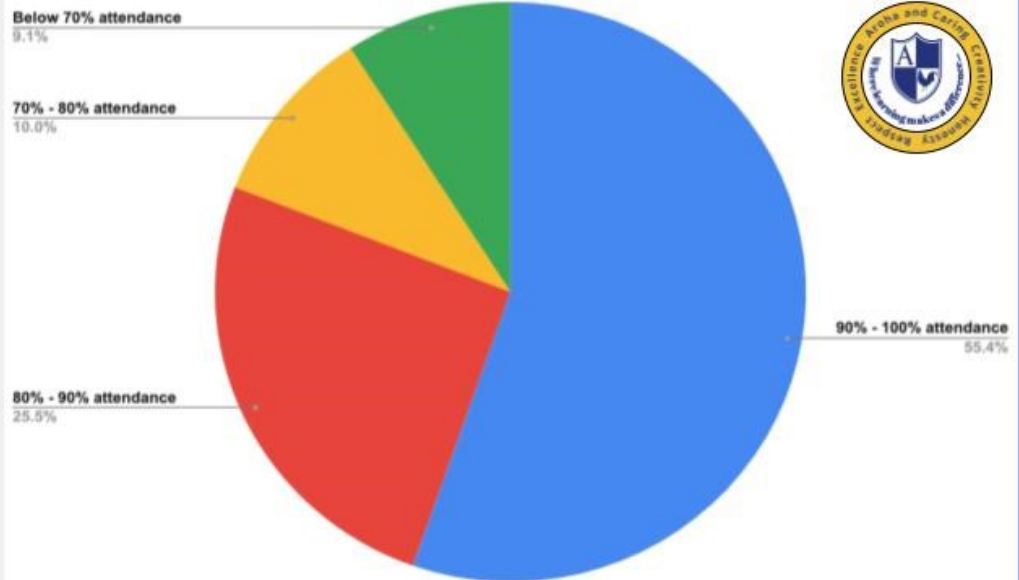
Maree Bathurst, Principal





- The overall relationship between attendance and attainment can be best described by a straight line, especially at attendance rates over about 70 percent.
- The first 1.5 days of justified absence across Term 2 is the only 'safe' level of nonattendance (where there is a minimal impact on a student's attainment) we could find evidence for.
- This implies that any other absence from school is associated with substantially lower attainment – that is, every day matters.
- The first few unjustified absences in a term are associated with the largest drops in attainment.

(Ministry of Education 2020)



Albany Primary Attendance T1 2023

90 - 100%

- * missing **no more than 5 days** in a 10 week term.
- * equates to **20hrs** of learning time.
- * 90% attendance over 5yrs is equivalent to missing **TWO TERMS** of absence

80% - 90%

- * missing **between 5 and 10 days** per term.
- * equates to missing **one day per week per term (40hrs)**
- * 80% attendance over 5yrs is equivalent to missing a **FULL SCHOOL YEAR**

70% - 80%

- * missing **between 10 and 15 days** per term.
- * equates to missing the equivalent of **1.5 days per week per term (60hrs)**
- * 70% attendance over 5yrs is equivalent to missing **1.5 YEARS OF SCHOOL**

Below 70%

- * missing **greater than 15 days** per term
- * equates to missing the more than **1.5 days per week per term (60hrs)**
- * Below 70% over 5yrs is equivalent to missing **over 1.5 YEARS OF SCHOOL**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Looking at the chart above—a child whose attendance is 90-100% over 5 years is still mequivalent to missing two terms of school.

You may be aware (through significant media coverage) the national concern regarding the declining rates of student attendance in schools. Regular attendance at school is critical for our children's learning, wellbeing and their future. Not only are children missing out on important learning they need, but on friendship, connections, and fun moments. We know that with the disruptions this year this has had a direct impact on our students learning time so going forward every day counts.

It is our role as teachers together with you as whānau (family) to ensure that attendance every day at school does matter, and we need your support to ensure that we are committed to this goal together. If the value of attendance is not prioritised at primary school level patterns of truancy can then become established in our older children. You may already have had a call from our staff to enquire why your child is absent. The school are then required to share this information with the Ministry of Education as this information is being tracked carefully to ensure that your child does attend school every day. On occasions, the school is required to contact external Attendance Services whose independent role is to support your child to attend school consistently. Please advise us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance at school so we can support in any way to help you make every moment of learning time matter for your child. See also some [tips for parents and whānau](#).

TERM 2 2023

Tuesday 20th June NBC cross country for selected students (rainsaver 23rd June)
Wednesday 21st June—Thursday 22nd June Student Led Conferences
Friday 23rd June Excursion to CATS show—Areas 21, 22, 37, 38, 39
Tuesday 27th June—Wednesday 28th June School class, individual and sibling photos
Thursday 29th June FOS 'occasional treat' Cadbury chocolate fundraiser commences
Friday 30th June Last day of Term 2
 School closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

On 23rd June Areas 21, 22, 37, 38 and 39 will be visiting the Aotea Centre to view the National Youth Theatre's performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's **CATS**. Made doubly special with the inclusion of two of our students in the cast—Agnes H and Kyna O—all the best for your performances!!



Albany Primary School on Tues 27th & Weds 28th June, 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)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Premier Pack \$45.00</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Classic Pack \$39.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Portraits include complimentary portrait file voucher. You will be able to redeem your file after you receive your photopack.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Single Pack \$33.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portraits Only \$22.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Class Only \$17.00</p> |
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CHANGE OF DATE

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.

The "occasional treat" fundraiser



A box of x36 chocolates will be distributed to students (eldest in each family) on Thursday 29th June to sell at \$2 per bar. We will be fundraising for interactive sand/water play areas.

We request that students start by selling to family and friends, take to sports games to sell to other teams. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO GO UNSUPERVISED SELLING CHOCOLATES— a grown up person should be with them at all times.

If money is paid (\$72) within the first two weeks of Term 3 then families will go into the spot prize draw—we have great prizes to be won including:

- 1 x bike
- 1 x waterproof action camera
- 4 x \$25 Westfield vouchers
- 10 x \$10 Whitcoulls vouchers

If you do not wish to participate in this fundraiser, then please advise Jan in the school office by 21st June (email—jmunroe@albany.school.nz).

Thank you for your support.

The FOS team

感谢您参加Albany小学的筹款活动。

您会收到一盒36根装的巧克力。请以每根\$2.00的价格售出，将卖出的\$72.00放入随附的袋子中交回学校(确保袋子上写清楚学生的姓名和班级)。

可以把巧克力卖给家人或朋友，也可以带到球场卖给其他球队的成员。请不要让孩子独自在无人陪同的情况下卖巧克力-一位成年人应该陪同他们。

如果你可以在学期的前两周内交回\$72，将有机会参加抽奖活动 - 我们准备了丰厚的奖品等你来拿！

- 1辆自行车
- 1个防水运动相机
- 4张价值\$25的Westfield礼券
- 10张价值\$10的Whitcoulls代金券

谢谢您的支持。

Pictures indicative only



THE ALBANY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

BENNY ANDERSSON

BJÖRN ULVAEUS

AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY **CATHERINE JOHNSON**

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 7.30PM

SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2.00PM

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 7.30PM

THURSDAY 22 JUNE 7.30PM

FRIDAY 23 JUNE 7.30PM

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2.00PM

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Star Gazing with the Auckland Astronomical Society

Astronomical Talk followed by night sky telescope viewing

Tuesday 4 July 5:30-8:00pm

Albany Village Library followed by telescope viewing in Kell Park.

Wrap up warm & prepare for an unforgettable night under the stars. Astronomers will talk to us about the night sky before we head outside to take turns looking through telescopes. Pick up a flier from the library or check Albany Village Library Facebook page for our full school holiday programme.

Find out more at aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/schoolholidays

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NGĀ TAMARIKI O MATARIKI

THE CHILDREN OF MATARIKI
School Holiday Programme

FREE



Monday 3 July 11:00-11:30

Visit by NZ Children's Author Lindsay King

Join NZ children's author Lindsay King for songs, reading, movement, questions and a book signing. Lindsay wrote The Travelling Toddler.

Tuesday 4 July 5:30-8:00

Star Gazing with the Auckland Astronomical Society

Wrap up warm & prepare for an unforgettable night of star gazing for the whole family. Astronomers will talk to us about what we can see in the night sky before we head outside to take turns looking through the telescopes.

Friday 7 July 3:00-4:30

Movie Time

Join your family & friends in the library to watch a family friendly movie. Check with the library to find out which movie will be screened.

Saturday 8 July 10:30-11:30

Birds of New Zealand

Hear stories about native New Zealand birds then make a bird mask to take home.

Sunday 9 July 2:00-3:00

Matariki Mindfulness Art Session

Art can be very relaxing & therapeutic. Join us in an art session inspired by the Matariki stars. Either colour in our Matariki resources or take inspiration from our props to draw your own pictures. All ages welcome.

Tuesday 11 July 11:00-12:00

Stories & Star Weaving

Listen to stories about Matariki then make your own weaved star.

Wednesday 12 July 11:00-12:00

Flax Weaving Workshop

The whole family is welcome to try flax weaving. Older children will weave flowers while younger children can weave little fish.

Saturday 15 July 10:30-11:30

Matariki Storytime & Māori Stick Game

Listen to a Matariki story then play a traditional Māori Stick Game.

Find out more at
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