



# What's the hAPS?

27th July 2023

Dear parents/caregivers,

Four seasons in one day has never been more applicable than the current change in weather patterns that we are experiencing so far this term. Thank you to all parents that have included a spare set of clothes in their child's bag as despite having to close the fields most days there are still large areas of mud and puddles that are unavoidable. We have had a lot of students and staff unwell this week with head colds, flu and ongoing respiratory problems—we are continuing to keep up our class hygiene and ventilation standards but please do talk to your children about sneezing into their elbow / sleeve, and please keep them home if they are unwell.

If you are in school take a few minutes to peek through the small perspex windows in the boarding surrounding the construction site. Footings were poured last week, with the floor slab to follow shortly. We really appreciate the fantastic support given when the concrete trucks were arriving in convoy on Tuesday causing disruption to our bus bay traffic. There will be further disruptions next Tuesday when an extension to the concrete path in front of the kindergarten is poured.

Thank you to all parents that took the time to return our recent PE and Health Survey titled Relationships and Sexuality, as well as those that attended the information meeting on Tuesday evening. This strand of our Health Curriculum is not new, and has been reviewed every two years under our Health and PE community surveys. Our 2021 school statement included "R and S is taught in a cross curricular approach using our Key Competencies and Values alongside the context drawn from learning areas. All information is within a context that is age appropriate." Information from the evening has been condensed into an [11 minute video presentation](#) that details the survey feedback and next steps as a community.

Unfortunately there has been a lot of misinformation circulating by social media as examples of what is being taught in other countries, other schools, sex education in high schools, or scare tactics of what teachers are being told they have to teach. If you have ongoing questions or concerns around misinformation, please contact the school via [curriculum@albany.school.nz](mailto:curriculum@albany.school.nz) or call the office directly and ask to speak with James Hopkins, our Curriculum Lead. As questions continue to come in, we will look to publish these in a variety of different ways so our whole community are able to share in the conversation.

I thought a little history of this critical learning area may be useful to you. In 2020 the Ministry of Education released a guide and resources to support good practice and expectations of key learning for all stages and ages of learning. This release was driven by the Education Review Office report from 2018 and was informed by an awareness of changing family school structures, shifting societal norms, the rise of social media and the increased use of digital communications and devices. HOWEVER...while the MOE has provided the resources, schools are charged with the responsibility to consult with their own school community and we have the flexibility to design our own local curriculum that is *guided* by the national curriculum (so it may differ from school to school). Please also note that we offer the Pubertal Change parent/ student meeting as an optional evening meeting, delivered by an external facilitator.

Our acknowledgement and thanks to James Hopkins who is leading our community consultation for this really topical part of our Health and PE curriculum. Further information regarding the team level consultation meetings are in our Term Dates on page 2. These sessions have specifically been designed to be interactive. With community members alongside teachers, we will collaboratively draft the outcomes and learning activities for each of our year level teams. Your attendance, questions or feedback are ALL valued, *as together we design* our schools R and S plan. Once fully crafted this will be available for your reference, and another example of the value we place on our school and whānau (family) collaboration and partnerships.

Many thanks to families for the support shown to our current Friends of the School (FOS) occasional treat (Cadbury Chocolate) fundraiser for interactive sand and water play equipment. A reminder that if payment is returned by tomorrow (Friday 28th July, 3.00pm) then your child will be in the spot prize draw. Any queries in this regard please contact Jan in the school office ([jmunroe@albany.school.nz](mailto:jmunroe@albany.school.nz)).

Together in learning  
Maree Bathurst, Principal

## TERM 3 2023

### New dates added

A reminder that if you return your chocolate fundraising money (\$72) by Friday 28th July, then your family goes into the spot prize draw for some great prizes

<b>Thursday 27th July</b>	Football school tournament for select students (rainsaver 28th July)
<b>Thursday 3rd August</b>	Rippa and tackle rugby school tournament for select students (rainsaver 8th August)
<b>Wednesday 2nd August</b>	Relationships and Sexuality Education—Parent <b>Junior</b> School curriculum framework design and community workshop, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Open to all parents and whānau of the <b>junior school</b> . Junior school teachers and staff will be supporting this session.
<b>Thursday 3rd August</b>	Board meeting, 6.00pm
<b>Tuesday 8th August</b>	Year 0/1 excursion to MOTAT
<b>Wednesday 9th August</b>	Northern Bays winter sports day (rainsaver 11th August)
<b>Thursday 10th August</b>	Year 5/6 excursion to Kristin School for Young Leaders Day
<b>Wednesday 16th August</b>	Relationships and Sexuality Education—Parent <b>Middle</b> School curriculum framework design and community workshop, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Open to all parents and whānau of the <b>middle school</b> . Middle school teachers and staff will be supporting this session.
<b>Tuesday 15th August</b>	Sports and team photos
<b>Friday 18th August</b>	Trees for Survival (rainsaver 30th August)
<b>4th-8th September</b>	<b>Whānau week</b>
<b>Friday 1st September</b>	Mufti day—you be you. Gold coin donation requested towards sand play equipment
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b>	Relationships and Sexuality Education—Parent <b>Senior</b> School curriculum framework design and community workshop, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Open to all parents and whānau of the <b>senior school</b> . Senior school teachers and staff will be supporting this session.
<b>Thursday 7th September</b>	Board meeting, 6.00pm
<b>11th-15th September</b>	<b>Māori language week</b>
<b>Thursday 14th September</b>	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Wednesday 13th-Thursday 14th September</b>	Student led conferences, 3.30pm-5.30pm TBC
<b>18th—22nd September</b>	<b>New Zealand Chinese language week</b>
<b>Friday 22nd September</b>	Last day of Term 3. School closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

### FORWARD NOTICE

- Term 4, commences Monday 9th October as previously advised.
- Teacher only day on Friday 24th November.
- Our last date for school end (Term 4 close) is now Friday 15th December, closing at the usual time of 2.55pm.

### DENTIAL CLINIC REMINDER

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.

Albany Senior High School for Years 11-13

Location: 536 Albany Highway



# OPEN EVENING

## WELCOME

**THURSDAY 27 JULY 2023**  
**FROM 6.00PM TO 8.00PM**

**TAKE A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL WITH SOME OF OUR STUDENTS.** Hear what it's like to be part of our learning community.

**JOIN OUR PRINCIPAL, CLAIRE, IN THE LEADING LEARNING CENTRE** for a brief intro into 'Life at ASHS' at 6.45pm (before or after your tour).



# WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU