



10th August 2023

Dear parents/caregivers,

What a very busy two weeks we have had with our **students participating in a wide range of events** both in and out of school grounds. These include - the final Rippa and Tackle Rugby tournament for the season, Year 0/1's exciting visit to MOTAT on Monday, Northern Bays Cluster winter sports day on Wednesday of which our netball team came 3rd, and one of our football team's and basketball team's also came third. Today our Year 5/6 students attended an inspirational Young Leaders day at Kristin School. Thank you so much to our amazing teachers who put so much effort into planning our sports events and excursions providing education outside the classroom, and to all parents who assisted at these events as well.

Following our Information Evening on 25th July (revised Relationships and Sexuality curriculum) we held the first community planning session last Tuesday, specifically for the junior school. A huge thanks to the dedicated group of teachers and parents who braved the hail, the rain and the driving wind to be a part of the junior school workshop. This meeting was well attended and was a fantastic opportunity to come together and plan. We successfully managed to capture lots of voices and feedback, bringing clarity and openness to the planning for the Junior School.

If you missed either opportunity and would like to provide specific feedback about the Junior School curriculum, please share your comments via our dedicated email address—curriculum@albany.school.nz or pop in to meet with Mr Hopkins in person. As we continue to work alongside whānau, we are capturing the story and outcomes via our [Online Curriculum Site here](#). After each workshop, we will update the page with any outcomes or pictures showing some of the thinking.

We look forward to meeting you again at the **Middle School (Year 3/4) collaborative planning workshop on Wednesday 16th August (6-7pm)** and/or at the **Senior School (Year 5/6) meeting on Tuesday 5th September (6-7pm)**. Many thanks to Mr James Hopkins for facilitation of these events and for collating our communities feedback as we work through this collaborative process.

Together in learning
Maree Bathurst
Principal



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT—BALLOT INFORMATION

Do you have a child starting at our school in 2024? We are aware that there are several of our current families living out of zone who have a child due to start in 2024. If you have moved house since your first child started you may not be in zone for our school and will need to apply for a place for your child in the upcoming out of zone ballot. **IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ACCEPTED IN AN OUT OF ZONE BALLOT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START AT THIS SCHOOL.** Applications close noon on Wednesday 11th October and the ballot date is 18th October. For more information please email lelder@albany.school.nz.

TERM 3 2023

Wednesday 16th August	Relationships and Sexuality Education—Parent Middle School curriculum framework design and community workshop, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Open to all parents and whānau of the middle school . Middle school teachers and staff will be supporting this session.
Tuesday 15th August	Sports and team photos
Friday 18th August	Trees for Survival (rainsaver 30th August)
Thursday 24th August	FOS (Friends of the School) meeting, 6.00pm
4th-8th September	Whānau week
Friday 1st September	Gumboot Friday Mufti day—you be you. Gold coin donation requested towards sand play equipment
Tuesday 5th September	Relationships and Sexuality Education—Parent Senior School curriculum framework design and community workshop, 6.00pm-7.00pm. Open to all parents and whānau of the senior school . Senior school teachers and staff will be supporting this session.
Thursday 7th September	Board meeting, 6.00pm
11th-15th September	Māori language week
Thursday 14th September	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 13th-Thursday 14th September	Student led conferences, 3.30pm-5.30pm TBC
18th—22nd September	New Zealand Chinese language week
Friday 22nd September	Last day of Term 3. School closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

2024—BEGINNING OF YEAR START DATE

The start date for Term 1, 2024 has been confirmed as: Thursday 1st February

SPORTS PHOTOS—AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Sports team photos will be taking place in the staffroom on Tuesday 15th August.

If you are a sports team manager or coach and wish to be in the photo please email Jan in the school office—jmunroe@albany.school.nz by 10th August. These photos with coaches/managers will take place between 9.30am-10.30am.

All students participating in after school sports codes will need to bring their sports uniform to school, to get changed into when their team is called for photos. This photo opportunity includes students that participated in Semester 1 miniball/basketball as well as Semester 2. Netball players are requested to not wear leggings or long sleeved shirts under their netball dresses for the photos.

CHESS RESULTS

Congratulations to the Albany Chess Team who received third place at the recent interschool tournament and second place at the recent regionals. They have secured a spot at both the upcoming Interschool finals and Chesspower Nationals.

Congratulations to Xavier C for placing third at the regionals. He will be joining Jonathan Z, Ozzy P, Kayal K, Ryan C and Terry W at the National Individual Championship. Thank you to coach Roshan and parent supporters. Congratulations also to Shanice C for achieving gold in the Under 10 category at the recent Auckland Girls



TRAFFIC SAFETY NOTICES

DO NOT STOP ALONG ALBANY HIGHWAY TO LET YOUR CHILDREN OUT OF THE CAR

We have been advised of students getting out of cars along Albany Highway. A reminder to all parents - please do not allow your child to exit cars along Albany Highway in the traffic queues as road safety is our top priority.

我们学校的学生上学途中，在阿尔巴尼高速公路（Albany Highway）路段，一些家长让孩子从拥堵的车辆中下车去上学的情况正在发生。

在此，我们提醒各位家长：

孩子们的安全上学是最重要的。即使在早晨上学时交通拥堵严重，请不要让您的孩子在沿着阿尔巴尼高速公路上从车内下车。感谢您的理解与支持！

저희 학교 학생들이 등교 길에 알바니 하이웨이 2차선 도로 정체시에 일부 학부모님들께서 정체된 차에서 자녀들을 내리게 한 후에 등교를 시키는 일이 발생하고 있습니다.

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아이들의 안전한 등교가 최우선입니다. 아침 등교시 교통정체가 심하더라도 자녀들을 도로에서 내려 차들 사이로 등교하지 않도록 해주시기를 바랍니다.

Directly opposite the Bass Road traffic light intersection you may have noticed that the entry road to what was Massey University is currently closed off with both a safety fence and cones.

Therefore you cannot park or drop your children in this zone as this is not a safe place for children to be getting out of vehicles, as you are illegally parking on a pedestrian crossing / intersection. Auckland Traffic (Waka Kotahi) will be issuing tickets in the next few weeks.

