



What's the hAPS?

23rd August 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

What a joy it has been to finally have **a few days of sunshine** to dry out our grounds so that students can use the field space. Please check that your child has a set of **spare clothes** in their school bag (this does not have to be uniform) should your child end up with mud all over them and require a change of clothes – this will also avoid a phone call to parents to bring spare clothes to school.

Unfortunately our school has continued to be hit very hard with **winter illnesses**. Thankyou to all the parents that have left a message on the school absence line or emailed to let us know that your child will be absent, as our admin staff are currently spending at least an hour every morning phoning parents when absences are unexplained. Please remind your child to report to the office if they arrive after the bell, as this will save us calling you, or causing you undue stress if you know you dropped your child to school and your child missed roll call. We have been very fortunate to have every room covered with relievers which has prevented the need to double up classes as some schools have had to do this winter. Some days we have needed a reliever for the reliever as they too have called in sick, so sometimes it has not always been possible to have the same person teaching in the room all week.

Our thanks to Alysa Lee and Cherie Goldie as well as the fantastic parent supporters and enthusiastic students who attended our **Trees for Survival** planting day. All year this group have been supporting the growth of individual seedlings culminating in the planting of over 500 native trees in Wainui along waterways and erosion prone hillsides. This was an opportunity to make a practical difference to the environment as well as learn about conservation, revegetation, wetland restoration and protecting stream quality.

We are pleased to advise of the following **staffing updates**—we welcome Terri Cochrane as our new entrant teacher in Area 14, and welcome back Sarah Gartner who will be teaching in Area 8. We welcome Jean Choi (one of our ex students and now a fully qualified teacher) who will be teaching in Area 28 whilst Abi Cawood is on maternity leave.

While the 99% of parents are amazing at following our traffic rules, and we so appreciate your patience and courtesy to each other, we still have few drivers who continue to park on the yellow lines in streets around the school and on Bass Road, OR do a 'U' turn rather than patiently following the flow of traffic down to the roundabout. **Auckland Transport are supporting us over the next few weeks to issue tickets** (see fine notice attached on page 3), as you are breaking traffic rules and endangering our students through this blatant disregard for their safety.

Just a reminder to complete the **Cultural Festival expression of interest form** if you or a group of friends are able to support us with this event. It could be preparing or cooking some food, teaching a group of students a dance, providing a traditional costume, or supervising a craft or art activity that represents your families background or culture. We are excited about the potential for this exciting community event but can't do this without your help.

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

Thursday 24th August	FOS (Friends of the School) meeting, 6.00pm
4th-8th September	Whānau week
Friday 1st September	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
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.

Lunchtime Lego Club!

A group of teachers at Albany School are wanting to set up a lunchtime Lego club but they need your help! Do you have any spare, unwanted, unused or extra Lego at home which you would be happy to donate to Albany Primary School for our lunchtime Lego club? Please be aware that these donations will not be returned to you and will remain the property of APS.

Please contact Michelle Lacey (mlacey@albany.school.nz) if you have any queries, and drop any donations into the school office (with a completed form confirming the understanding of the permanent nature of the donation).

All donations are gratefully accepted!



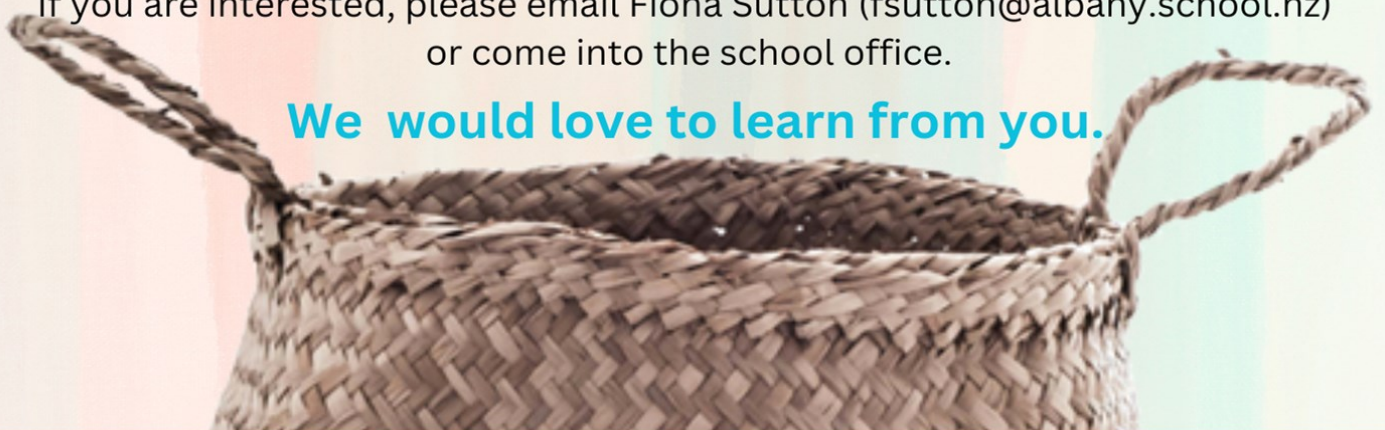
Whaowhia te kete mātauranga

Fill the basket of knowledge

We are looking for whānau (parents, grandparents, family members) to come into school during a lunchtime (12.50pm-1.25pm) to pass on a skill that you have to our students - this could be knitting, crochet, board games (Mahjong), and more.

If you are interested, please email Fiona Sutton (fsutton@albany.school.nz) or come into the school office.

We would love to learn from you.



Safety at the School Gate



Park safely outside schools

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking rules help protect our children and keep them safe. Drivers who park illegally put our kids at risk.

This term parking officers will be on patrol outside your school to issue tickets to those who are illegally parked.

Fines for illegal parking include:

- Parked on the footpath **\$40**
- Parked across or within 1m of a vehicle entrance **\$40**
- Parked within 6m either side of an unmarked bus stop **\$40**
- Parked within a marked bus stop **\$60**
- Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it **\$60**
- Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane **\$60**
- Parked on a clearway **\$60**
- Double parked **\$60**
- Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians **\$60**
- Parked on or within 6m of an intersection **\$60**
- Parked on a pedestrian crossing **\$60**
- Parked on a broken yellow line **\$60**

These parking offences are detailed in the New Zealand Road Code.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Trees for Survival

