



What's the hAPS?

6th September 2023

Tēnā koutou

Finally the signals of spring are awakening, the birds are nesting and our days are lengthening. Kōanga is the Māori word for spring (September to November). It includes the word 'kō', a digging implement: spring is the time to dig the soil. 'Light spring showers' are known as 'ua kōwhai' or 'kōwhai showers', referring to the September bloom of yellow flowers on the kōwhai tree.



This week we have enjoyed celebrating Whānau Week when every afternoon classes work with their Tuakana Taina class to highlight Te Ao Māori myths and legends, visual and performing arts, waiata (music) as well as traditional games and preparing food.

We are looking forward to our Student Led Conferences on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th September from 3.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from your child about how and what they have been learning this term. Information about Student Led Conferences and instructions on how to make a booking will be communicated this afternoon.

Last night we concluded our series of three parent consultation meetings for our local implementation of the Health Curriculum (Relationship's and Sexuality). Many thanks to Mr James Hopkins (DP of middle school) for leading this review and facilitating these sessions. James has also prepared a highly informative summary of this process [link](#). If you missed the meetings or have any further feedback please email curriculum@albany.school.nz. The full staff will now design the plan for our local curriculum design (based on your feedback) and share this early next term.

One of our school goals this year was to review our current Vision and Values. As part of this community consultation we are also seeking student, parent and staff feedback about any potential changes to our current uniform. We are only in the "seeking feedback" stage as such a decision requires significant notice for suppliers so please be assured that if there are any changes there would be a period of time as a transition phase. Please do complete the survey as requested below.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

Kia ora koutou. We've recently gathered student feedback around our current school uniform and some of the feedback is really surprising. Check out the simple infographic [attached](#) showing our student body being very divided over whether we have a uniform and whether we keep our current one.

Some of the wider feedback around what we need to change included:

"Bring back the old blue school jackets"

"Can we use the sports uniform (blue) as our school shirts?"

"Get rid of the yellow - it attracts bees!"

And my personal favourite:.." Can we put some stars on it and make it fluffy?"

The community survey is linked via a QR code and link within the graphic and is also open to all whānau and community members [here](#).

TERM 3 2023

Thursday 7th September	Board meeting, 6.00pm
11th-15th September	Māori language week
Wednesday 13th-Thursday 14th September	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair (refer flyer page 3)
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

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

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.

SEEKING GRANDPARENTS TO SHARE THEIR SKILLS

Do you have a family member who may be retired from a full time career?

Would they like to come into the school to share their skills? This could be helping with a lunchtime club (electronics, model building, art activities, knitting, crochet, mahjong) or simply reading some books to children in our library.

We are noticing that many of our learners do not have the opportunity to have relatives in Auckland or in New Zealand.

Research shows that a connection between generations is of mutual benefit in so many ways.

So many crafts and skills that earlier generations have to offer could spark a new hobby or interest in our children.

You might like to speak to other families to work together as a group.

Please indicate below what hobby or skill you would be keen to share, as well as indicate which possible lunchtimes you could be available.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Sutton at fsutton@albany.school.nz or pop into Area 21 for a chat.

My name is: _____

I can be contacted by phone on: _____

I can be contacted by email at: _____

I would like to teach this skill: _____

I am available on these days (12.50-1.30pm): _____

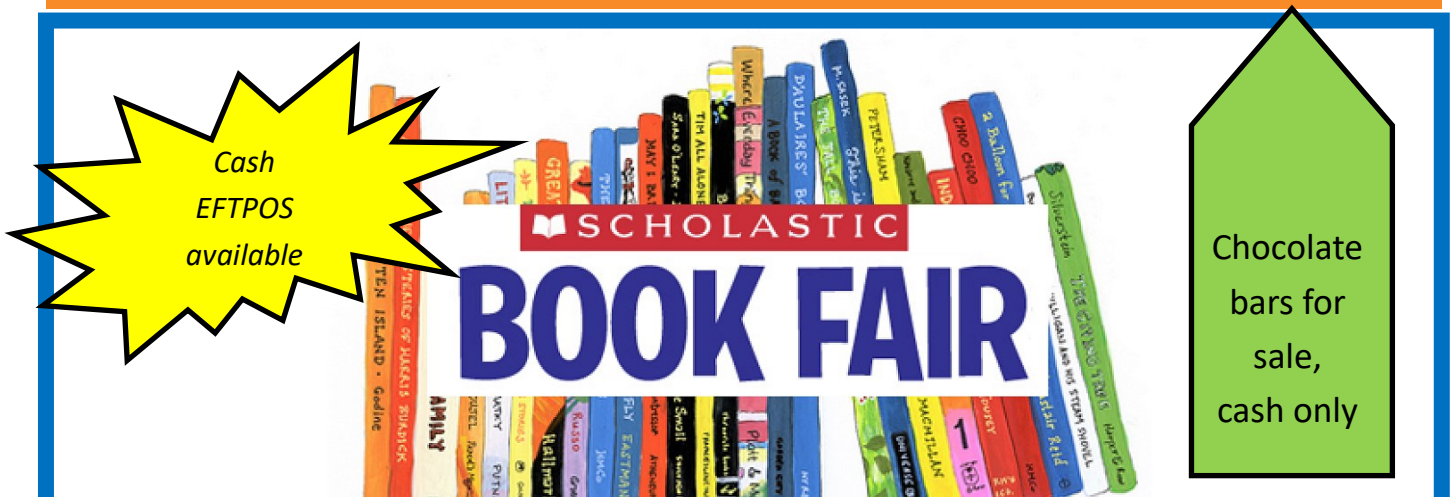


FOS NEWS

Occasional treat—chocolate fundraiser: We are pleased to advise that over \$13,000 has been raised towards outdoor sand and water play areas. We still have a number of chocolates (\$2 per bar) and chocolate boxes for sale. If you are able to sell these at your workplace (with money due by the end of the year) please make contact with the school office (or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz). These will also be available for sale at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair (chocolates must be paid with cash) only at this event.

Scholastic Book Fair: Our Book Fair will be open for sales on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th September, 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-5.30pm. If you are available to assist the FOS team with the book fair sales please contact Jan in the school office (jmunroe@albany.school.nz).

Thank you for your support.



Cash
EFTPOS
available

SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

Chocolate
bars for
sale,
cash only

OPEN FOR SALES IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th September
8.30am-9.00am, 3.00pm-5.30pm



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BOOK FAIR!
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APPEALS TO 4th-5th GRADERS
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Packed with science and humor!
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APPEALS TO 6th-7th GRADERS
READ
An incredible story with non-stop action!

ADVENTURE & FANTASY HISTORICAL FICTION
APPEALS TO 4th-5th GRADERS

CHARACTERS \$4.75 each



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 25 Sept – Fri 6 Oct



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Ginormous Galaxies day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games & MUCH MORE!

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your venue.

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz

Kelly Club HP Timetable:

https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/show_doc/200861

Link to Sep/Oct HP event:

https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/view/16172

OCTOBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

Who can attend: Albany Primary School Students

General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, water or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents/caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.wizardincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any items sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property while at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

Prices & Session Times:

Full Week: \$275 **Full Day:** \$55* **Event Day:** Extra \$19
8am-6pm 8am-6pm (Not Included in Full Week)

School Day: \$45* **Half Day:** \$42

9am-3pm 7:30am-12:30pm or 1pm-6pm

* 7:30am start option with free light breakfast

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



You're invited to our

IMPACT PROJECT CELEBRATION OF LEARNING 2023

He iti te mokoroa nāna te kahikatea i kakati
Even the small can make a big impact on the big.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6pm - Spotlight Session One
- 6.20pm - Spotlight Session Two
- 6.40pm - Spotlight Session Three
- 7pm - Top Project Celebration / Guest Speaker

**WEDNESDAY
20TH
SEPTEMBER,**

6.00-7.30 PM

536 Albany Highway, Albany

