



What's the hAPS?

16th November 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

With just over 4 weeks of term left many special events are planned for our learners and the excitement of end of term is building. For our graduating Year 6 students, as well as others, moving to new schools this excitement is tinged with a variety of emotions. Our teachers are currently completing school reports and assessments and our leadership team finalising appointments for next year's teachers.

We would like to acknowledge **Albany Junior High School for their support** in allowing us to use their auditorium for our Year 3-6 Sports Celebration and Year 5/6 Celebration/Graduation Assembly. We are so appreciative of your assistance as finding a local facility that would allow us seating for our 700+ audience and to ensure both these events are in person is particularly important given previous COVID years when we had no option but to present online. Our Years 1-4 end of year celebrations will be online, as we still do not have a school hall at this time.

In the next week you will also **receive a very short survey** regarding our school Strategic Directions from our Board and leadership team. Your feedback will assist us in our future planning to ensure we are delivering and meeting the needs of our community, so we would really appreciate your input.

Ticket sales close today for our Cultural Festival! We have had a fantastic response so far with over 400 tickets sold. If you have not purchased your \$10 ticket (which gives you 3 small 'tasters') from our international food stalls (overseen by our school families) then make sure you buy them today—you can come into the school office and pay via eftpos or cash, or you can transfer funds into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00—using your child's name and 'cultural festival' as the reference and tickets will be given to your child in class). This event takes place next Thursday (23rd November).

Next Friday (24th November) is a full staff professional learning day as we are currently working through the changes that are required to be implemented through the revised New Zealand Curriculum. **Therefore school is closed for students.** There will be no school supervision available, but Kelly Club will be open, however bookings are essential. Contact Kelly Club, phone: 022 693 7732, email: albany@kellyclub.co.nz

Many thanks to Mr Cowell and his Years 5/6 STEM group, parents, and Mr Turner who supported our after school garden clean up yesterday afternoon.



It has been wonderful to see our Years 3-6 students (and parents) enjoying their **Athletics Day today**—many thanks to parent helpers and Years 3-6 teaching staff for supporting, as well as Miss Turner, Mrs Fletcher and Miss Franklin for their organisation.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



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Monday 9th October—Friday 15th December (full day)

16th November	Years 3-6 athletics day
23rd November	Cultural Festival, 6.00pm (rainsaver 1st December) - refer flyer
24th November	Teacher only day—school closed
28th November	Northern Bays Cluster Athletics day for select students (rainsaver 30th November)
29th November	Years 0/1 <i>online</i> Celebration of Learning
30th November	Year 2 <i>online</i> Celebration of Learning
1st December	Donate a canned food or pantry item—donations to the Salvation Army
4th-7th December	Years 3/4 Big Day In
5th-7th December	Years 5/6 excursion to Rainbows End
7th December	Years 3/4 <i>online</i> Celebration of Learning
7th December	Board meeting, 6.00pm
12th December	Years 3-6 Sports Celebration, 6.00pm at AJHS Gymnasium
13th December	Year 6 disco and supper, 6.00pm at APS staffroom
14th December	Years 5/6 Celebration of Learning, 6.00pm at AJHS Gymnasium
15th December	Final day of the school year, school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

YEARS 3 –6 SPORTS CELEBRATION

We are looking forward to holding our Years 3-6 Sports Celebration at 6.00pm on Tuesday 12th December. Please note that this event will be held offsite at Albany Junior High School, Appleby Road in the Gymnasium. We would request that students representing an after school sports code wear their sports uniform for acknowledgement of Most Valuable Player and Coaches Award. Albany Primary School sports awards will also be presented at this event.

SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (for outside school sports teams)

If your Years 3-6 child has been selected for a Sports Representative Team in 2023, we would love to acknowledge them in the Years 3-6 Sports Celebration programme. Please forward their name, sports code and sports representative level team that they have been selected for by Thursday 30th November to Jan in the school office, email: jmunroe@albany.school.nz. If you have already advised this information to another staff member please also forward the information through to Jan to ensure it is included.

PRICE REDUCED—OCCASIONAL TREAT CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

We have stocks on chocolates that we would like to have sold before the end of the year—we have therefore dropped the price to \$1 per bar—\$36 per box. If you would like to purchase chochoates/box of chocolates please contact the school office. Payment via eftpos/cash at the office, or online into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00 using your child's name and FOS as the reference).

SAVE THE DATE

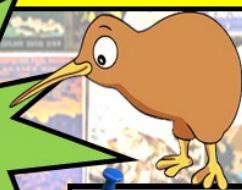
Cultural Festival

RAINSAVER DATE:
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
6:00pm-7:30pm

Performance by our Kapa haka group, and by
Students representing
Arabic, Chinese, Indian, Korean and Sri Lankan cultures

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Provided by FOS
One per person
(until supplies run out)



\$10 for 3 tasters

FOOD VANS ON SITE
(at users cost):
Harcourts Coffee & Cone
Candyfloss
Jesters Pies
Mr Whippy
Double Dutch Fries
Coffee van

CULTURES REPRESENTED AT OUR FOOD STALLS:

Arabic
Chinese
Greek
Indian/Pakistan Korean
Malaysian
South Asian
South African
Samoaan
Sri Lankan
Thai

Tickets \$10 for 3 samples
(ticket sales close 16th November)
(Up to one cup sized taster dependent
upon food type)
*Tickets on sale now from the school
office or pay into our school bank
account (12 3107 0043717 00) using
your child's name and
'Cultural Festival' as the reference*



SAVE THE DATE—FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Bring a can or non-perishable food item as a donation to
the Salvation Army food bank
to help those in need this holiday season

Please bring your donated item to the school office.

We would love to also have
donations of 'treat' foods
for special
occasions, ie
chocolates, etc

Thank you for
your
support

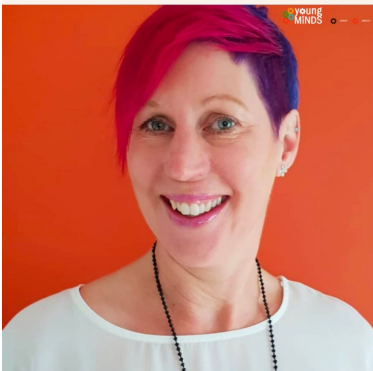


HOW TO MAKE A GREAT 5 YEAR OLD - THE NEUROSCIENCE BEHIND BEHAVIOUR

**WHERE : ALBANY KINDERGARTEN PRE-SCHOOL, 4 Bass Road,
Albany**

WHEN: Monday November 20th 2023

TIME: 5.30pm



Anna is a behavioural coach. In her studies for her Masters degree, she discovered neuroscience and learnt about how the brain works and develops. She utilised her skills into becoming a behaviour specialist teacher running a nurture group and now works with children, families and in schools, to support neuro diverse learners.

