



What's the hAPS?

13th December 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

From reflecting at our end of year celebrations and reading our Yearbook we are reminded of how much has happened over the course of the school year—what we have been challenged with, what we have achieved and all that we have learned. It has been a year of trials and triumphs, misses and milestones, growth and achievement.

I would like to thank our Board and staff members for all of their incredible efforts—our leadership, management, and teaching teams, teacher aides, administration and caretaking staff. I would also like to thank all of our parent helpers—from our after school sports team coaches and managers, road patrol, FOS, Cultural Festival participants, camp, on site and off site EOTC activities, Teacher PALS and in class helpers.

The end of the year is always a time of mixed emotion as we farewell those who will not be returning to us the following year—I would like to acknowledge:

- ⇒ Our Year 6 graduates and our students moving on to other schools. We have loved watching your growth over your time here at APS. Keep in your heart the memories of Albany Primary School and continue to share our values of Respect, Excellence, Aroha and caring, Creativity and Excellence at your new school.
- ⇒ Our Teachers and Teacher Aides leaving our school due to short term contracts, new positions or promotions, relocating to other regions or for the next chapter of their life. Thank you for going over and above for our students, and sharing your learning, heart and time in so many memorable ways. Farewell to Deli Franklin, Kerry Glaum, Kirsty Hodd, Danbee Kim, Jae Kim, Julie Kim, Erin Konings, Shawnee Marcroft, Fiona Sutton and Vanessa van Dee. We wish Alysa Lee all the best for her exciting year of travel and moving to Korea, and will welcome her back in 2025. We acknowledge the work Fen Lao Shi (Fen Fen) has done with teaching Mandarin and wish her safe travels as she returns to China.

We also take this opportunity to farewell Mr Simon Shore, Deputy Principal of our Junior School, who has been with us for 9 years. Apart from leading our Year 0-2 teams for the last two years Simon has previously led our Year 5/6 team along with leadership across a range of key areas in our school. Simon has brought something very special to our school community with his passion for our learners. His patience and caring support for our staff will be missed. Simon has worked diligently across a range of key leadership portfolios that have resulted in him working above and beyond, often at the sacrifice of family time. Simon, we wish you all the very best in your new Deputy Principal role at Whangaparāoa Primary School—they are very lucky to be on the receiving end of your skills, knowledge and talents.

One of the parents of a graduating Year 6 student acknowledged her child's journey in these poignant phrases "words are not enough to express our gratitude to everyone at Albany Primary School who has watched over our child; given them support, discipline, encouragement and most importantly kindness. The sense of belonging is a gift." What a wonderful end of year affirmation.

To our returning students, we look forward to seeing you all back at Albany Primary School on Thursday 1st February 2024.

You will have received letters with reports regarding start dates, office hours and stationery lists for 2024. If you misplace this information, details are available on the school website.

I wish you all a blessed family time over Christmas and a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Meri Kirihimete (Merry Christmas) to all

Maree Bathurst
Principal

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

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

2024 Term Dates

The school office will be open on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January from 9.30am-12.00noon for enrolment enquiries.

Term 1

Thursday 1st February - Friday 12th April

Includes public holidays for Waitangi Day 6th February, and Easter Friday 29th March, Monday 1st April, and Tuesday 2nd April

Includes 12.30pm closure for Partnership Meetings Thursday 22nd February

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July

Includes public holidays for King's Birthday 3rd June, and Matariki 28th June

Teacher only day - Tuesday 4th June

Term 3

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

Term 4

Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December (half day close)

Includes public holiday for Labour Day 28th October

Teacher only day - Friday 25th October

Change to timetable for 061 school bus users

We have been advised by Auckland Transport that from the first day of Term 1 2024 the 061 afternoon school bus service will have start time changes, they will be departing from Albany Primary School in Term 1 2024 at 3.15pm.

There are no route path changes.



KELLY CLUB **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Contact **JACKIE DELA ROSA**

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The advertisement features a vibrant photograph of four children (two boys and two girls) playing water guns in a grassy area. In the background, there is a large, colorful, stylized number '4' that serves as a backdrop for the children. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, suggesting a fun holiday program.

Thursday 14 December 2-3 11-12

Auckland Emergency Management Storybooks Library Tour

A Storytime to teach kids key messages about what to do during an emergency like flood, storm, or cyclone. We will play a Hazard naming game and a Grab bag sorting game. There will be prizes for winners.

Sunday 17 December 11 - 12

MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD

Spread the Christmas happiness. Make a card to send your love to seniors.

Tuesday 19 December 11 - 12

ADORABLE HEDGEHOGS

Listen to the stories about hedgehogs, learn about their life cycle, and make an ornament from a pinecone.

Fridays 22 and 29 December 3 - 4:30 Children's movie

FREE MOVIE

Friday 5 January 11 - 12

READING PICNIC IN THE PARK

Bring your favourite book to share under the pear tree.

Saturday 6 January 11 - 12

Humble Buzzy Bees

Stories and songs about bees. Honey tasting. Buzzy Bee finger puppet.

Tuesday 9 January 11 - 12

FUTURE HELPERS - ROBOTS!

Meet Eddison and Matata Lab robots. Learn about basic programs to operate robots.

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 January 10 - 12

Escape room event "Save the Ice Cream Truck"

Escape room event for 8 to 13 years old kids. Registration required. Please call 09 4847117 or email ana.gaevski@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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AUCKLAND COUNCIL LIBRARIES PRESENTS

RAUMATI READS

Kiwiana

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FREE



Collect
stickers and
badges while
stocks last

SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY PUPPET SHOW

Tuesday 23 January 2024 11:30 - 12:30

Albany Village Library 30 Kell Drive Albany Village

Fun lawn games and giant bubbles in the park, chalk drawing in the courtyard followed by the Hands Alive Puppet Show.

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