



What's the hAPS?

14th February 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

Happy Chinese lunar new year! Xīnnián hǎo 新年好 Gong hei fat choy 恭喜发财

It was wonderful to see all of our families back to school and welcome our 70+ new families at our Pōwhiri welcome assembly. We also welcomed new teaching staff Kirsten Norris, Daniella Roelofse, Leah Taylor, Grace Tye-Wood, Summer Johnson, Steffeny Enfield, Jojo Wu, Nadine Keyzer and Lida Bredenkamp.

We also welcome Xiaobao Zhou (Eloise) our Mandarin Language Assistant who has completed her orientation through the Confucius Institute and Auckland University after previously been working in a Hamilton school Hamilton last year.

We will be holding Partnership Meetings on Wednesday 21st February (3.30pm-5.30pm) and Thursday 22nd February (1.00pm—6.00pm) - information was sent home yesterday. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and establish a three way partnership between your teacher, your family and your child. **Make sure you have booked your meeting through School Interviews—**

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter school code: **fcbb6**

Follow the instructions

Please note that there will be a half day on Thursday 22nd February with school closing at the earlier time of 12.30pm. Kelly Club will be open for supervision from 12.30pm—bookings are essential. Contact Kelly Club on phone: 022 693 7732, albany@kellyclub.co.nz or kellyclub.co.nz/Albany School buses will not be running in the afternoon, all students need to be collected at 12.30pm. Please note that Kelly Club are also looking at offering supervision on Tuesday 2nd April however prebooking is required.

School statements have now been issued to all families. These invoices cover both donation and required payments. Athletics/Math Seeds subscriptions expire at the end of February, so if possible please make this payment early or as soon as possible to allow your child access to this home learning programme. **We absolutely understand** that given the pressure on family incomes—uniform, stationery, higher cost of living causing additional pressure, that full payments may not be able to made this month. Please email Julie (jcarrucan@albany.school.nz) as she can extend or offer alternative payment options. If your school donation portion (as identified on your statement) is paid by 31st March then you can claim a portion back through Inland Revenue.

Many thanks to parents that have been abiding by road rules to keep the traffic flowing around the school area. Thank you also to parents that are keeping unwell children at home and using our absence line/app/email to advise the school of absences. If your child has COVID please advise the school office as we are tracking numbers of cases in classes.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

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Term dates: 1st February—Friday 12th April

16th February	Swimming Sports Grading for select students
21st February	Partnership meetings in students classroom, 3.30pm-5.30pm
22nd February	School closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm Partnership meetings in students classrooms, 1.00pm-6.00pm
23rd February	APS Swimming Sports, 9.00am-2.30pm for select students
27th February	Year 5/6 Waterwise, AUT Millennium, Areas 21, 25, 26, 30
29th February	Year 5/6 Waterwise, AUT Millennium, Areas 23 28, ,29, 32
29th February	Board meeting, 6.00pm
1st March	Year 5/6 Waterwise, AAUT Millennium, Areas 22, 24, 31
5th March	FOS (Friends of the School) meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom
12th March	Interschool swimming sports for select students (rainsaver 14th March)
20th March	Netball grading for registered Year 3-6 students
26-28 March	Year 5/6 North Harbour Sport—Bikes in Schools
29th March	Public holiday—Easter Friday— school closed
1st April	Public holiday—Easter Monday— school closed
2nd April	School holiday as set by the Ministry of Education— school closed <i>Kelly Club are looking at offering supervision on Tuesday 2nd April however prebooking is required.</i>
3rd—5th April	Year 5/6 North Harbour Sport—Bikes in Schools

Update from Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Measles cases are expected in Tāmaki Makaurau this year, and which could result in an outbreak across the region and so a few points to be aware of:

- Schools and ELS can prepare by reminding whānau to check children have had two MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations. Whānau can ask their doctor or practice nurse or check children's Well Child Tamariki Ora books. MMR vaccinations are free from GPs or some pharmacies.
- ELS and primary schools should keep their immunisation registers up to date.
- If there is a measles case at school or an ELS, then children exposed to the virus and who are not immune are at high risk of developing measles they will have to stay home in quarantine.
- Measles is serious, especially for young children, and can have ongoing effects on immunity from other illnesses.



HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP ON YOUR PHONE?

If you are not currently a registered School App user: Download for free 'SchoolAppsNZ' in your cellphone app store. Select 'Albany Primary School'.

Parents of Bus Students

To ensure we communicate with you in a timely manner, please ensure that you have completed a "School Bus Expectations and Agreement" form so that we have your child listed on our student management system as a bus user for email communications. These agreement forms are available for collection from the school office or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz for a copy to be emailed/sent home with your child or [print](#).

School App:

We also request that you have the 'bus students' option selected on our School App, as this is the communication tool that we would use for before/after school communications regarding bus delays etc. (Refer above for details on downloading our School App).

Select the 'bus students' option: In the top left corner of the home screen select the drop down menu to go to 'Alert Subscriptions'. Select 'bus students'. Please note that you will receive notifications for both 061 and 062 bus services - we will advise on the message which bus service the message relates to.

After School Sports Registrations

Many thanks to those parents that attended last Tuesday's parent information meeting regarding After School Sports. Following on from parent feedback both from the meeting and other channels we will be trialling a new method of registration for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) for Years 3/4 basketball. This will involve obtaining expressions of interest from parents and placing students names into a ballot system to be drawn under formal conditions. We will seek feedback following the trial. Further details will be advised closer to the time (end of Term 2).

In the next few weeks we will be registering players for Netball and Hockey. This will be through the Enrolmy system. Further details will be advised to parents in the next few weeks.

Friends of the School (FOS)

Friends of the School are a group of parents who are passionate about giving back to our school—this could be in the form of arranging fundraisers or events. Each year FOS raises funds to support identified areas that need resources in order to support the quality of education, environment, and opportunities that we want to provide for all students. All meetings/FOS events are advertised on the school website and newsletter. For more information contact Jan in the school office, phone: 415 9668 or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz. Our next meeting is

Teacher PALS (Photocopying And Laminating Service)

We are looking for parent volunteers to support the school with photocopying, laminating, returning readers, etc. If you feel you would like to contribute in this regard, please contact Jan in the school office, phone 415 9668 or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz