



# What's the hAPS?

6th June 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

**STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics) Project**—On 5th June, work completed on site was the culmination of over two years' design/planning and hard work by Mr Cowell's Middle and Senior School STEAM classes. Thanks to support, we have been able to turn our students' plans into a reality. Many thanks to Mitre 10 for equipment supplied and work completed by their *Helping Hands Crew*. This amazing team from our local Albany Mitre 10 store not only provided the material to build three new garden/vegetable bins, but also all of the labour! The team had the bins assembled and filled by lunch time, and then generously donated all the tools they had used including three new wheelbarrows and spades. We are so appreciative and cannot wait to fill our bins with vegetable plants and seedlings. Thank you to Mitre 10 Albany and the Helping Hands Crew, our staff involved - Richard Cowell, Faron Turner, Ian Thompson, Mike Crake and parent, Chandre de Waal, who assisted on the day.



We would also like to acknowledge Pelorus Trust for approving a grant of \$3,229.59 for the funding of a new water pump attached to our existing water tank, enabling us to supply water to our community orchard and STEAM garden. With over 29 different ethnicities represented at our school we embrace our cultural diversity and encourage students to experience the green spaces that we are fortunate to be able to provide in this garden which is open to the community. The water tank also provides a useful teaching resource for our students about capturing and dispersing water. This work has now been completed and we look forward to experiencing our upgraded watering system in action.

**New Build**—If you have been on school grounds you will have noticed that our new court and front carpark are almost completed. Representatives from the construction company (Watts and Hughes) and Olga Lozova (Ministry of Education) shared a presentation about how the building was constructed with a focus on sustainable building practices. A group of Year 6 students were then invited to tour the new building to see how the materials were used.



We are currently working through the process of which classes will be moving to the new building, or to existing rooms, as all the modulock (prefabs) will be removed over the July holidays.

**Traffic Warnings**—We have been advised by our teachers on afternoon pick up duty that a number of parents are driving off before their child is seated with seatbelt secured—**this is illegal**. Auckland Transport will be spot checking and issuing tickets in the near future.

Please be aware that the cones in Roanoke Way are to ensure that no cars park along this area, to give parents and students visibility when crossing the road. The cones do not designate a pedestrian crossing. Parents and students crossing the road need to ensure that there are no cars coming in either direction before crossing the road. We have had instances of parents crossing the road expecting cars driving through to stop for them—this is a very unsafe practice for our students to observe and then attempt themselves.

**Upcoming Events**—We look forward to seeing parents at our BINGO Night on 13th June. This will be a great chance to meet other school parents during a fun night out. Please see over for our plans to celebrate Matariki on Thursday 27th June. This involves a Pōwhiri welcome assembly, activities in class and a shared morning tea which whānau/families are encouraged to attend. There will also be a sausage sizzle for all students by Watts and Hughes (construction company), if your child has any food allergies/cultural considerations that we need to be aware of, please advise your child's class teacher.

Together in learning  
Maree Bathurst, Principal

## TERM 2 2024

Term dates: 29th April—5th July

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| 7th June       | Year 6 experience day  |
| 10th-12th June | Year 5/6 Camp 3 (Areas 23, 30, 31)   |
| 12th June      | Interschool cross country (rainsaver: 14th June) (for select students)     |
| 13th June      | Fun social Bingo evening, for parents—refer poster, page 5                 |
| 25th June      | School class and individual photos— <b>date postponed to 3rd September</b> |
| 25th June      | Northern Bays school cross country TBC (for select students)               |
| 26th June      | School class and individual photos— <b>date postponed to 4th September</b> |
| 26th June      | Year 6 Netball North Harbour Field day TBC                                 |
| 27th June      | School Matariki celebrations—refer information below.                      |
| 28th June      | <b>Matariki—public holiday—school closed</b>                               |
| 1st July       | School 'athon' fundraiser commences  |
| 3rd July       | Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm-5.30pm                                     |
| 4th July       | Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm-5.00pm                                     |
| 5th July       | Last day of Term 2, school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm              |

# MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

## Schedule of Events

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| 6.30am  | Dawn celebration and breakfast in the staffroom for kapahaka students and invited whānau.   |
| 9.00am  | Whole school Pōwhiri welcome assembly. All families and whānau are invited to attend this assembly on the school courts.  |
| 9.20am  | Matariki activities in classes. All families are invited to their child's class to participate.   |
| 10.30am | Shared morning tea in classes. All families are requested to supply one small plate of food. Families and whānau are invited to participate in the shared morning tea.  |
| 11.00am | Farewell to family and whānau.  |
| 11.30am | Classes collaborate with their Tuakana Teina on a Matariki activity.  |
| 12.40pm | Whole school sausage sizzle and lunch play. Watts and Hughes (construction company), have kindly offered to provide a whole school sausage sizzle (sausage wrapped in bread with tomato sauce) for each student. If your child has any food allergies/cultural considerations please advise your child's class teacher. |
| 1.30pm  | In class Matariki activities.   |

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS—YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Following feedback after the beginning of year parent After School Sports Meeting, we were going to trial a ballot system for the Year 3/4 basketball registrations. We have since been contacted by NZ Breakers who confirm that for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) we are able to enter four teams at Year 3/4 level, and therefore there is not the requirement to trial a ballot system for this grade.

## Whānau ki te Ako Presents

Autism, Anxiety and Emotional Regulation with

Arletta van den Bosch

Understanding and supporting neurodiverse learners

JUNE 19TH 2024

4pm - 6pm Educators only - free for all educators in our Kahui Ako schools, afternoon tea provided.

6.30pm - 8pm Whānau, parents and families welcome. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Scan the QR code to register

ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



WHĀNAU KITE AKO

BETTER TOGETHER: A CONNECTED PATHWAY FOR EMPOWERED LEARNERS

# Introducing

Some of our new staff to Albany Primary School 2024



## KIRSTEN NORRIS

Kia ora. My name is Kirsten Norris. I am currently a year 1 teacher at Albany Primary in Area 20. I have been teaching for almost ten years in both Primary and ECE settings.

## STEFFENY ENFIELD

Kia ora, I'm Steffeny Enfield. I am teaching years 3/4 this year. I am passionate about teaching and am committed to a lifelong journey of learning and discovery. I create a culturally responsive environment. I believe every learner valuable, bearing unique sets of talents and gifts, but—like an uncut gem—learners abilities are often unknown or undeveloped. As a teacher I focus strongly on creating experiences that reveal and refine the talents of each learner. I value learner relationships and always encourage my learners to strive for the best.



# New page on our school website — Fundraising and Student Discounts

Check it out!

## Online Rocky Road Fundraiser

Albany Primary School are selling delicious rocky road to help support our school and our students. Our fundraising initiatives over the school year go towards a range of much needed projects, enhancements and upgrades for our school that benefit all current and future families. Proceeds from our rocky road fundraiser will go towards interactive sand play. The more funds we can raise, the more opportunities we can create for our students. These 200g Rocky Road bars are perfect to share or gift and are allergy friendly! For each \$12 bar sold, we receive \$3.60.

Set up your own fundraising page and send the link to family and friends.

Last day for orders, 30th June. Order delivery date to school Thursday 25th July.

### How do I order/set up a fundraising page?

- Go to our school website, [www.albany.school.nz](http://www.albany.school.nz) and click on the fundraising and student discounts page.
- Go to <https://albanyprimaryschoolrockyrd.raiseit.co.nz/>
- Click on the QR code



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FOS PRESENTS



A fun and social event for the  
Albany Primary School community

# BINGO NIGHT

**THURSDAY 13TH JUNE**

**7.00pm-9.00pm**

**Albany Primary School Staffroom**

***\$5.00 per ticket—numbers are limited***

Tickets on sale now from the school office. Or you can make payment into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00) using your child's name and 'bingo' as the reference. Tickets will then be delivered to your child's class to bring home.

Yes you can bring a friend along!

We have planned a fun filled evening to include social games and interaction—this is not a prize oriented event!

This is an adult only event

However if you are able to provide services or donations that we can use as prizes please contact the school office. All sponsors will be acknowledged on the night and in our newsletter.

**HOW DO YOU PLAY BINGO?**

<https://youtu.be/dJ4YDTqmhJk>

Full instructions given on the night

Numbers will be verbally announced, as well as displayed on a screen

Tea, coffee and snacks provided