



What's the hAPS?

3rd July 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

What a huge four days it was last week **with the moving 30 classrooms, as well as all of our resources!** Thank you all for your support when collecting students so that entry doors remain clear, and for waiting on the front court after school. As with any new move, we are establishing and reviewing routines and safety rules now that everyone has had a week to settle into classrooms.

Following the excitement of the move we ended our week with the most wonderful Matariki celebration on Thursday commencing with a dawn breakfast shared with whānau, followed by the **mihi whakatau** held on our new front court. It was a wonderful opportunity to open our “new doors” so that you could see how quickly your children are settling into their new spaces and classrooms, for providing kai (food) and sharing this special day with us. We would like to acknowledge our kapa haka group for their hours of practice and vibrant performances.

Thanks also to Tracy Triegaardt (Sustainability Manager) from Watts & Hughes construction company who spoke to several classes about the importance of replanting green spaces. This was followed by the donation and planting of a commemorative pohutukawa tree, as well as vegetable plants. Mace Landscapers provided soil, labour and all the native plants for the gardens next to the staff carpark. The team from Watts & Hughes not only provided 780 sausages and supplies needed for our sausage sizzle—but also cooked them all, ensuring every child in the school received their kai. This support and sponsorship was a fantastic way for us all to share in such a successful school construction partnership.

We are looking forward to Student Led Conferences tonight and on Thursday. These conferences will be held in your child’s classroom. Each Conference is for 25 minutes. Please be mindful that the teachers need to re-set the classroom after your booking for the next group. Your child will be proud of their learning, and your attention and positive affirmation is a valuable part of showing your support for their effort. Modelling respect (as one of our school values) for this occasion includes a request that you do not access your cellphone or device in this time. We also request that pre-schoolers and other siblings are not brought into the classrooms as a courtesy to other students and their families. If English is your second language you are welcome to bring along someone who can help translate throughout the meeting.

The first four portocoms (old Areas 33-36) have already been removed from our grounds, with the remaining 16 classrooms and toilet blocks to be removed this week and over the holidays. Due to the **trucks and cranes operating it will not be safe for you to bring your children onto school grounds (including playgrounds) during the holidays.** For this reason we have also had to temporarily close Kelly Club over the break. It will be amazing to have our full field open again, although it may take some time to have our grounds fully reinstated due to the winter conditions.

We will be holding our official opening of our new block on Thursday 1st August. School tours will be scheduled for 9.30am, 11.00am and 2.00pm. At 2.30pm there will be our official opening, including ribbon cutting and performance by our kapa haka group. School will finish at the usual time of 2.55pm. (Information on page 4.)

We farewell and thank Leah Taylor who has accepted a teaching position in Dubai, and welcome Joleen Posthumus to continue teaching in Area 17 (formerly Area 33). We welcome for Term 3 new entrant teacher, Tanya Bavasto, who will be teaching in Area 23.

Over the holidays we will be renumbering all classes and using our new Area numbers from the start of Term 3. After such a busy 10 weeks, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable end of term break, and look forward to seeing you on Monday 22nd July for Term 3 start.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 2 2024

Term dates: 29th April—5th July

3rd July
4th July
5th July

Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm-5.30pm
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Last day of Term 2, school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

TERM 3 2024

Term dates: 22nd July—27th September

19th July
22nd July

School office open for enrolment enquiries, 9.30am-12.00noon
First day of Term 3

On Friday 21st June, we held a blessing ceremony for a small group of representatives from our school, kapa haka, Watts & Hughes, Ministry of Education and OCTA (project managers). Our grateful thanks to Matua Mate and Whaea Vicky for leading this very special ceremony.



We look forward to sharing our new build with you on 1st August at our formal opening.



Mihi whakatau held on Thursday 27th June



**SUPPORTED BY
ALBANY PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**INFORMATION MEETING
FOR CHILDREN AND
PARENTS
WITH ANNA SANFORD**

WHERE:

Areas 18, 19, 20
(top storey of new block)
6 Bass Road

WHEN:

Thursday 25th July
at 6pm for 1 hour 15 minutes



**If you are a parent of a
Year 5-6 child, then this
is a definite for your
diaries!**

**PARENT/PRINCIPAL
TESTIMONY**

This is a great opportunity to supplement your child's learning at school. An engaging overview of the physical changes throughout puberty.

With years of knowledge and experience, as an adolescent Specialty Nurse & Youth Worker, Anna expertly positions information about pubertal change in a way that is Authentic, Fun and Safe.

Visit her website here
<https://www.annasanford.org.nz/puberty-conversations/>

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you for the puberty night you delivered. I was there as a parent with my 11 year old son. I was impressed with the way in which you delivered a complex topic with such humour. It definitely opened doors to be able to continue discussing puberty with my son at home.

As a past school principal and teacher, it was hands down the best puberty talk I have ever heard. I know my son and his mates had a great time too. Thanks for what you do, it is so needed in our schools for both parents and kids. A great night." *Ben*

"Anna Sanford has been facilitating Northcross Intermediate's Puberty Information Evenings and in-class educational sessions for many years. She is an amazing communicator and knows instinctively how to engage with her audience. Age appropriate content about pubertal change is delivered in a humorous and relatable way; Northcross Intermediate highly recommends Anna to any organization looking to utilize her talent in making the topic of Puberty more accessible for both child and caregiver." *Janine Joyce, Head of Health, Associate Principal*

NEW BUILDING OPEN DAY CELEBRATION



PARENTS AND WHĀNAU ARE INVITED TO THE
OPEN DAY EVENTS OF OUR NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST

Join one of our tours of the new building,
running at: **9:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm**

2:30pm

Official opening
Kapahaka to perform
Followed by ribbon cutting

2:55pm Normal school closure



OPEN EVENING/ OPTION EVENING 2025

Wednesday 3rd July 2024
4.30pm - 7.00pm



SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EMERGING ADOLESCENT

We warmly invite prospective students and parents/caregivers to our annual open evening and option evening, where you will discover the wide range of unique and rich learning opportunities available to your year 7-10 children when they join our Albany Junior High School (AJHS) community. Our school's four year programme provides curriculum diversity, challenge and a personalised learning programme which fosters and supports the emerging adolescents individual learning needs.

We take pride in what our students have access to, and the most meaningful way to show this is to take you on a personalised tour of our school to explore, interact and engage with our curriculum and culture.



To enrol your child at AJHS, please visit the website www.ajhs.school.nz and click 'ENROLMENT'.

You'll visit areas such as;

- Science labs
- Maths rooms
- Language rooms
- Technology rooms
- Library
- Whanau atriums
- Homerooms
- Gymnasium
- Green room
- Music studios
- Dance studios
- Visual arts studio
- Performance Art Centre

Your tours will be led by one of our current students, who can share their AJHS experience with you.

We will also showcase the amazing learning opportunities available for our Y9/10 students. This is an opportunity to come along with your child and learn about all the fantastic courses our departments have on offer in 2025.

Location:
19 Appleby Road, Albany.

For further information please contact us on 415 5473 or email office@ajhs.school.nz. (There is no need to register for this event.)

We look forward to welcoming you to Albany Junior High School.





OPEN EVENING WELCOME

THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2024 FROM 6.00PM TO 8.00PM

**TAKE A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL
WITH SOME OF OUR STUDENTS.**

Hear what it's like to be part of our learning community.

**JOIN OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL, HAMISH,
IN THE CAFE**

**FOR A BRIEF INTRO INTO
'LIFE AT ASHS' AT 6.45PM**

(BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR TOUR)

**WE CAN'T WAIT
TO MEET YOU**

