



What's the hAPS?

2nd August 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

It was wonderful to welcome our new starters (including new staff) who have joined Albany Primary School at last week's Pōwhiri. Due to suspected rain we held the event in our staffroom. We are pleased to welcome a number of international students from China for short term stays, and acknowledge families coming from Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Philippines and Russia. Haere mai to Albany Primary School.

Yesterday marked a milestone in our school's property journey with the official opening of the new block by the Honourable Minister of Education, Erica Stanford. Also present were representatives from the Ministry of Education, construction company, architect's and many other stakeholders involved in the project. At the outdoor assembly the Minister was very impressed with the design and quality of the new building. She also shared the wonderful news that the funding for our replacement hall has been approved! Although it may be some months before we see the actual building begin, we are delighted that we have had this commitment confirmed.

Thanks to Desi Lagerwall and Karen Hughes as well as parents that supported the Northern Bays Football Tournament. Mrs Lagerwall and Mrs Hughes reported "Yesterday we had the privilege of taking a select group of year 3-6 students to the Northern Bays Football Tournament at Rosedale Park. It was excellent to see the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by all students on and off the field. All five teams won a few of their matches, with the Year 3/4 Team 1 winning all five of their games! Well done to everyone who participated."

Thank you all for your support for our Read-athon. We hope that you have also enjoyed talking about the story and type of books that your child has read encouraging enjoyment of reading books (not just on a screen), and ultimately a life time love of literacy. The new shelves have now been installed in our refurbished library so classes are able to enjoy this special place. Read-athon sponsorship and donations can be returned to the office, with the final date for sponsorship return being Friday 16th August. All funds raised from the read-athon will be used for new library furniture.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



TERM 3 2024

Term dates: 22nd July—27th September

7th August	Northern Bays winter sports day for select students
7th August	Board meeting, 6.00pm
8th August	Rugby tournament for select students (rainsaver: 13th August)
9th August	Read athon final day
12th-16th August—Maths Week	
15th August	Trees for Survival for select students (rainsaver: 22nd August)
15th August	Friends of the School (FOS) meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom—all welcome to attend
27th August	Year 0/1 trip to Auckland Art Gallery
28th August	Year 0/1 trip to Auckland Art Gallery
3rd September	Class, individual and sibling photos
4th September	Class, individual and sibling photos—rollover day
5th September	Sports team photos
9th-13th September - Book Week	
12th September	Board meeting, 6.00pm
16th-20th September—Maori Language Week	
18th September	Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm onwards
18th September	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair, 3.00pm onwards
19th September	Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm onwards
19th September	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair, 3.00pm onwards
27th September	Last day of school term. School closes at the usual time of 2.55pm.

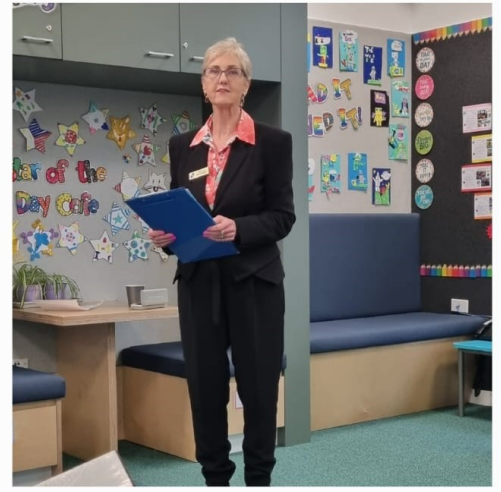
Introducing new teachers for Term 3



My name is Tanya Bavastro, I prefer to go by Whāea Tanz and I am excited to be the new entrant teacher in Area 21. I relocated to Hatfields Beach in January of this year from Hamilton where I had been teaching Early Childcare for 13 years and Primary for the past year and a half. I am passionate about Te Ao Māori, music and spending time with friends and whānau. I am looking forward to seeing what my students are capable of and enriching their learning journey encouraging them to become capable, confident and enthusiastic learners. Fostering great friendships and relationships along the way.



Kia ora. My name is Joleen Posthumus and I am thrilled to be joining the Albany Primary team as Area 17's new class teacher. I am excited to be in one of the new ILE spaces alongside Monique Fletcher in Area 16. I am passionate about education and dedicated to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment for all my students. In my free time, I enjoy a range of activities such as playing netball, swimming, cooking or crafting. I love living in Aotearoa and exploring all it has to offer either by camping, tramping or spending time at the beach. I enjoy sharing these passions with my students as well as learning and sharing their individual passions. I look forward to the new term and having the opportunity to get to know all my students and their whānau.



This ceremonial korowai (feather cloak) was gifted to the school from Watts and Hughes Construction Company in recognition of our successful collaborative journey. The woven border at the top of the korowai represents a blessing of 'Tae atu ki nga whetu' reach for the stars as a direct link to our REACH values.

