14th August 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

What beautiful weather we were blessed with last week at the Northern Bays Winter Sports competition at Kristin School and Rugby Tournament at Windsor Park. Well done to all those students who participated. Every team in each sport code showed great determination, team work and fair play. The students represented Albany Primary to the best of their ability showing our Albany values and we couldn't be more proud! Lastly but certainly not least, a huge thank you to the parent helpers and teachers who made this day possible.

Whānau Week is a tradition at Albany Primary School where the children come together as tuakana teina, to learn and celebrate our unique Māori culture. This year, Whānau Week will be from Monday 26th August to Friday 30th August. The programme for the week involves the coming together of four classes across all year levels for a portion of each day. This embeds the concept of tuakana teina where the older children support the younger children with learning and activities about the Māori culture. The week concludes with a closing ceremony on Friday afternoon where learning is shared across the different Roopus (groups). The teachers are busy planning these learning experiences as a collaborative group. We would like to invite any whanau that would be available to support in class with learning activities, or have a skill they would like to share with tamariki to contact their classroom teacher. The time commitment would be from 1.45pm - 2.45pm Monday to Thursday afternoon

Our **Read-athon** closes on Friday—many thanks to all families that have already returned sponsorship monies. If money is received by this Friday your child goes into a spot prize draw. You are able to pay online into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00) using your child's name and 'athon' as the reference. All donations support new furniture for the library.

Book Week is coming upon 9th—13th September. The week concludes with a book character dress up day/parade. Please start thinking about your child's character costume. We do not expect you to purchase items, use your creativity to come up with something made from items at home. We look forward to seeing the children's designs.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst Principal

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT—BALLOT INFORMATION

Do you have a child starting at our school in 2025? We are aware that there are several of our current families living out of zone who have a child due to start in 2025. If you have moved house since your first child started you may not be in zone for our school and will need to apply for a place for your child in the upcoming out of zone ballot. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ACCEPTED IN AN OUT OF ZONE BALLOT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START AT THIS SCHOOL. Applications close noon on Wednesday 15th October and the ballot date is 23rd October. For more information please email lelder@albany.school.nz.

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Term dates: 22nd July—27th September	
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
22nd August	Daffodil Day—'you be you' mufti day, gold coin donation requested or donate online (refer over)
	Year 0/1 trip to Auckland Art Gallery
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	Class, individual and sibling photos
	Class, individual and sibling photos—rollover day
	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.	

Albany Primary School photos on 3rd & 4th September Team photos on 5th September, 2024

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos. You do not order/pay for your childs portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY. You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)



Siblings (In School only) Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

SPORTS PHOTOS—AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Sports team photos will be taking place in the staffroom on Thursday 5th September.

If you are a sports team manager or coach and wish to be in the photo please email Jan in the school office—jmunroe@albany.school.nz by 21st August. These photos with coaches/managers will take place between 9.30am-10.30am.

All students participating in after school sports codes will need to bring their sports uniform to school, to get changed into when their team is called for photos. This photo opportunity includes students that participated in Semester 1 miniball/basketball as well as Semester 2. Netball players are requested to not wear leggings or long sleeved shirts under their netball dresses for the photos.



'YOU BE YOU' MUFTI DAY

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

Gold coin donation requested towards Daffodil Day with money going to the Cancer Society

We have also set up a fundraising page with the Cancer Society so that you can donate directly. Donate online

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ALBANY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

AJHS are holding a PTA Parents and Staff Quiz Night on Saturday 24th August at Bar Africa, from 7pm. Link for more information