



# What's the hAPS?

26th September

Dear parents/caregivers

What a fantastic two weeks of celebrating so many facets of learning. While we would never question the value of the core curriculum of Literacy and Numeracy in the last two weeks we have also enjoyed our focus on Māori language, a Year 2 grandparents and friends open morning as well as Chinese Language week. The Lion Dance (performed by our own students), our local community Tai Chi group, as well as parents supporting Chinese activities in class have been a highlight.

You may have noticed Mr Mike (our caretaker) has not been his visible self around our school or on front gate duty. Mike unfortunately slipped a few weeks ago at school and has broken his wrist. We wish him a speedy recovery. Our grateful thanks to Mr Keiron who has done a great job as part time acting caretaker.

Congratulations to Mr Faron Turner (Deputy Principal) on the honour of receiving the prestigious Surf Lifesaving New Zealand's Life Membership award on the weekend at a ceremony in Christchurch. This award recognises your incredible commitment and outstanding dedication to the Surf Lifesaving community—we are proud of you.



At this time of year the Senior Leadership Team are beginning the process of planning next year's classes:

- Year 1, x4 classes
- Year 2, x5 classes
- Year 3, x4 classes
- Year 4, x5 classes
- Year 5/6 x9 classes

There are a number of factors that are considered as we place students to ensure balance across all year levels. We use a digital platform to support this organisation, as well as seeking student feedback regarding peers that they are familiar with and may have a positive connection with. In conjunction with their class teacher, students identify close friends, peers, or learner(s) that they enjoy working and being with **who do not hinder their focus on learning**. If there are any extenuating circumstances that may require consideration (such as twins or cousins not to be in the same class) please email my PA, Lisa Elder, in confidence (email: [lelder@albany.school.nz](mailto:lelder@albany.school.nz)). If you have previously submitted a request for extenuating circumstances, we ask that you resubmit this for consideration.

We also request that you let the school office know if your child will not be returning to Albany Primary School next year or will be leaving before the end of the year (with the exception of Year 6 2024 children who are moving onto Year 7 in 2025). Sadly it is inevitable that at the end of the year we will lose some of our amazing staff; as they can move schools, travel out of Auckland or internationally.

One such teacher who is leaving us is Rebecca Kerr who has been invited by Canterbury University to take the role of Facilitator Educator (Auckland area) for the Better Start Literacy Approach. Rebecca began her career at Albany Primary School as a beginning teacher in 2002 and "give or take" three parental leave breaks has remained at our school throughout this time. Over her career here she has held a variety of positions in our school, including Team Leader, Reading Recovery Tutor and this year has been the Early Years Literacy Leader, including the Better Start Literacy Approach Facilitator. In all her roles Rebecca's passion for student achievement and building strong partnerships with families has been exemplary. We wish her all the best in her new role and, fortunately for us, Albany Primary School will be "under her umbrella" so we will still have her brilliant expertise and support on our BSLA journey.

We wish you an enjoyable end of term break, and look forward to seeing you on Monday 14th October for another busy term at Albany Primary!

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst  
Principal

## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FAMILY PICNIC

Next term on 7th November we are excited to be holding a **Visual and Performing Arts Family Picnic**. Whilst this year we will not be having shared cultural food, we are looking forward to having a variety of cultural groups perform. Please consider what your culture may like to perform as you may wish to start practicing over the holidays.

We will seek expressions of interest week 1 of next term.

## SCHOOL SUN HAT REMINDER

Please check your child has a school uniform sun hat as it is compulsory for all children to wear a hat whilst outside during Term 4 (and Term 1) to ensure they do not get sunburnt.

Hats are available to purchase at the office for \$10.00.



**TERM 3 2024**  
**Term dates: 22nd July—27th September**

**27th September** Last day of school term. School closes at the usual time of 2.55pm



**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 Tuesday 15th October and the ballot date is 23rd October. For more information please email [lelder@albany.school.nz](mailto:lelder@albany.school.nz).



**PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED FOR ROAD PATROL 2025**

If you are able to help us out in 2025 with our Road Patrol by supervising Year 6 students at the Bass Road pedestrian crossing before and/or after school on a rostered basis, please email Lida Bredenkamp ([lbredenkamp@albany.school.nz](mailto:lbredenkamp@albany.school.nz)). Full training is provided on 22nd October, 9.00am-10.30am



Congratulations to Netball Teams—Year 5 Team 1 for being awarded 2nd place and Year 4 Team 1 for 1st place in their grades during Term 2-3 competitions.



Thank you to all families that supported last week's Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair. Over \$3,300 has been raised at the Book Fair towards library books and resources. Thank you to our FOS team for organizing this fundraiser.



## TERM 4 2024

Term dates: 14th October—18th December

14th October	Term 4 start
15th October	Out of zone ballot closes, 12.00pm
15th October	Pōwhiri Welcome Assembly, 9.15am—school courts
23rd October	FOS meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom all welcome to attend
25th October	<b>Teacher only day—school closed.</b> Kelly Club open for bookings for supervision
28th October	<b>Labour Day public holiday—school closed</b>
31st October	Year 3/4 trip to 'The Wild Robot' movie
1st November	Gumboot Day 'you be you' mufti day—gold coin donation requested. Gumboot Friday is an initiative by tahe I Am Hope Foundation, a fundraising and advocacy organisation that supports young people who are struggling with their mental health.
7th November	<b>SAVE THE DATE</b> —Visual and Performing Arts Family Picnic, 6.00pm—7.30pm—further information closer to the time
14th November	Board meeting, 6.00pm
19th November	Year 3-6 athletics day
22nd November	Kapa haka performance at Oneopoto Festival (rainsaver 25th November)
2nd December	Northern Bays Cluster athletics day (rainsaver 4th December)
5th December	Board meeting, 6.00pm
18th December	Term 4 finish—school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm

**2025 SCHOOL START DATE** has been confirmed for Monday 3rd February 2025.

Please note that Thursday 6th February is a public holiday (Waitangi Day).

**2025 SCHOOL FINISH DATE** has been confirmed Wednesday 17th December 2025.



We are aware of parents in Roanoke Lane who are stopping/parking their cars in the clearway (sign states - no stopping 8.30am-9.00am 2.45pm-3.15pm school days only).

The school cone these yellow marked lines to ensure no one does drop children off or stop in these clearways. which we cone during these times.

The clearway is there to allow students and parents visibility in order to safely cross the road. Please do not park or stop your car in the clearway. We will be monitoring this access way.

We also advise that parents/caregivers are not to drive up the rear carpark access off Roanoke Way. This includes parents dropping off/collecting children from Kelly Club. This rear access way is for staff only.



## TERM 4 WALKING SCHOOL BUS (WHARF ROAD) Expressions of Interest



Expression of interest for any students and families interested in joining the walking school bus program to school beginning in Term 4. The Walking School Bus meeting point is at Wharf Road. This will be supported by Auckland Transport and your child will be accompanied to school by parent helpers.

If you would like to partake in a great initiative to get your child walking to school then please email [tcochrane@albany.school.nz](mailto:tcochrane@albany.school.nz) or [mlacey@albany.school.nz](mailto:mlacey@albany.school.nz). Please also advise in your email if you are able to assist as a parent helper to volunteer on a rostered basis to assist in walking the students to school.



**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

**Food:** Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

**Programme activities:** Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**Payment details:** Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

**Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy:** Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz).

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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## OCTOBER 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

	Mon 30 September	Tues 1 October	Wed 2 October	Thurs 3 October	Fri 4 October
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<p><b>WILD WILD WEST</b> Howdy partner! Come on down for a good old-fashioned barn dance. There's something for every cowgirl and cowboy!</p>	<p><b>SECRET GARDEN</b> Today we embark on a leisurely stroll through the secret garden, taking in the beauty of the natural surroundings and discovering hidden treasures along the way.</p>	<p><b>MAGIC LOFT</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to the Magic Loft. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.</p>	<p><b>DIY DAY</b> Turning someone's junk into someone else's treasure. Design it. Construct it. And then test it!</p>	<p><b>GALAXY DEFENDERS</b> Time to save the world against the Empire! Transport yourself to a galaxy far, far away to see if you have what it takes!</p>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<p><b>ROARING SAFARI</b> Keep your eyes peeled as we embark on a wild Safari. Trudge through the mud, climb over the trees, we wonder what you'll see! Don't worry, there'll be plenty of time for monkeying around.</p>	<p><b>MAKEOVER VS MUDDY</b> Sit back, relax, and pamper yourself with hair, make-up, and nails or get your hands dirty in a muddy adventure. The choice is all yours!</p>	<p><b>AUCKLAND ZOO</b> Join us for an awesome trip day to the Auckland Zoo. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.</p>	<p><b>VILLAINS &amp; SIDEKICKS</b> Calling all kids! Let's work together to stop the villains.</p>	<p><b>FREAKY FRIDAY</b> It's going to be a freaky kind of day with challenges that put your bravery to the test!</p>
	<b>FULL WEEK:</b> \$295 7am-6pm	<b>FULL DAY:</b> \$58 7am-6pm	<b>SCHOOL DAY:</b> \$48 9am-3pm	<b>HALF DAY:</b> \$42 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm	<b>EVENT DAY:</b> Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)



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