



What's the hAPS?

24th October 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back on site for Term 4 and a warm haere mai to all our new families and settlers at our recent Pōwhiri. We are so pleased that in the last two weeks the field reinstatement is almost complete giving us half our space back to allow athletics track marking, as well as asphalt repairs being completed on the old netball courts.

Term 4 is going to be very busy with EOTC events, celebrations, transition planning and reporting. Please mark your family calendar with the date and time for our **upcoming Visual and Performing Arts Family Picnic on Thursday 7th November** from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Bring along your family members, picnic food and picnic blanket/chairs to view our student performances. There will also be an opportunity to walk through classes to view our art displays. Many thanks to the FOS team for providing a free sausage sizzle.

Today our school participated in the **National Shake Down Event** which reinforces what we should do in an earthquake. While the children are well rehearsed at school please take this opportunity to talk as a family about what you would do if this occurred if you were at home, in the car, at the beach, at the mall. There are some great family resources available [online](#).

Thank you for supporting our **Professional Learning Day tomorrow (Friday 25th October)**. **School will be closed to students. Kelly Club supervision is open for bookings** but you must register today. Recent media announcements were **not clear** in that two teacher only days were approved by the Minister of Education last year for 2024 to support teachers with the revised curriculum changes in Literacy and Numeracy. Schools were given a two week window to select a date that would suit their communities. Most of our local schools added this on to a long weekend as our parent feedback has previously told us this your preferred option is to add this to a long weekend rather than during the week. Two additional days for 2025 (dates have just been released) have also been approved by the Minister. Any **additional professional learning days that may require school closure** cannot be held in term time and parents must receive at least one term's notice. We do appreciate your support for these days as when new curriculum and resources are announced suddenly they require specific time to review content and teaching changes as well as prepare new resources and assessments (which will also require changes to our reports). In addition to these two term dates our dedicated and professional staff also attend numerous professional learning days during our "holidays". These days can include opportunities for team planning, visiting camp or other EOTC sites, whole staff First Aid course, two days in January (before students start) for our year's planning etc.

Despite all our efforts once again this week we do not have enough relievers to cover classes (even with internal non class teachers covering). Splitting classes is our last resort option but the combination of staff illness plus the reduced pool of available relievers is an ongoing challenge this term. Thank you (and our tamariki) for your understanding.

In recognition of some of our families celebrations this week. Happy Diwali! May your year be filled with light, love, and laughter.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 4 2024

Term dates: 14th October—18th December

25th October	Teacher only day—school closed. Kelly Club open for bookings for supervision
28th October	Labour Day public holiday—school closed
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 the I Am Hope Foundation, a fundraising and advocacy organisation that supports young people who are struggling with their mental health.
7th November	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)
9th December	Year 0/1 and Year 5/6 school trips
5th December	Board meeting, 6.00pm
18th December	Term 4 finish—school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm

Dates for 2025

Term 1

Monday 3rd February—Friday 11th April (please note this is a Teacher only day)

Includes holidays: Friday 11th April (MOE approved Teacher only day), Friday 25th April (ANZAC)

Term 2

Monday 28th April—Friday 27th June

Includes holidays: Friday 30th May (MOE approved Teacher only day), Monday 2nd June (King's Birthday), Friday 20th June (Matariki)

Term 3

Monday 14th July—Friday 19th September

Term 4

Monday 6th October—Wednesday 17th December (half day closure)

Includes holidays: Monday 27th October (Labour Day)

NETSAFE—UPCOMING PARENT WEBINARS

Session 1: Scam safety for the whole family

Practical tips and tools to help you identify common scams that target children, teens and parents, and explore what you can do if you've been affected by a scam.



Tuesday, 19th November – 7:30 PM



Online via Zoom



[Click here to register](#)

Session 2: Body image and social media

This webinar is for teen parents/carers and will explore some insights from our recent research* about youth social media experiences and the influence on body image. We'll explore practical tips and tools to give parents, and young people, more control over what and who they see as they use social media channels.



December 10th - 7.30pm



Online via Zoom



[Click here to register](#)

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gumbootfriday.org.nz



Free sausage sizzle provided
by our FOS Team
(limited numbers)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS FAMILY PICNIC

Performances by our school
Choir and
Kapa haka groups

Thursday
7th November
5.30pm-7.30pm

with performances
commencing at 6.00pm

Albany Primary School
(no rainsaver)

We encourage you to come along to this relaxed and collaborative community event.

Tour through classrooms to view student's visual art.
Enjoy your family picnic whilst watching student performances
in an outdoor setting.

Parent supervision
required for all
students on site

Bring along a family picnic.
You may also like to bring along outdoor chairs and
picnic blankets for seating.

