



What's the hAPS?

18th December 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

What a delightful evening our final **Year 5/6 Celebration of Learning was on Monday night**. Ngā mihi to all the staff that made our offsite location at Northcross Intermediate possible with transporting and stacking chairs so that all whānau could attend. We would like to acknowledge our Year 6 graduates as visually we were reminded of just how much you have changed and grown from a tiny 5 year old to now confident young adults ready for the next education chapter in your new school.

All our celebrations of learning provided the opportunity to show students highlights of the year, which included the opening of our new build and courts and getting our fields back!

Our **2024 Commemorative Yearbook** (celebrating 25 years in print) is also an amazing collection of a quarter of a century of our school's recent history and highlights. Thank you so much to the Yearbook team and to Jan Munroe for the hours of work and editing that went into producing such a high quality publication.

I would like to thank our school Board and staff for all of their incredible efforts—our leadership, management, and teaching teams, our unsung heroes the teacher aides, the administration and caretaking staff. I would also like to thank all of our parent helpers—from our after school sports team coaches and managers, road patrol, FOS, Visual and Performing Arts festival, camp, on site and off site EOTC activities, Teacher PALS, in class helpers, and more!

To all our students who are moving school or country we encourage you to keep in your heart the memories of Albany Primary School and continue to share our values of Respect, Excellence, Aroha and caring, Collaboration and Honesty.

As advised in our previous newsletter, to the Teachers and Teacher Aides leaving our school we wish you all the very best in your new roles and schools.

To our returning students, we look forward to seeing you **back at Albany Primary School on Monday 3rd February 2025**. The school office will be open for enrolment enquiries on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January from 9.30am—12.00noon.

You will have received letters with reports regarding start dates, office hours and stationery lists for 2025. If you misplace this information, details are available on the school website.

We have a large quantity of un-named quality uniform in our 'donation box' outside the school office—please come and help yourself.

May the magic of Christmas sprinkle your family with joy and sunshine. I am so looking forward to cuddling and spending time with our second granddaughter Celine, born just two weeks ago. I wish you all a blessed family time over Christmas and a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Meri Kirihimete (Merry Christmas) to all.

Maree Bathurst
Principal

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New date for the school calendar: **PARENT SPORTS INFORMATION MEETINGS** (mainly relating to after school sports) —**Tuesday 4th February, 2.30pm and 6.00pm in the staffroom**. Same information at both meetings. If you are wanting to register your child for any after school sports in 2025 we would recommend that you attend.

Kelly Club still has places available for students in their upcoming summer holiday programme— for more information and to book please go to www.kellyclub.co.nz/albany

TERM DATES FOR 2025

Term 1

Monday 3rd February - first day of Term 1

Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day - school closed

Wed 19 February - partnership meetings 3.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday 20 February - partnership meetings 1.00 - 6.30pm (**school closes at 12.30pm**)

Thursday 10 April - last day of Term 1

Friday 11 April - **teacher only day - school closed**

Term 2

Monday 28 April - first day of Term 2

Friday 30 May - teacher only day - **school closed**

Monday 2 June - Kings birthday - public holiday - school closed

Friday 20 June - Matariki - public holiday - school closed

Friday 27 June - last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 14 July - first day of Term 3

Friday 19 September - last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 6 October - first day of Term 4

Monday 27 October - Labour Day - public holiday school closed

Wednesday 17 December - last day of school for the year (12.30pm finish)

Save the Date

COLOUR RUN—Friday 14th March 2025



For the first time at Albany Primary school a fundraiser with a difference—for all year levels.



More information to come at the beginning of next year.

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