



What's the hAPS?

12th February 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

Welcome Back to all and Haere Mai to all our new families

Happy Chinese lunar new year! Xīnnián hǎo 新年好 Gong hei fat choy 恭喜发财

It was wonderful to see all of our students back to school and welcome our 70+ new families at our Pōwhiri welcome assembly last week— new school starters, students transferring from other parts of New Zealand and other parts of the world including China, India, Korea, Philippines and Sri Lanka. We also welcomed our staff Julie White (Literacy Support Teacher).

Despite the heat our school is buzzing with learning energy as children settle into their new classes and routines. We know that you too will be keen to meet their new teacher in person (with your child) if you have not had that opportunity as yet. We will be holding Partnership Meetings on Wednesday 19th February (3.30pm-5.30pm) and Thursday 20th February (1.00pm—6.00pm) - information has been sent home with your child today. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and establish a three way partnership between your teacher, family and child. **Make sure you have booked your meeting through School Interviews—**

Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter school code: **mgx8y** and follow the instructions.

If you have any problems booking on line contact the office. If you are not able to meet the teacher over one of these two days please email the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Please note that to ensure there are enough appointment times to meet all families our school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm on Thursday 20th February. Kelly Club will be open for supervision from 12.30pm—bookings are essential. Contact Kelly Club on phone: 022 693 7732, albany@kellyclub.co.nz or kellyclub.co.nz/Albany. School buses will be running in the afternoon at 12.30pm. All students need to be collected at 12.30pm. Kelly Club also provide excellent before and after school care during the school week should your family require this service.

School statements have now been issued to all families. These invoices cover both donation and required payments. Mathematics/Math Seeds subscriptions expire at the end of February, so if possible please make this payment early to allow your child access to this home learning programme. **We absolutely understand** that given the pressure on family incomes—uniform, stationery, higher cost of living causing additional pressure, that full payments may not be able to be made this month. Please email Julie (jcarrucan@albany.school.nz), Financial Executive as she can extend or offer alternative payment options. If your school donation portion (as identified on your statement) is paid by 31st March then you can claim a portion back through Inland Revenue.

For safety reasons children are not permitted to remain at school after school as teachers are unable to supervise. PLEASE do not arrange to collect your child from the playground or field after 3.15pm. All children must be collected from the classroom or bus bay area. If they have not been collected by 3.20pm they will be brought to the office for collection and a staff member will contact you.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst, Principal



TERM 1 2025

Term dates: 3rd February—11th April

Wednesday 19th Feb	Partnership meetings, 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 20th Feb	Partnership meetings, 1.00pm-6.00pm— school closes at an earlier time of 12.30pm . Buses will be operating at 12.30pm
Friday 21st Feb	Albany Primary School swimming grading day (refer separate notice)
Wednesday 26th Feb	FOS meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom (refer separate notice)
Thursday 27th Feb	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Friday 28th Feb	APS swimming sports
Wednesday 4th Mar	Year 3-6 Netball trials
Wednesday 5th Mar	Year 5/6 Waterwise (in readiness for camp) 1 session per class
Tuesday 11th Mar	Year 5/6 Waterwise (in readiness for camp) 1 session per class
Tuesday 11th Mar	Interschool swimming sports for select students
Wednesday 12th Mar	Year 5/6 Waterwise (in readiness for camp) 1 session per class
Friday 14th March	Colour fun run—information coming home on Thursday
Thursday 27th March	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 10th April	Last day of Term 1 for students (Easter and holiday break)
Friday 11th April	Teacher only day—school closed for teacher development regarding the revised curriculum for maths and literacy.

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**) **Kelly Club open for bookings**
Thursday 10 April - last day of Term 1
Friday 11 April - **teacher only day - school closed Kelly Club open for bookings**

Term 2

Monday 28 April - first day of Term 2
Friday 30 May - teacher only day - **school closed Kelly Club open for bookings**
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)

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORT INFORMATION

Do you enjoy swimming? Would you like to “give it a go” and participate in our Albany swimming sports this year? Students can come to Mrs Rousseau in Area 12 or Mrs Hughes in Area 8 to get a notice for our annual GRADING day which will take place on Friday the 21st of February. Students could also get a notice from the office! Remember if you participated at last year’s APS Swimming sports day in Silverdale, you **don’t need to get a notice for grading day** (a letter regarding our Swimming sports day will come out later). This event is only for our Year 4, 5 and 6 students. **You must be able to swim 25m confidently.**

Upcoming dates for our 2025 Swimming events:

1. APS swimming grading day - Friday 21 February
2. APS swimming sports day - Friday 28 February (only for those students who qualified at our grading day)
3. Interschool swimming sports - Tuesday 11 March (only for those students who qualified at our APS swimming sports day)
4. North shore primary school champs - Tuesday 6 May (only for those students who qualified at Interschool level)

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOS)

We are a team made up of parents and staff representatives. New members and visitors are always welcome to come along to any meeting!

Our role is to organise school fundraising and social events for children and families. All money that we raise is used to support and improve school resources.

We meet once a term in the school staffroom, the time and date are always in the school newsletter. Our aim is to keep our meetings and fundraisers fun and exciting.

Joining FOS is a great way to meet other parents and to make a positive difference at Albany Primary School. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Jan in the school office, phone 09 415 9668 or email jmunroe@albany.school.nz. If you do not wish to join the FOS team but are able to help at our events let Jan know!



Albany Primary School Colour Run

Friday 14th March 2025



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

Information will be coming home tomorrow!

save the date