



What's the hAPS?

13th March 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

What a joy it was on Friday 28th February to have **an outdoor assembly**, bringing our whole school together to celebrate learning with class certificates, share student learning, performance items and waiata. Since the closure of our school hall (and COVID restrictions) we had no option than for classes to view the assemblies on line. This was only ever planned to be a temporary change, so we were delighted that, weather permitting, you are all invited to whole school assemblies held three times a term—each one hosted by different teams. Dates are listed in our school calendar.

Our first informal **Community Forum** for the year was held last Wednesday, and proved a valuable session from both parents and representatives from our leadership team to share our school goals and plans as well as a question and answer session. We hope you can join us for our **curriculum information evening** next Wednesday (6.00pm-7.00pm in the staffroom). Information about this event has been sent on Monday via our School App and email to parents with a google form to complete to RSVP to ensure we have teacher coverage and translators.

Many thanks to Teachers, Adri Rousseau and Karen Hughes, and to the parents supporting the students representing our school at the North Shore Schools Interschool Swimming Competition. So proud that our school team was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy.

We note that some **banks are updating their payment apps** with an additional safeguard—the correct name of our school bank account is “Albany School Board”.

Many thanks to **ASB Risk Management staff** who last volunteered to give up their afternoon assisting with weeding and gardening in our Native Grove last Wednesday. Your hours of work in the hot sun are greatly appreciated.

Your child may have mentioned that we held a **Fire Drill** last Thursday. Our drills are held each term to ensure that our health and safety protocols are refined and adhered to in case of a real emergency.



It's **the Albany Primary School Colour Run**—tomorrow (Friday)—from 1.00pm! You will have received a brochure earlier this week with full information. **All parents are welcome to attend.** A reminder that this will be a non uniform day and afternoon bus students will need to have a change of clothes in their bag to get changed into before catching the school bus home. Thank you to everyone that has fundraised towards our interactive playground and sensory gardens—so far over \$10,000 has been raised. There is one more day of fundraising left before prizes can be ordered.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

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Term dates: 3rd February—11th April

Wednesday 19th Mar	Curriculum Information Evening, 6.00pm-7.00pm in the staffroom
Friday 14th March	Colour fun run, 1.00pm onwards
Friday 21st March	Full school assembly, 9.10am-10.10am on the school courts, weather permitting
Tuesday 25th March	Year 4, excursion to Clip and Climb
Thursday 27th March	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 10th April	Full school assembly, 9.10am—10.10am on the school courts, weather permitting
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
Monday 28th April	First day of Term 3

APS Swimming Sports Day (Silverdale) – 28/02/2025

On Friday, 28 February, 42 of our Year 4-6 Albany students attended our annual Albany swimming sports day at the Northern arena in Silverdale. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their amazing swimming skills in various races: 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m breaststroke, the 50m medley and the 75m medley.

We were also treated with a surprise visit from a former 3 time Olympian and silver medal Commonwealth winner, Dean Kent. This made the day even more memorable for our swimmers and we ended the event with a fun relay. Our 4 fastest APS swimmers (Isaac C, Lydia C, Damian R and Kaitlyn Z) raced against Dean in a 4x25m relay and were able to just beat him to the finish line. Well done to all our swimmers who displayed our APS REACH values throughout the day. You were all amazing!

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to compete at this year's Interschool Swimming event to be held at Coatesville Primary School:

Year 4 team: Egor M, Max G, Jayden W, Natsuki O, Ezra L, Lexi d P, Alysia S, Leane J, Rhea L

Year 5 team: Alfred J, Lydia C, Ashton L, Adeline H, Brian H, Lola Y, Tora C

Year 6 team: Isaac C, Kaitlyn Z, Damian R, Seren S, Beauden S, Jiah K, Ridhi L, Axle M, Scott L, Rhett G, Raelyn L



Start your day great -



What to expect from our school

You can expect:

- School staff who care about your child, their learning, where they are now, and how to best support them to succeed at school.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school, and is participating and progressing in their learning.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from, and what you value.
- Our school is a safe and welcoming place for everyone in our school community.

What we expect of parents:

Do your best to help your child attend school every day. This is a legal requirement from the Education and Training Act 2020.

- Contact us if your child is going to be absent and specify the reason (for example if your child will not be at school for a whole day, or part of a day, for an extended period of time, or if they are going to be late).
- Talk with your child about why attending school every day, as well as being on time is important for their learning and their future.
- If your child is reluctant to come to school, talk with them. If something is happening at school that is making them want to miss school, talk with us so we can work together.
- Getting back to school quickly after being absent is important. Support your child to return to school as soon as possible. The longer your child is absent from school, the harder it can be to catch up on missed learning. Again, talk with us so we can work together.

Students should be in class by 8:55 a.m. every day. You might think, "It's only 5 minutes."

But here's the impact of all that missed time when we add it up:

5 minutes late every day = 25 minutes every week = 4 hours of missed school every term = 3 full days of school every year. After 10 years, that = 30 days, which is 6 complete weeks of school. One hour of lateness daily = 5 hours of school (the equivalent of a full school day) every week. Over one term this equates to 10 school days (2 weeks) missed.

Over a full school year this equates to 8 weeks!

Albany Primary School Colour Run

Friday 14th March 2025



It's finally arrived—the
Colour Run!

Students to wear non-
uniform to school in
clothes that are going to
get covered in colour!

Parents welcome to
attend!

This Friday!!



ALBANY
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

GALA DAY²⁵

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: AJHS Fields

Free Entry

**We will have; Stalls, Crafts, Food Trucks, Face Painting, Competitions,
Silent Auctions, Bouncy Castle, and much more.**

For more information visit: www.ajhs.schoolnz/gala