



# What's the hAPS?

26th March 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

Yesterday we met with the landscaper who is designing both stages of our **sandpit/interactive play area**. We are hopeful that this project will be completed by July! We are looking for an old dinghy to place in this area, if you are able to assist in this regard please contact Lisa Elder (elder@albany.school.nz).

What an incredible event our **Colour Run** was on Friday 14th March. Many thanks to all families that have supported our fundraising—we have raised \$12,702 this year towards our interactive playground equipment and sensory gardens. Please ensure that you have '**claimed your prize**' on the Colour Run website—as the site will only release our prizes when 100% of our fundraisers have claimed their prize.

**Thank you to our incredible volunteers** who stood in the hot sun spraying colour, providing health and safety on our obstacle, set up and pack down, and photography of our Colour Run (photos from page 4). If you have any feedback you would like to pass on to ensure the successful running of any future event, or queries regarding prizes, please email Jan in the school office jmunroe@albany.school.nz

It is wonderful seeing our parents back on site at our **full school assembly**, as previously advised these are weather dependent held three times each term. All full school assemblies are published in our school calendar.

For parents of students **catching public bus services** to/from school we would recommend that these children have a 'parent contact' list in their school bag with relevant names and contact numbers. We had an incident last week wherein a child got off at the wrong stop on a public bus service and was fortunate enough that a parent from our school was able to call the school office on their behalf.

Once again we are having extraordinary congestion in Bass Road. One reason pinpointed for the delays is parents **reversing into the angle parking** on Bass Road. Please note that in New Zealand it is illegal to reverse into angle parking (angled less than 90 degrees) — for the reason being, you will interrupt the oncoming lane of traffic upon entry and could cross the centre line to exit the park, which is what is happening in Bass Road causing delays to traffic. We also request that parents do not park/turn into Arvida's carpark.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst  
Principal

Full School Assembly: Friday 21st March



## TERM 12025

Term dates: 3rd February—11th April

<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	Board meeting, 6.00pm
<b>Thursday 10th April</b>	Full school assembly, 9.10am—10.10am on the school courts, weather permitting—all welcome to attend
<b>Thursday 10th April</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1 for students (Easter and holiday break)</b>
<b>Friday 11th April</b>	<b>Teacher only day—school closed for teacher development regarding the revised curriculum for maths and literacy</b>
<b>Monday 28th April</b>	First day of Term 3

### Shore to Shore 5km fun run/walk—Sunday, 6th April 2025

If you would like to join the fun run from Takapuna to Milford register through [shoretoshore.co.nz](http://shoretoshore.co.nz).

If you select “Albany Primary School” at time of registration our school will receive sports equipment based upon the number of registrations. Please note that the school are not able to provide support staff / booked site at the event.

### Interschool Swimming Day (Coatesville) – 11th March

On Tuesday, 11 March, 26 of our Year 4-6 Albany students attended the annual Interschool swimming sports day at Coatesville Primary school. At the event we competed against three other Primary Schools: Coatesville, Upper Harbour and Greenhithe. Students who were able to place 1st-4th overall will represent our school at this year’s North Shore Primary School Competition, to be held on 6th May. a

Students participated in the following races: 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m breaststroke, the 50m medley and the 75m medley. We also had some fun relays at the end of a very exciting day. Our Year 4 and 5 mixed girls team placed 2nd overall. Well done to Lydia, Lola, Lexi and Alysia. Our Year 6 boys team placed 3rd. Congratulations to Isaac, Damian, Beauden and Scott.

The highlight at this event was when our school was awarded the Sportsmanship trophy for the day. 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 achieved outstanding individual achievements at this event:

#### Year 4:

- **Max G - 4th overall in Backstroke**

#### Year 5:

- **Lydia C - 1st overall in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, 50m Medley. She also competed in the Year 6, 75m Medley, and came 4th overall**
- **Alfred Jiao - 6th overall in Backstroke**
- **Tora C - 4th overall in Breaststroke**

#### Year 6:

- **Isaac C - 1st overall in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and the challenging 75m Medley**
- **Damian R - 4th overall in Freestyle and Backstroke**

## Attendance matters - Every day counts!

### Lateness: Information for Parents

You might think, "It's only 5 minutes."

### What are some of the effects of lateness:

1. School Learning - keeping up with the latest learning is necessary to make progress throughout the school year.
2. Arriving late can make your child feel awkward and socially anxious because they feel like "Everyone is looking at me."
3. Missed Opportunities - Always being late may result in your child missing opportunities such as signing up for a new school or class activity or missing out on important reminders and information being shared at the start of each day. Remember a day starting badly can lead to a day ending badly.

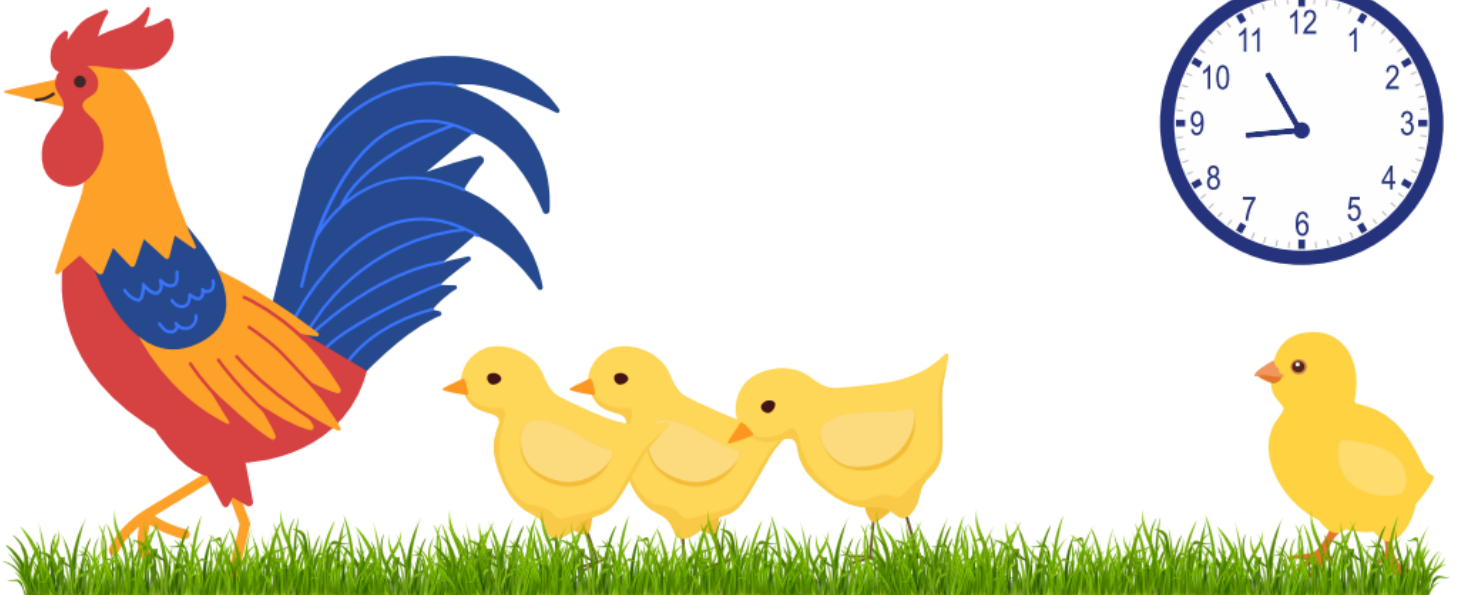
### Helping your child to attend

#### At home, you can:

1. Talk about why school is important – ask children what they want to be in the future.
2. Be positive about school and set good habits from day one.
3. Prepare your children the night before school – encourage them to pack their school bag.
4. Set a good morning routine to get them to school on time and relaxed with everything they need.
5. Ask what they did at school and praise them for their efforts.



# Don't get left behind



## School starts at 8:55am - don't be late!

Did you know that being on time supports your child's learning and wellbeing?

## **Year 3-6 Cross Country Parent Help Required**

We are seeking parent volunteers to stand at various points around our cross country course to assist with health and safety protocols. The event takes place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 9.30am-12.30pm (with a rainsaver date of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May). Also assistance requested for training runs during Terms 2 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1.45pm onwards. Please contact Sareta Kemp, [skemp@albany.school.nz](mailto:skemp@albany.school.nz) if you are able to assist for any of these dates.

# Colour Run Fun!





