



What's the hAPS?

1st October 2021

Dear parents and caregivers

While we expected the unexpected this year no one could have predicted that from August 18th we would not be returning to full school for the six and a half remaining weeks of Term 3.

I remain so proud and impressed on a daily basis at the way teachers, children, parents and siblings have adapted to online and home learning with such creativity, sustained engagement and motivation, learning in ways we could have never predicted. It has been so much tougher than last time, but “**we have survived and in some situations we have thrived.**” As you will see in this brilliantly presented end of term assembly video bit.ly/t3finalassembly some staff and learners not only survived - but managed to do it with style and flair! The bit.ly format was specifically chosen so you can share the link with friends and family internationally. Thanks Mr Hopkins for your professional and creative editing skills, as this is a beautiful summary of our last six weeks.

While we cannot underestimate the toll this disruption has taken on our learners, school, community and country, regardless of next Monday's announcement for Auckland's COVID level, we must stay strong together, and keep following the rules. No it may not be the holiday in Wanaka or the visit to grandparents in Taupo, or even something as simple as a haircut that we had planned for next week, but we must keep focusing on the destination (or in this case the government targets for testing, vaccinations, contact tracing and nil mystery cases).

That same spirit of **community resilience, flexibility and patience** will also be required as we return back to school, hopefully in Level 2, to start Term 4. I will communicate with you briefly next Tuesday and again near **the end of term break to confirm safety procedures** for return to school, as these regulations have changed since last Level 2 return. Next term will be referred to as the “RE” term - we return refreshed and then will continue to reflect, readjust, retract, remind, recalibrate, and respond. The staff are preparing “alternative back up plans” for almost every event we have scheduled for the final nine weeks of term, so in anticipation we are updating the Term 4 calendar, but realistically it will be a “watch this space” based upon Level announcements.

Some events last term simply had to be cancelled and we are unable to reschedule. One such **event was our Student Led Conferences.** Through your amazing support for your child's learning most of you will have already had that online window into our teaching and learning world on a daily basis. If however, you have any concerns about what and how your child is learning, please do not hesitate to email your teacher so they can arrange communication early next term.

Another Term 3 event that has had to be postponed was a special assembly we had planned for a celebration of a life time of teaching and leadership for Mrs Helen Furness (Associate / Deputy Principal). This will be rescheduled for next term, and was also shared in our assembly video. **Mrs Furness has had an exemplary career** as a teacher for some 40 years plus and a senior leader at Albany Primary for 18 and a half years of dedicated service. Staff that have had the privilege of working with Helen during this time describe her influence and mentorship as “*a coach who stretches us through reflection, she is a deep thinker who questions to ensure we never accept the status quo, she sets high expectations and standards for all, the wise guide on the side, she walks the talk of true leadership with integrity, kindness and compassion.*” Helen's leadership in our school is legendary as she has given so much of herself to our school, staff and learners. Helen has chosen to step down from her current leadership roles, however we are delighted that she will be continuing in a part time role as International Student Director and School Librarian from next term. **Mr Faron Turner** has been appointed to the role of Associate Principal, so that I may continue my Community of Learning (Whanau ki te Ako) Lead Principal role in Term 4.

A final acknowledgement to the teachers, teacher aides and admin staff who have kept the wheels turning here for the last two weeks of bubble school, and to the fantastic senior leadership team for their outstanding leadership, support, organisation and communication throughout Lockdown.

Have a wonderful term break, and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kia noho haumarū—Stay safe
Together in learning

Maree Bathurst, Principal

TERM 4 (dates subject to change)
Monday 18th October—Thursday 16th December

18th October	First day of Term 4
19th October	FOS meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom
25th October	Public holiday—Labour day— school closed
28th October	Board meeting, 6.00pm
29th October	Assembly, 9.00am
1st November	Book Week starts
5th November	Book Week Parade
8th November	Accord teacher only day— school closed
10th November	Sports photos
19th November	Assembly, 9.00am
2nd December	Year 0/1 End of Year Assembly—time to be confirmed
2nd December	Year 1/2 Celebration of Learning—time to be confirmed
6th December	Year 3/4 Celebration of Learning—time to be confirmed
7th December	Sports Celebration, 6.00pm-8.00pm
30th November	Northern Bays Cluster Athletics Day (TBC)
15th December	Year 5/6 Celebration of Learning, evening time to be confirmed
16th December	Assembly, 11.00am
16th December	Last day of Term 4, school closes at an earlier time of 12.30pm

You might like to spend time over the end of term break creating a home made costume for our Book Week Parade on Friday 5th November.

Albany Primary Chess Team **won 1st place at the recent Auckland championships**, and came **4th in an online competition**. Congratulations to Kevin Zhou with a top score of 876 at Auckland Championships, and Ryan Chen who won 3 games in his first event with the team during the online competition.

Well done to all participants, parent helpers and coach Roshan.
 We wish them well in National competitions to be held next month.

OCCASIONAL TREAT FUNDRAISER

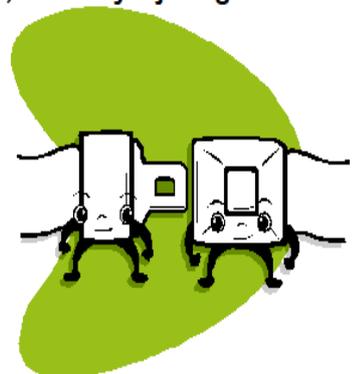
Thank you to our families that supported our “occasional treat” chocolate fundraiser. To date we have raised over \$15,500 towards playground upgrades including interactive play/sandpits.

Spot prize winners will receive their prizes in class early next term.

Make it click, did you know...

If everyone wore their seatbelts, it is estimated that 25 lives could be saved from road crashes each year. Wearing a safety belt reduces the risk of being killed or seriously injured in a road crash by about 40%.

If a car suddenly stops when traveling at 50km/h the human body is like a pinball bouncing off the inside of the car. An unrestrained body can collide with people in the car who are wearing their safety belts, severely injuring them.



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MOTAT Experience



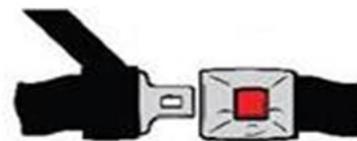
It feels like a distant memory now...
but this is what some of our classes
got up to in Term 3.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS

Sports photographs are now taking place on 10th November—please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform to/from school and brings their sports uniform to change into when they are called up for photos. This photo opportunity includes after school sports—miniball, basketball, flippaball (splash polo), hockey, netball and also players from Semester 1. Netball players are not to wear leggings or long sleeved shirts under netball dresses for the photos. Football and rippa/rip/tackle day tournament students will also be included. Times that coaches/managers had booked with Tracy Moody for our previous date will be carried over. If this timing does not suit you for the new date, please email Tracy Moody, After School Sports Co-ordinator — tmood@albany.school.nz

Safety Belts Save Lives

Always buckle up, front and back.



Children need to be in an appropriate child restraint for their age and size

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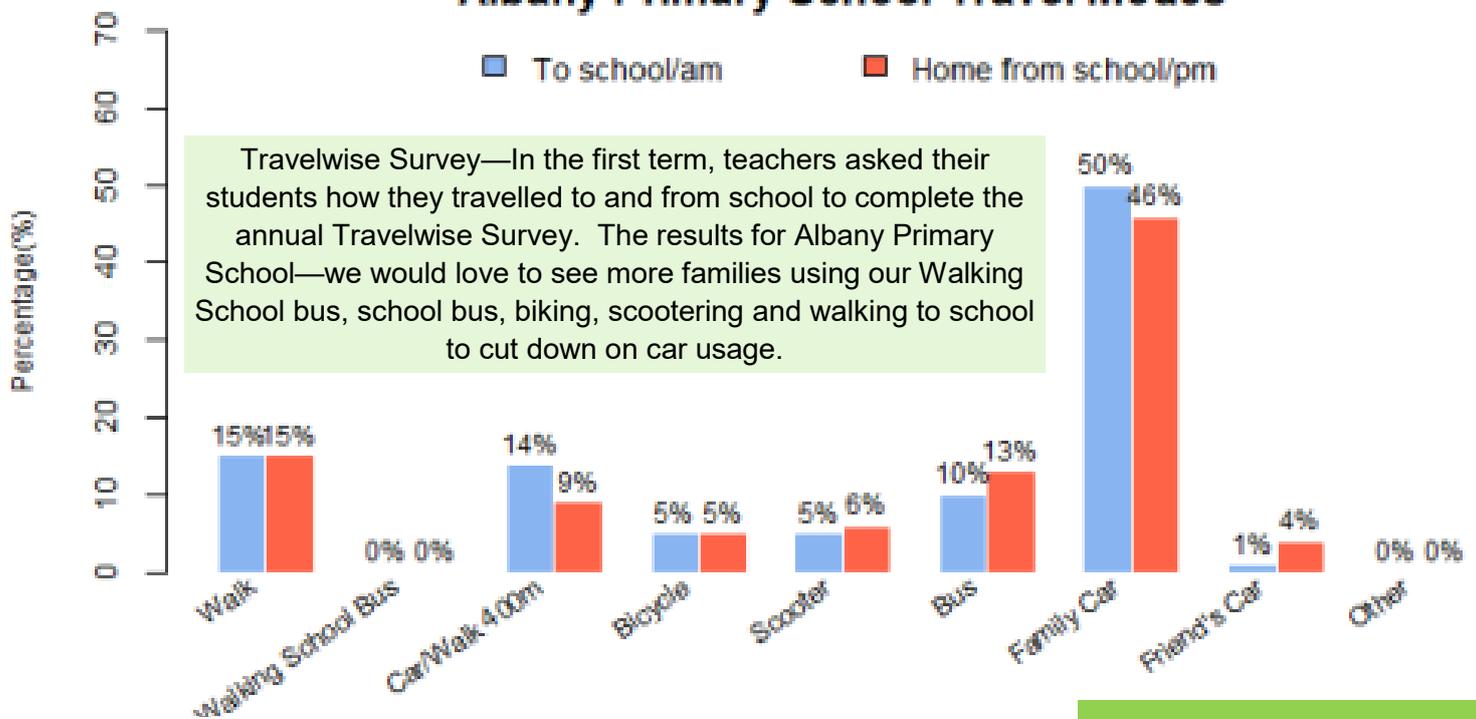
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Student Mode of Travel (AM/PM)

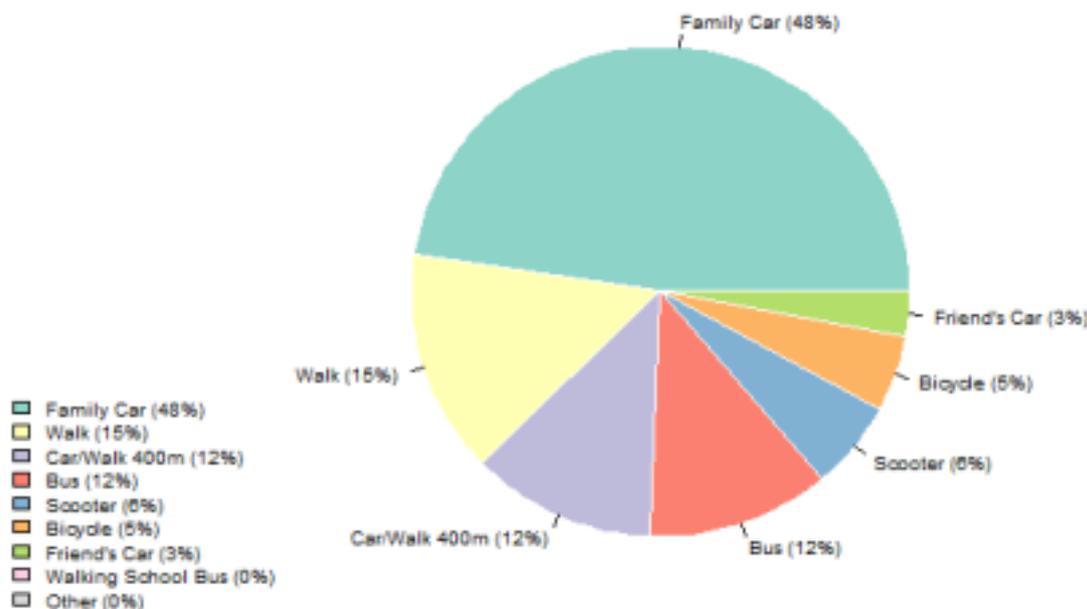
Mode	Walk	Walking School Bus	Car/Walk 400m	Bicycle	Scooter	Bus	Family Car	Friend's Car	Other
To School/am	53	0	50	19	18	35	178	2	1
Session AM %	15%	0%	14%	5%	5%	10%	50%	1%	0%
Home from school/pm	54	1	34	19	21	48	167	16	1
Session PM%	15%	0%	9%	5%	6%	13%	46%	4%	0%
Average Count	54	0	42	19	20	42	172	9	1
Average%	15%	0%	12%	5%	6%	12%	48%	3%	0%

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2021 Annual Survey Results

About 35% of students use an active mode to get to school but about half of students come to school in the family car.

Next Steps...

Promote alternatives to the car, eg Walking School Bus, active modes and park and walks.