



What's the hAPS?

2nd November 2023

Dear parents/caregivers,

What a wonderfully exciting two weeks of rich learning opportunities we have had.

Our Year 0/1 learners visited Auckland Zoo, and our Year 2 students went to Butterfly Creek. Thank you to the many parent helpers that assisted on these exciting outdoor education events.

Last week a video was shared at our online assembly of our new build project that showed the two precast concrete staircases arriving on the trucks to being lifted by crane into position. The concrete stair cases are now in position providing access to the top floor.



Perhaps a highlight for the year for many of us also occurred last Tuesday when a Seasprite helicopter landed on our school field. Although a surprise to the children, this event had been carefully planned by Miss Hanson who, through her father's position in the Navy as Chief Petty Officer at 6 Squadron, arranged this wonderful opportunity.

Many thanks to all families and students who worked so hard in their maths learning, as well as seeking sponsorship for our recent Athon. So far we have raised \$8,700 which will support our new interactive play and sandpit area. The spot prize winners will be announced at our next online assembly on Friday 17th November. Planning is underway and we hope to share some of the proposed designs before the end of the year. The sand play area, due to be installed early next year, will be positioned in the courtyard near the junior playground, however in the meantime we have a very temporary (and admittedly very small) substitute outside Area 15/Library as a small stop gap for junior classes.

Please only allow your children to exit your vehicle when you are legally parked—we have been advised of a couple of serious incidents along Bass Road last week where children were allowed to exit vehicles in the queue of stopped traffic and were still exiting the car when the car began moving again to keep up with the traffic. In another incident children exited the car and weaved their way between queued traffic to cross Bass Road. Please make getting your child to/from school safely a priority.

Again a reminder that if your child will not be returning to Albany Primary School next year (Year 6 students excepted), please advise the school office as this affects our class numbers for 2024.

We have now sold over 100 tickets to our upcoming Cultural Festival. Please get in quick to purchase your ticket if you haven't already as ticket sales close on 16th November so our families providing food have an idea of numbers attending. See flyer on Page 3 for further information.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



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Monday 9th October—Friday 15th December (full day)

3rd November	Gumboot Friday 'You be You' non uniform day
8th November	FOS meeting, 6.00pm in the staffroom (rescheduled)
9th November	Board meeting, 5.30pm
16th November	Year 3-6 athletics day
23rd November	Celebration of Cultures festival, 6.00pm (rainsaver 1st December) - refer flyer
24th November	Teacher only day—school closed
28th November	Northern Bays Cluster Athletics day for select students (rainsaver 30th November)
29th November	Year 0/1 <i>online</i> Celebration of Learning
30th November	Year 2 <i>online</i> Celebration of Learning
1st December	Donate a canned food or pantry item—donations to the Salvation Army
4th-7th December	Year 3/4 Big Day In
5th-7th December	Year 5/6 excursion to Rainbows End
7th December	Year 3/4 <i>online</i> Celebration of Learning
7th December	Board meeting, 6.00pm
12th December	Year 3-6 Sports Celebration, 6.00pm <i>to be confirmed</i>
14th December	Year 5/6 Celebration of Learning
15th December	Final day of the school year, school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm

Congratulations to our Chess Team who, after placing 6th in the extremely competitive interschool finals, were awarded silver at the National Championships. It was a very tough day of competition—in the end we had five players in the top 20, with Ryan C in 10th place for Albany. Jonathan Z got a very well deserved best Under 7 medal.

Many thanks to parent helpers for coaching and support.



Congratulations to Ella L, who over the recent school holidays, attended the National Championships for synchronised swimming and earned 1st place in the Dolphin Combo (group results).



PRICE REDUCED—OCCASIONAL TREAT CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER—PRICE REDUCED

We have stocks on chocolates that we would like to have sold before the end of the year—we have therefore dropped the price to \$1 per bar—\$36 per box. If you would like to purchase chocolates/box of chocolates please contact the school office. Payment via eftpos/cash at the office, or online into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00 using your child's name and FOS as the reference).

Tickets on sale now! Get in quick. Final day for ticket sales 16th November.

We require trestle tables, gazebos and food warmers for our families food stalls. Rather than hire these items, if you are able to assist with providing any of these for the event please contact Jan in the school office, email: jmunroe@albany.school.nz, or phone: 09 415 9668. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE

Cultural Festival

**RAINSAVER DATE:
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
6:00pm-7:30pm**

**Performance by our Kapa haka group, and by
Students representing
Arabic, Chinese, Indian, Korean and Sri Lankan cultures**

**FREE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
Provided by FOS
One per person
(until supplies run out)

\$10 for 3 tasters

**FOOD VANS ON SITE
(at users cost):**
Harcourts Coffee & Cone
Candyfloss
Jesters Pies
Mr Whippy
Double Dutch Fries
Coffee van

**CULTURES REPRESENTED AT
OUR FOOD STALLS:**

Arabic
Chinese
Indian/Pakistan
South Asian
South African
Thai

Tickets \$10 for 3 samples
(ticket sales close 16th November)
(Up to one cup sized taster dependent upon food type)
Tickets on sale now from the school office or pay into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00) using your child's name and 'Cultural Festival' as the reference