



14th March 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Interschool swimming sports held at Coatesville School. Great efforts were shown by all competitors and we were given positive feedback about how respectful our students were and how fantastic our parents and teacher support was. Well done Albany for always showing our school values of respect and for being great sports people. Thanks also to Mrs Adri Rousseau and Mrs Desiree Lagerwall for all their efforts in organising our swimming events this term. Many thanks also to parent helpers that assisted on the days. Results will be published in the next newsletter.

Thanks also to Year 1 and 2 parents that attended our Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) parent information evenings. Special thanks to Mrs Rebecca Kerr for leading these sessions and to the teachers who attended and shared workshops. The parent feedback from the sessions was overwhelmingly positive, eg "not only did I learn as an adult what a phoneme or diagraph is—but now I have the confidence to know I can support my child the same way the school is". We are investigating how we can provide these sessions online, as well as offer further sessions next term.

Our current Strategic Goals and subsequent Annual Implementation Plans have now been completed and available on our school website. Thanks to our school community for input during 2023 through a range of surveys and parent meetings which is reflected in these goals. We will be holding a parent "huddle/forum" (informal meeting) to connect with leaders, teachers and Board representatives. Our first meeting will be held on 27th March from 2.00pm-2.45pm. We will focus on our future goals, however you will have an opportunity to share any questions of concerns you have.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

Harbour Sport is excited to be hosting the annual 2024 Harcourts Cooper & Co Shore to Shore family fun run on Sunday 7th April. For every person who signs up through our school, we will receive approximately \$3- \$5 towards sporting equipment.

To register <https://shoretoshore.co.nz/>,

Shore-to-Shore video:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvaiZgar-Vs>

HARCOURTS COOPER & CO
Shore to Shore
5KM FUN RUN/WALK
7TH APRIL 2024
OUR FAVOURITE EVENT ON THE NORTH SHORE

TREK
cube
HONDA
Harcourts Cooper & Co
SPORTS DISTRIBUTORS
S7S
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board
Kaipātiki Local Board

SHORETOSHORE.CO.NZ **#SHORE2SHORE24**

TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

How would you feel if it was your child hit and in hospital simply because you were rushing and didn't follow the road or school parking/drop off rules?

Driver behaviour continues to be the number one issue for our school, as the safety of our children is at risk on a daily basis.

We thank those parents who continue to do the right thing, and have the courage to model great citizenship by politely telling other parents when they are not following the rules. We know that some of this feedback isn't always received in a positive manner but addressing poor driving behaviour is the only way that we can collectively raise our standards.

PLEASE read the information below and simply follow the road rules:

- DO NOT park or drop children off where there are yellow lines marked.
- DO NOT park on the yellow lines on Bass Road by the pedestrian crossing. They are marked to ensure that children can see approaching cars.
- DO NOT park in Aria Gardens carpark.
- DO NOT park in or over residents driveways.
- DO NOT drop your children off while in traffic queues on Albany Highway, or waiting at the pedestrian crossing in Bass Road.

Parents are reporting that parents are telling their children to get out of the car **from the middle lane on Albany Highway whilst waiting at the lights**. This is an accident waiting to happen. All of our students are capable of walking a short distance from the end of Bass Road.

As you will be aware, one of our children was hit by a car reversing out of a driveway last week. As a result, Auckland Transport will complete a review of our school entry points and will issue tickets for illegal and dangerous parking - but rather than punitive action being taken think SAFETY.

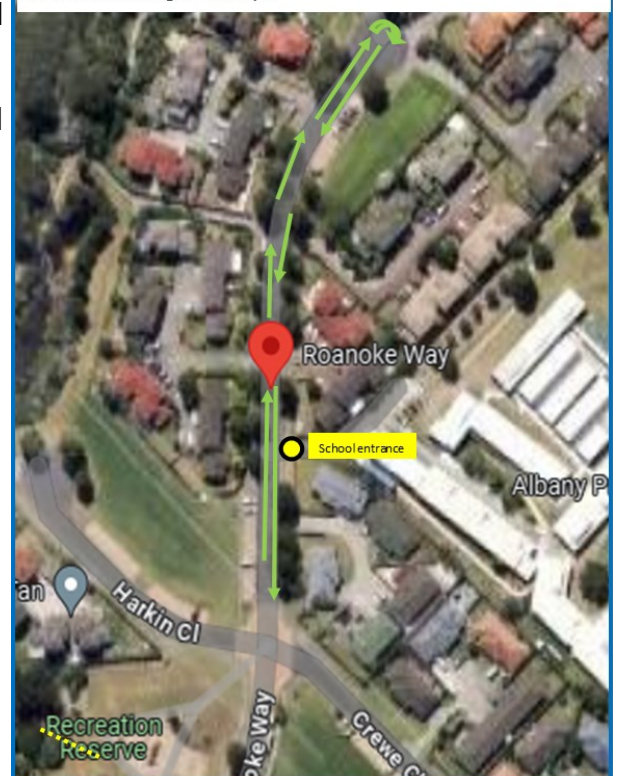
With over 740 students arriving and leaving on an daily basis think first before rushing and disregarding road and school parking/drop off rules.

The rules are in place for the safety of our full school community.

SUMMERFIELD LANE—don't park on yellow lines.



ROANOKE WAY—please drive to end of culdesac and turn around rather than using driveways.



TERM 12024

Term dates: 1st February—Friday 12th April

19th March	Year 3/4 Surfing—Areas 4, 5 and year 3 students from Area 35
20th March	Year 3/4 Surfing—Areas 33, 34 and Year 4 students from Area 35
20th March	Netball grading for registered Year 4-6 students, registrations open today
21st March	Year 3/4 Surfing—Areas 12, 37 and 38
22nd March	Year 3/4 Surfing, Areas 10, 11 and 39
26-28 March	Year 5/6 North Harbour Sport—Bikes in Schools
27th March	Parent huddle/forum, 2.00pm-2.45pm
29th March	Public holiday—Easter Friday— school closed
1st April	Public holiday—Easter Monday— school closed
2nd April	School holiday as set by the Ministry of Education— school closed <i>Kelly Club are looking at offering supervision on Tuesday 2nd April however prebooking is required. Refer page 5 flyer</i>
3rd—5th April	Year 5/6 North Harbour Sport—Bikes in Schools
4th April	Board meeting, 6.00pm
12th April	Last day of Term 1, school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm



Thank you parents for your school donation contributions which have been put towards our shade sails.



Thankyou to IKON Homes for donation of containers to teaching staff.

ALBANY
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER GALA²⁴

SATURDAY 16
This Saturday

Time: 10am - 1pm
Location: AJHS Fields
Free Entry

We will have; Stalls, Crafts, Food Trucks, Face Painting, Main Stage Performances, Competitions, Bouncy Castle, and much more.

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

Kelly Club on Easter Tuesday - 2nd April

If you need care for your child on Easter Tuesday, 2nd April, you may book now at: www.kellyclub.co.nz/albany

Kelly Club will run a full day Easter-themed programme (with options for half day and school day) if there are enough parents who need care for their children on that day.

Refer page 5 for further information.



2009

Rosie Ponifasio-Hughes



BEFORE

The TREEmendous Makeover that created our Native Grove

In 2009 following a submission by Teacher Rosie Ponifasio-Hughes and our Green Grubs Garden Club, Albany Primary School was awarded a \$10,000 Treemendous Makeover to create our Native Grove.

On Saturday 22nd May 2010, our school community turned out with gumboots and spades to make a change! We've all seen those garden makeover shows, and this was just like TV1's "Mucking In"- some 600 native plants, 9 truck loads of top soil and mulch, countless barrow loads of bark loaded and spread, concrete paths and pad laid, not to mention a board walk that grew metre by metre in front of our eyes. The sun added a golden touch to the most fantastic outdoor community working bee ever experienced at Albany Primary School. Major sponsors included Project Crimson, the Mazda Foundation, Mazda NZ and Meridian Energy. Many local businesses supplied materials. Des Ripi our School's Kamatua at the time, flew up from Wellington for the event to bless the work and land. The local Mayor and Deputy Mayor also attended.

Over the subsequent years

On Friday 4th November 2022 we held a further Working Bee to clean up the native grove and plant 250 trees and spread mulch. This was co-ordinated by Aimee Redknap. Assistance was provided by the Green Grubs Gardening Club and teachers, Anna Harrison at Sustainable Schools/Trees for Survival and Nick Maine for donation of trees and Treescape for mulch. Timothy M (student, Albany Senior High School) gave us a lot of expertise with weeding, planting and gave a beautiful Karakia.

What a joy it was and continues to be, playing a part in creating something that will still be a unique feature of this school for future generations to enjoy.



2022



PRESENT DAY



Tuesday 2 April
EASTER TUESDAY

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

**Conditions apply*

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've got an amazing Easter Tuesday programme planned, including an Easter Egg Hunt, Cookie Decorating, crafts, games and more!

Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$55*

8am-6pm

School Day: \$45*

9am-3pm

Half Day: \$42

7:30am-12:30pm or 1pm-6pm

**7:30 am start option for an extra \$7 with free light breakfast*

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz