



What's the hAPS?

9th April 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

What an event filled 10 week term this has been! Commencing with our welcome Pōwhiri we have also held: full school outdoor assemblies, Board and FOS meetings, APS swimming sports and interschool events, grading of after school sports teams and commencement of Term 1 after school sports. Parent meetings have included: partnership meetings, after school sports information, Year 5/6 camp, and school curriculum. In addition we held our first highly successful whole school Colour Run plus Year 4 Clip 'n' Climb trip and Year 5/6 waterwise safety training. This is all in addition to our classroom and on site learning!

Our school uses a concept inquiry model for learning. Our curriculum and entire day is conceptually driven. The 'concept' is a specially chosen word that is an overarching umbrella for all students Year 0-6 and for their entire 9.00am-3.00pm schooling day, and generally run mid term to mid term. New concepts are "ignited" with either a whole school event or a number of events in class or with their team. Teachers do not disclose the concept before the launch adding to the excitement. Your child may have shared the "Albany Wave" that was our most recent ignition for our concept of "Connection". Our aim is for this conceptual learning to be utilised after 3pm and at home also!

Learning of course does not just happen during the school day and some teams will have shared ideas for projects or tasks related to the inquiry concept of Connection for learners to complete during the break. An historical connection we have with both our school and Albany's past is the **ANZAC day commemoration** on Friday 25th April held at the Old Albany Hall (corner Albany Highway and Library Lane). The service commences at 11.00am with light refreshments afterwards - all welcome to attend. A very special and poignant part of this ceremony is when representatives of our community (including several of our student representatives) present a cross or wreath in memory of soldiers from the local district.

For those families that supported our recent fundraiser, we have now ordered your child's prizes through the **Colour Run Company**. These are expected within a month. If your child leaves our school before their prize is received, please make arrangements with the school office for their prize to be collected by a friend/family member or provide a postage-paid envelope/courier so that we can send it to you.

School is closed for students this Friday 11th April as all our staff will be participating in a full day of professional development, upskilling ourselves in the revised Maths and Literacy curriculum. All our Kāhui Ako schools selected this day to ensure consistency for families should you have older siblings at local schools. **Kelly Club will be open for supervision—bookings essential, kellyclub.co.nz/Albany.**

This coming school holiday includes the public holidays of Easter and Anzac Day, which will hopefully allow many families to have time to "connect" with whānau and friends. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable end of term break—hopefully a chance to rest, relax and recharge for Term 2 start.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

The "Albany Wave"...



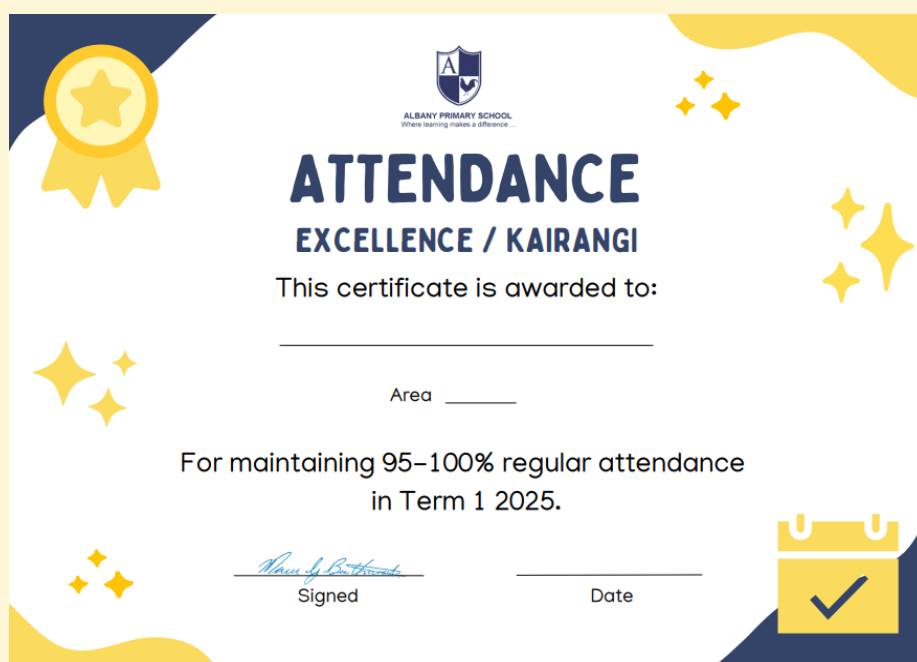
TERM 1 2025
Term dates: 3rd February—11th April

Thursday 10th April	Full school assembly, 9.10am—10.10am on the school courts, weather permitting—all welcome to attend
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
Thursday 24th April	School office open for enrolment enquiries, 9.30am-12.00noon
Monday 28th April	First day of Term 3

New attendance certificates

We are very excited to introduce our brand new '**Attendance Excellence**' certificates that will be handed out at the start of Term 2.

The what: These certificates will be handed out to those students who were able to achieve an attendance rate of 95-100% each term. Term 1 recipients will receive their certificates at the start of Term 2. Term 2 recipients will receive their certificates at the start of Term 3 and Term 3 recipients will receive their certificates at the start of Term 4. **Let's see which students are able to collect all 3 certificates! There will also be a special certificate awarded to those learners who were able to maintain a regular attendance rate of 95-100% throughout the year. These will be handed out at the end of the year.**



The why: Attending school every day and coming to school on time (**before 8:55 each morning**) is very important to a child's overall well being, as well as academic achievement at school. It is our joint responsibility (parents and the school) to ensure that all students attend school on a regular basis (missing no more than 5 school days per term).

The how: Encourage your child to come to school every day and talk to them about the importance of regular attendance. Be a positive role model by ensuring that your child arrives at school on time to help set them up for success for the rest of the day.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS—PHOTOS

A request from the school—please do not share photos on social media etc of your children at their after school sports games (or any school event) where other children may be able to be recognised as attending this school. For some of our children there are safety and privacy reasons for why they cannot be identified. Please respect their right before sharing any images of children on social media.

Following feedback after last year's after school sports photos, we will take photos of Year 3-6 sports teams only at our formal team photos in Term 3.

Albany Kāhui Ako - Community of Schools Leadership Update

As we closed out 2024, we farewelled our Kāhui Ako Co-Lead, Sue Smith (Principal|Tumuaki of Upper Harbour Primary School), as she relocated to Blenheim to be closer to family, and take up a new position with the Ministry of Education. We sincerely thank Sue for her dedication and leadership in strengthening our Kāhui Ako.

As we now approach the end of Term 1, we prepare to also acknowledge our current Kāhui Ako Principal Lead, Claire Amos (Principal|Tumuaki of Albany Senior High), who will be concluding her tenure in this role, after three years.

Claire and Sue's leadership has been instrumental in fostering collaboration across our Albany community of learning, positioning our Kāhui Ako to continue working effectively towards improved student outcomes. We are deeply grateful for their leadership contributions and appreciate their mahi in this role.

Looking ahead to Term 2, and the next 2 years, we are delighted to announce that Cushla Shepherd (Principal|Tumuaki of Albany Junior High School) will be stepping into the role of Kāhui Ako Principal Lead. This role will be an addition to her current role, expanding her leadership portfolio with Albany Junior High School.

We look forward to supporting Cushla as she leads us forward, continuing to build on the foundations of collaboration, shared best practices, and collective growth for the benefit of all our students.

We welcome and congratulate James Wheaton, the new Tumuaki of Upper Harbour School, and Andrea Clarke, the new Tumuaki of Greenhithe School

Whānau ki te Ako Presents Emotional Regulation: the key to learning and relationships with Tami Harris from Acorn Neurodiversity

MAY 13TH 2025

ALBANY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COME ALONG TO LEARN ABOUT:

- **WHAT IS STRESS? WHAT IS TRAUMA?**
- **HOW DOES IT IMPACT YOUNG PEOPLE?**
- **WHAT IS THE NEUROSCIENCE OF EMOTIONAL REGULATION?**
- **HOW CAN WE SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMOTIONAL REGULATION AT HOME AND SCHOOL?**

6.30pm - 8pm Whānau, parents and families welcome. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Scan the QR code to register



WHĀNAU KITE AKO

BETTER TOGETHER: A CONNECTED PATHWAY FOR EMPOWERED LEARNERS

Please note that this poster has an updated QR code for registering. Apologies for any inconvenience caused with the incorrect code sent with last Friday's poster.

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FREE FAMILY FUN!

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

10AM-12PM

KELL PARK, ALBANY

**COME HUNT FOR AN EGG TO EXCHANGE
FOR A CHOCOLATE ONE
(ONE PER CHILD)**

BUBBLES AND OTHER OUTDOOR GAMES

SEE YOU THERE :)



APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 12TH TO 27TH APRIL

- **Saturday 12 April** 2.00 - 3.00 Chinese and AI Coding in Mandarin.
- **Monday 14 April** 10.00 - 12.00 Easter Wall Hanging craft with Recreators, for children 8+ years old. Booking essential - ask Librarian
- **Tuesday 15 April** 10.00 -11.00 Auckland Zoo Conservation Sessions
- **Wednesday 16 April** 3.00-4.30 Kids Movie and Popcorn
- **Thursday 17 April** 10.00-12.00 Make Shauna the Sheep craft with Recreators, for children 8+ years old. Booking essential - ask Librarian
- **Wednesday 23 April** 3.00-4.30 Kids Movie and Popcorn
- **Thursday 24 April** 11.00-12 Paul the Clown from Enchanted Party
- **Saturday 26 April** 2.00-3.30 Koru STEM workshop. Mothers day workshop - create a flower as beautiful and unique as your mum!



**ALBANY VILLAGE
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MARBLE RACE TRACK WORKSHOP



24TH APRIL (THURSDAY)

10AM - 11AM

Albany Village Library

