



What's the hAPS?

22nd May 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

It was fantastic to have so many parents attend our **cross country** we held yesterday. No puddles or mud (unlike other years) with a golden dry and warm Autumn day. Thank you to Sareta Kemp and staff for arranging the day and training sessions, as well as parent volunteers. Many thanks to Fresh and Save Albany for sponsorship of iceblocks to participating students (further information page 5). Don't forget to present their ad next time you are in the store to receive a 5% discount.

Over the past fortnight we have also held a Board meeting and full school assembly, as well as our safe walking sessions with Community Constable Tania Wansink, Year 5/6 camp parent helpers meeting, Year 1 trip to Howick Historical Village and rippa / tackle rugby festival at Windsor Park. Many thanks to teachers for organising and assisting, and parents for supporting so that these events could proceed.

We have held initial meetings with the Ministry of Education and are delighted to confirm that the contractors and architects have been appointed for **construction of our new gymnasium / hall**. The project is planned to begin in August with a potential opening by next April. While there is still some final internal details to be confirmed, the design is more a gymnasium than our previous hall with a larger floor plan. (See 3D model beside.)



This year we have made a change to the way we select which external charities and fundraisers we support (hence not participating in Pink Shirt Day last week). To ensure greater understanding and ownership from our learners, the teachers will be talking to the children about a variety of charities, so that together they **can select options that may have personal or specific relevance to them. For example one team may be supporting a gold coin donation to a charity such as Starship hospital or SPCA, where another may ask for a pair of pyjamas or a can of food.** This charity drive may also be linked to the school wide inquiry concept. Information will be sent to you once the charity, type of support / fundraising and timing is confirmed with the team.

Te Whatu Ora Waitematā provides free **vision and hearing screening** for children at Year levels 0-3 who have not completed their B4 school checks through Plunket. They will be attending school on Friday 13th June, parents of students requiring assessment have been contacted individually for permission. If you have any concerns regarding your child's vision contact Specsavers, and hearing contact Te Whatu Ora Waitematā on phone 09 486 8996 opt 2 ext 43286 (both services are free for primary aged students).

Please note that we have had to change our **Student Led Conference date from Wednesday 25th June to Tuesday 24th June** due to a large number of staff attending Structured Literacy training sessions after school. Student Led Conferences will therefore take place on Tuesday 24th June and Thursday 26th June from 3.30pm. School will close at the usual time on both of these days. Further information including booking details will be sent home a week prior.

This year our **Matariki** celebration will involve an outdoor **whole school assembly at 9.10am on Thursday 19th June** including students displaying learning across all year levels and performances by our kapa haka group. All of our school community is welcome to attend this assembly and celebrate Matariki with us. As with all of our full school assemblies held on the courts, this will be weather dependent.

A reminder that parents are unable to park in the old Massey University entrance at Oaklands Road (currently under construction) the adjacent apartments on Bass Road or Aria gardens carpark. Yellow dotted lines mean **NO STOPPING at all**, regardless of whether you are in the car or not. We have had a number of complaints in this regard, and Auckland Transport will be ticketing.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



Rippa and tackle rugby festival

TERM 2 2025

Term dates: 28th April—27th June

Monday 26th—

Wednesday 28th May Year 5/6 camp—Areas 11, 12, 13 (Carey Park, Henderson)

Friday 30th May **Teacher only day—Ministry of Education approved**

Monday 2nd June **King's birthday—public holiday**

Wednesday 4th June School individual and class photos

Thursday 5th June School individual and class photos

Thursday 5th June Year 5/6 parent information meeting – find out more about our learning pathway to Albany Junior High School (AJHS) and Albany Senior High School (ASHS), 6.00pm-7.00pm

Friday 6th June Full school assembly, 9.10am—weather dependent

Monday 9th -

Wednesday 11th June Year 5/6 camp—Areas 29, 30, 37 (Carey Park, Henderson)

Tuesday 10th June Interschool cross country for select students (rainsaver: Friday 13th June)

Thursday 12th June Board meeting, 6.00pm

Monday 16th -

Wednesday 18th June Year 5/6 camp—Areas 14, 15, 36 (Carey Park, Henderson)

Wednesday 18th June Year 6 netball field day

Thursday 19th June Matariki celebration assembly, 9.10am on the school courts—weather dependent

Thursday 19th June FOS occasional treat (chocolate) fundraiser commences

Friday 20th June **Matariki—public holiday**

Tuesday 24th June Northern Bays cross country for select students (rainsaver: Friday 27th June)

Tuesday 24th June Student led conferences, 3.30pm onwards

Thursday 26th June Student led conferences, 3.30pm onwards

Friday 27th June Last day of Term 2, school finishes at the usual time of 2.55pm

Friday 27th June Full school assembly, 9.10am—weather dependent

FOS TEAM UPDATE

The FOS team held their Term 2 meeting to discuss this Term's events—Colour Run prizes were handed out last week, our 'occasional treat' Cadbury chocolate fundraiser will start on 19th June (further details in the next newsletter). We were going to hold a social BINGO Night event for parents this term, however looking ahead at our school calendar with Year 5/6 camps etc, we have decided to defer this to Term 3. Our next meeting will be held early Term 3.

Albany Primary School on Weds 4th & Thurs 5th June, 2025

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Premier Pack \$45.00</p> 	<p>Classic Pack \$40.00</p>  <p>Packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Premier: 20x25, 2x 12.7x17, 2x 10x15, 2x 10x7.5, 3x Wallets Calendar and Class •Classic: 2x 12.7x17, 2x 10x15, 2x 10x7.5, 3x Wallets and Class •Single: 1x 12.7x17 and Class •Portraits: 2x 12.7x17, 2x 10x15, 2x 10x7.5, 3x Wallets but no Class •Class: Class only <p>Portraits include complimentary portrait file voucher. You will be able to redeem your file after you receive your photopack.</p>	<p>Single Pack \$35.00</p>  <p>Portraits Only \$22.00</p>  <p>Class Only \$18.00</p> 
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Siblings (In School only) Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

NORTH SHORE PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

On Tuesday 6th May, eight of our top APS swimmers participated at the 2025 North Shore Primary School Championship. The event took place at the Sir Owen Glenn Aquatic centre in Auckland. We competed against 27 other top North shore schools and although we were one of the smaller schools we placed 13th overall. What a wonderful achievement! Thanks so much for all your hard work swimmers! You showed our REACH values throughout the event and we are very proud of you all. Mrs Rousseau and Mrs Hughes. The eight swimmers who took part on the day were: Lydia C, Adeline H, Kaitlyn Z, Tora C, Damian R, Isaac C, Max G, Egor M.

Special achievements on the day!

9 year old girls: Lydia C - 1st 100m freestyle, 1st 25m butterfly and 2nd in the 50m freestyle

9 year old girls: Adeline H – 9th in the 25m butterfly

10 year old boys: Isaac C – 3rd 50m back stroke, 4th 25m butterfly, 4th 100m freestyle

10 year old boys: Damian R – 7th 25m back stroke

Our Under 9 relay team: Lydia C, Adeline H, Tora C, Max G and Egor M (8th overall in the mixed relay and 10th overall in the 100m freestyle)

Our Under 10 relay team: Isaac C, Lydia C, Damian R and Kaitlyn Z - 11th overall in the mixed relay and 12th overall in the 100m freestyle)



Congratulations to Lydia C won the bronze medal at the recent Australia Artistic Swimming Championship in Melbourne for her solo in 10 and Under Women.



Experiencing Traditional Chinese Culture Celebrating the Dragon Boat Festival

上周四（2025年5月15日），Area 16 和 Area 17 的中国小朋友在中文家长志愿者的帮助下，参加了一场特别的端午节传统文化体验活动——包粽子。活动现场粽叶飘香，孩子们在家长的指导下学会了如何包粽子：放糯米、加豆沙和红豆、折粽叶、系线绳，每一步都充满了乐趣与新奇。大家不仅亲手制作了香喷喷的粽子，也在互动中了解了端午节的来历和传统习俗。

通过这次活动，孩子们感受到了中华传统文化的魅力，也增强了文化认同感。感谢中文家长志愿者的精心准备和耐心指导，让这次体验变得温馨又有意义。我们也热烈欢迎更多的中国家长加入中文志愿者团队，一起为孩子们带来更多丰富的文化活动！

On Thursday, May 15, 2025, Chinese students from Area 16 and Area 17 took part in a special cultural activity to celebrate the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival. With the help of our dedicated Mandarin-speaking parent volunteers, the children learned how to make traditional *zongzi*—sticky rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves.

During the activity, students enjoyed the hands-on experience of folding leaves, filling them with sticky rice, sweet red bean paste, and red beans, and tying them up. Along the way, they also learned about the history and customs of the Dragon Boat Festival. The event was full of fun, discovery, and cultural pride.

We sincerely thank our parent volunteers for making this cultural celebration both meaningful and memorable. We also warmly welcome more Chinese parents to join our Mandarin volunteer team and help bring more cultural experiences to our students!



COFFEE WITH CLAIRE



At Albany Senior High School

THURSDAY 22ND MAY OR THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

11.00AM - 12.00PM

**Interested in learning more about ASHS?
Have questions about how we do things
here?**

Come along and meet our Principal, Claire Amos, hear about the ASHS curriculum, and go on a tour of the school in action.



RSVP at <https://forms.gle/AiK3nLELxa5wMB7AA>

Start your day great -



What to expect from our school:

You can expect:

- School staff who care about your child, their learning, where they are now, and how to best support them to succeed at school.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school, and is participating and progressing in their learning.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from, and what you value.
- Our school is a safe and welcoming place for everyone in our school community.

What we expect of parents:

Do your best to help your child attend school every day. This is a legal requirement from the Education and Training Act 2020.

- Contact us if your child is going to be absent and specify the reason (for example if your child will not be at school for a whole day, or part of a day, for an extended period of time, or if they are going to be late).
- Talk with your child about why attending school every day, as well as being on time is important for their learning and their future.
- If your child is reluctant to come to school, talk with them. If something is happening at school that is making them want to miss school, talk with us so we can work together.
- Getting back to school quickly after being absent is important. Support your child to return to school as soon as possible. The longer your child is absent from school, the harder it can be to catch up on missed learning. Again, talk with us so we can work together.

Students should be in class by 8:55 a.m. every day.

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

But here's the impact of all that missed time when we add it up:

5 minutes late every day = 25 minutes every week = 4 hours of missed school every term = 3 full days of school every year. After 10 years, that = 30 days, which is 6 complete weeks of school. One hour of lateness daily = 5 hours of school (the equivalent of a full school day) every week. Over one term this equates to 10 school days (2 weeks) missed. Over a full school year this equates to 8 weeks!



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