



What's the hAPS?

18th June 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki— Hail the rise of Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi—Hail the lord of the sky
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau— Hail the New Year

To Māori the significance of Matariki is a time to spend with whānau, reflect on the past (including ancestors), come together as whānau in the present and look to the future. We will hold an outdoor assembly to celebrate the significance of this mid winter event tomorrow (Thursday 19th), at 9.10am on the outdoor courts, weather permitting. School will be closed on Friday as **Matariki (Māori New Year) is a recognised public holiday**. We have attached a number of local community Matariki focussed and family events that you may like to attend.

Areas 14,15,and 36 were extremely fortunate to have had the most stunning sunshine for the group attending camp this week. **A HUGE thank you** to all involved in supporting our Year 5 / 6 children to experience this fantastic Education Outside the Classroom opportunity at Carey Park, Henderson.

I was recently interviewed by a reporter about the **value of a written report** and I shared the following reflection. Teachers spend many hours writing reports which the Deputy Principals and myself read. We believe the effort to provide you with a detailed record of your child's current progress against the existing Curriculum Levels, with their effort and personal and social competencies is of real value. For many families this written document is proudly shared with extended family or in some situations kept as a reference for posterity. One of our staff members still has her grandfather's school report! Reports will be sent home with your child on Monday.

Your child's report coupled with their **Student Led Conference** (held next Tuesday and Thursday after school) provide you with the evidence of their learning in the classroom as well as the opportunity to talk to the teacher. As the information sheet that is also enclosed with the report identifies, we are reporting on your child's mid-year level. It is important to recognise that movement across a curriculum level can take two years. As shared in previous newsletters the curriculum levels are currently under review and we will be consulting with you about future reporting formats once MOE have confirmed requirements. The Ministry of Education's [parent information portal](#) has further information in this regard.

After several delays we are very excited to see the start of our sandpit and interactive play space begin to take shape (See photo). Thank you in advance for **your support of chocolate sales**, as we are hoping to raise enough funds to provide a sunshade over the sandpit.



As per information in our previous newsletter each team has chosen **different charities to support**. Thank you to our Year 3 parents that supported the team's recent Pyjama Day. 22 pairs of pyjamas and \$140 was donated to the Dame Valerie Adam's Jammie Army! **Our Year 2 team have chosen the SPCA as their charity and will be wearing something blue next Friday 27th June**. They would appreciate tins of pet food and/or a blanket or gold coin donation. Next term on 18th July our Year 4 team will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Salvation Army (Albany Branch) as part of their National Mid-Winter Collection and the Year 1 team will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic on 25th July (to support Ronald McDonald House Charity).

Together in learning
Maree Bathurst, Principal

TERM 2 2025
Term dates: 28th April—27th June

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, school closed
Tuesday 24th June	Northern Bays cross country for select students (rainsaver: Friday 27th June)
Tuesday 24th June	Kapahaka and choir trip to Albany Library, 9.30am-12.00pm
Tuesday 24th June	Student led conferences, 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 25th June	School individual and class photos— change of date
Thursday 26th June	School individual and class photos— change of date
Thursday 26th June	Student led conferences, 3.30pm-5.00pm
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
Friday 11th July	Office open for enrolment enquiries, 9.30am-12.00noon

TERM 3: Term dates: 14th July—19th September

Midwinter Christmas Dinner

Invitation from Albany Baptist Church to an event hosted by Albany Community Action Trust
Saturday 26th July 2025, 6.30pm-9.00pm
Albany Tennis Park, 321 Oteha Valley Road, Albany

[Link to RSVP](#)

WORLD OF PLAY

FREE FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY 21 JUNE

11AM – 2PM

PLAY
activities

MATARIKI
celebrations

LIVE
performances

FOOD
from around the world

Albany Community Hub
575A Albany Highway





Pictures indicative only

The "occasional treat" fundraiser

Thank you for taking part in this Albany Primary School fundraiser.

You have received one box containing 36 chocolate bars. Please sell each bar for \$2.00 each and return the \$72.00 in the envelope provided (ensure student's name and area number is included).

Start by selling to your family and friends, take to sports games to sell to other teams. **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO GO UNSUPERVISED SELLING CHOCOLATES**—a grown up person should be with them at all times.

If you return \$72 within the first two weeks of term then you will go into the spot prize draw—we have great prizes to be won.

- 1 x bike
- 1 x waterproof action camera
- 4 x \$25 Westfield vouchers
- 10 x \$10 Whitcoulls vouchers

Thank you for your support.

The FOS team

**A fundraiser for a
sunshade for the new sand play area**

感谢您参与我们的筹款活动。

您收到一箱共36块装巧克力棒。请将每块巧克力以\$2.00元出售，并将\$72装入随信附上的信封中交回学校（确保袋子上写清楚学生的姓名和班级）。

您可以把巧克力向家人和朋友销售，也可以带到运动比赛场地卖给其他团队

请注意：为了孩子们的安全，请务必安排成人陪同，切勿让孩子单独售卖巧克力。

如果您在第三学期的前两周内交回\$72，即可参加我们的幸运抽奖活动！奖品包括：

- 1辆自行车
- 1台防水运动相机
- 4张\$25 Westfield购物券
- 10张\$10 Whitcoulls购物券

感谢您的支持！

FOS团队敬上



Celebrating Chinese Culture through Storytelling

This Wednesday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Theresa Wang—Charlotte's mum—into Area 22 and Area 23, where she shared a beloved Chinese story, The Twelve Zodiac Animals, with our students.

Theresa captured the children's attention right away by asking thought-provoking questions and encouraging them to guess the animals in the story. She skilfully used this curiosity as a springboard to introduce the story's theme, and then brought the tale to life through expressive storytelling and interactive questions throughout.

The session was filled with student engagement, laughter, and learning. At the end of the story, Theresa led a fun game that helped students deepen their understanding of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. It was a wonderful way to bring language and culture together in an enjoyable, hands-on experience.

We would like to sincerely thank Theresa for her time and enthusiasm! If you are a Mandarin-speaking parent, grandparent, or family member and are interested in sharing stories, songs, games, or cultural experiences with our students, we would love to hear from you. Your voice and presence can make a big difference.

Please get in touch with the Mandarin team if you'd like to get involved!



通过讲故事感受中华文化 —— 来自Charlotte妈妈的特别分享

本周三下午，我们非常高兴地迎来了Charlotte的妈妈——Theresa Wang女士，她来到Area 22 和 Area 23，为孩子们生动讲述了中国传统故事《十二生肖》。

Theresa一开始便通过提问和引导孩子们猜动物的方式，激发了大家的兴趣和求知欲。随后她自然地引出故事主题，并通过生动的讲述和持续的互动提问，让孩子们全程积极参与、兴趣盎然，沉浸在故事的世界中。

在故事结束后，Theresa还带领孩子们玩了一个有趣的小游戏，帮助他们进一步了解中国的十二生肖动物。这次活动不仅增长了孩子们的知识，也让他们在轻松愉快的氛围中感受到中国文化的魅力。

我们由衷感谢Theresa的热情参与和精彩分享！如果您也是一位讲普通话的家长、祖辈或家庭成员，欢迎您来为孩子们讲故事、唱歌、分享文化游戏或传统活动。您的声音和经验将为孩子们带来不一样的学习体验。

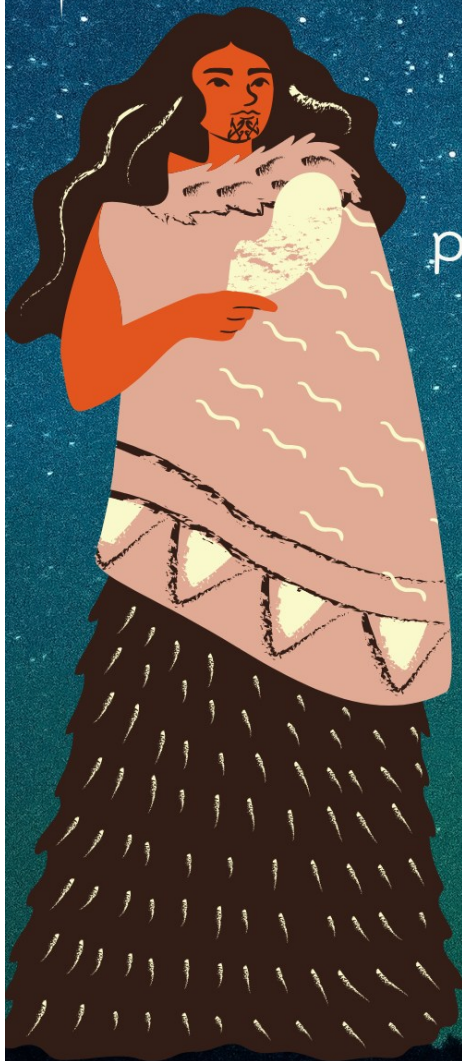
欢迎与中文组老师联系，加入我们的家长志愿者项目！



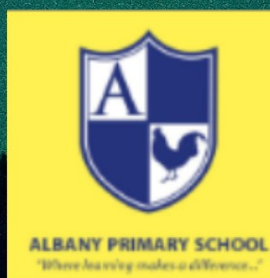
KAPA HAKA AND CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, 24th Jun 2025
10am-10:40am

Join us to watch amazing
performances from Albany Primary
School for the Matariki festival



Albany Library
Albany Village, Kell Drive





WINTER MARKET

STARTS AT 5 PM - 7.30 PM

26 June | 2025

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FUN & GAMES | CRAFTS | FOOD
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600 Paremoremo Road
(Ridgeview School - Cutts Cress)

Join us for our winter night Market

**Kids Crafts, Toys, Crafts, Clothing, Bouncy Castle,
Second Hand clothing rack, Our Winter
wonderland Photo space.**

**Eats Streets: Woodfire pizza, Pioneer Pies,
Organic Gelato and Waffles, Ice cream .**

***Vendors interested in hosting a stall please
email cassey@ridgeview.school.nz for details
and confirm your spot.***

Ridgeview School also invite you to their **Matariki celebration** on **Saturday 21st June at 7:30am** with a shared breakfast followed by a community planting event at Ridgeview. They understand it's a long weekend, so appreciate that you may be taking a well-deserved break, but all are welcome to attend.