



What's the hAPS?

23rd July 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

After a wet first week back after the holiday break, the winter sunshine has been very welcome. It was a delight to welcome 50 new families to our school at last week's powhiri and morning tea. Our manuhiri (new arrivals) have come from 6 different countries, transitioned from other schools in New Zealand or started in our new entrant class—so a very warm Haere Mai to your home and school.

As you will see in the attached school events for term 3, this is an action packed term full of events, both on and offsite school grounds. Nominations for potential new school board members **close at noon on Wednesday 6th August** so please consider standing to support the valuable role as a parent representative to support the governance of our school.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the election of three parent representatives to the school board.

An information sheet (including who is not eligible to be a board member) and nomination form were emailed out last Thursday. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on Wednesday 6th August 2025. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

If you would like to talk to one of our current board members in regards to 'being on a school board' please email lelder@albany.school.nz who will put you in contact with one of them.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

If you are unsure if you are on the voting roll or would like to check that we have your correct address to send voting papers to please contact the returning officer before 6th August.

Social Media update

We have recently reviewed our school media procedures and would like to ensure that you are informed about the use of social media in our classrooms. At Albany Primary School, we regularly use YouTube, which is considered a form of social media, as part of our teaching and learning programme.

YouTube offers a wide range of engaging and educational content that supports the delivery of the curriculum. Examples include movement breaks from Go Noodle, sing-along videos, and science clips from Mystery Doug.

Your child's safety is our top priority. We have robust internet safety filters in place across all school devices. More importantly, videos are previewed and selected by teachers as part of their lesson planning, ensuring it's not only relevant to learning but also entirely suitable for the age groups it is being shared with.

Our aim is to use these resources thoughtfully to enhance learning experiences and keep students engaged in meaningful ways. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

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Lunches

Please do not send boiling water in a thermos to school with your child for noodles at lunch. This is dangerous as other children may run into them or they may burn themselves.

Please refer to the link on our [website](#) for details regarding ordering sushi for your child's lunch. This service is for Wednesday lunch only. Orders need to be received between Sunday and 6pm Tuesday by emailing tsy.sushi@gmail.com using your child's name and area number as the reference with a screenshot of the bank transfer.

Traffic Concerns

Please be aware that between 8.30am-9.15am, and from 2.30pm-3.15pm (depending on the timing of the school bus arrival and traffic on the Highway) there is a strict **no right turn** into the bus bay. There is a drop down sign (see photo) that the caretaker uses to indicate this requirement. When the no right turn rule applies please understand that we do this to ensure the flow of traffic continues down Bass Road and around the first intersection, so that you may then enter the bus bay safely. We understand this is frustrating at times but this traffic management plan was initiated to ensure the safety of our children is our priority.



We have been informed that a number of parents are parking opposite the traffic lights, by the safety fencing on the old Massey University site. This off road layby is not an approved council parking area, and the school cannot monitor this area, so please consider children's safety carefully as you park and risk potential accident issues at your own peril.

School Uniform

During the process of having school photos taken at the end of last term, we noticed a large number of students who are not wearing correct school uniform. Please note that all students need to be wearing their yellow polo shirt and blue trousers/shorts/skorz/culottes each day accompanied by a school sweatshirt/jacket on cold days.

Parts of our school are still very muddy so please check your child always has a spare set of clothes in their bag, therefore avoiding a phone call from our school office to request you deliver fresh clothes. This spare set is not required to be school uniform.

Given the colder winter temperatures we have added an optional beanie to our school uniform. To ensure consistency and maintain our uniform standards, all beanies must be plain navy blue only, with **no writing, logos, visible patterns, or branding**. As with all uniform items PLEASE ensure label the inside of your child's beanie with their name. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 3

Term dates: 14th July—19th September

24th July	Trees for Survival planting day (rainsaver 31st July)
24th July	FOS meeting (Friends of the School), in the staffroom at 6.00pm—all welcome to attend
25th July	Northern Bays Cluster football tournament for select students (rainsaver 28th July)
25th July	Year 1 charity fundraising—teddy bears picnic
30th July	Performing Arts Festival—rehearsal at Torbay School, 9.00am-2.30pm
31st July	Rippa and tackle rugby tournament (rainsaver 5th August)
31st July	Board meeting, 6.00pm
1st August	Full school assembly, 9.10am—weather dependent
8th August	Book Battle for select students at Northcross Intermediate
12th August	Year 3-6 sports and team photos
13th August	Performing Arts Festival—dress rehearsal, 9.00am-12.00noon
13th August	Northern Bays Performing Arts Festival, 6.00pm-9.00pm
14th August	Year 4 trip to the Stardome, 10.00am-12.30pm
15th August	Year 4 trip to the Stardome, 10.00am-12.30pm
18th August	Year 4 trip to the Stardome, 10.00am-12.30pm
19th August	Northern Bays winter sports day, select students (rainsaver 21st August)
22nd August	Full school assembly, 9.10am—weather dependent
1st-5th September	Book Week
1st-5th September	Chinese Language Week
4th September	Board meeting, 6.00pm
10th September	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair, 8.00am-9.00am, 3.00pm-5.00pm
10th September	Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm-5.00pm
11th September	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair, 8.00am-9.00am, 3.00pm-5.00pm
11th September	Student Led Conferences, 3.30pm-5.00pm
15th-19th September	Māori Language Week
15th-19th September	Whānau Week
19th September	Last day of Term 3
19th September	Full school assembly, 9.10am

Year 6 netball field day



Year 4-6 Cross Country



Parent run chess tournament



OPEN EVENING/ OPTION EVENING 2025



Wednesday 23rd July

4.30pm - 7.00pm



[Link to website](http://www.ajhs.school.nz)

SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EMERGING ADOLESCENT

We warmly invite prospective students and parents/caregivers to our annual open evening and option evening, where you will discover the wide range of unique and rich learning opportunities available to your year 7-10 children when they join our Albany Junior High School (AJHS) community. Our school's four year programme provides curriculum diversity, challenge and a personalised learning programme which fosters and supports the emerging adolescents individual

We take pride in what our students have access to, and the most meaningful way to show this is to take you on a personalised tour of our school to explore, interact and engage with our curriculum and culture.

You'll visit areas such as;

- Science labs
- Maths rooms
- Language rooms
- Technology rooms
- Library
- Whanau atriums
- Homerooms
- Gymnasium
- Green room
- Music studios
- Dance studios
- Visual arts studio
- Performance Art Centre

Your tours will be led by one of our current students, who can share their AJHS experience with you.

We will also showcase the amazing learning opportunities available for our Y9/10 students. This is an opportunity to come along with your child and learn about all the fantastic courses our departments have on offer in 2025.

Location:
19 Appleby Road, Albany.

For further information please contact us on 415 5473 or email office@ajhs.school.nz. (There is no need to register for this event.)

We look forward to welcoming you to Albany Junior High School.



To enrol your child at AJHS, please visit the website www.ajhs.school.nz and click 'ENROLMENT'.



TOMORROW,
THURSDAY
24TH JULY

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2025
FROM 6 - 8.30PM



TAKE A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL
WITH SOME OF OUR STUDENTS.
Hear what it's like to be part of our learning community.

JOIN OUR PRINCIPAL, CLAIRE,
IN THE CAFE FOR A BRIEF INTRO INTO 'LIFE AT ASHS'
(BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR TOUR).





TOOL BOX PARENTING COURSES (2025)

Middle years (Primary) Tuesday 22nd July-Tuesday 26th August

Preschool years Tuesday 7th October- Tuesday 11th November

Each course is 6 sessions, 7-8:45pm

At Albany Community Hub, 575 Albany Highway, Albany

Teen years course also running for 2025 (Dates TBC)

Costing: Free as grant provided (normally \$125 per couple and \$90 per individual)

Limited spaces head to parentingplace.nz/toolbox to book your spot.

Email any questions to admin@abcbaptist.org.nz

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Albany Community Hub
Te Pōkepō ā-Hapori o Ōkahuakura



Parent counselling service (Triple P Parenting)

Thursdays only.

Free sessions (normally \$150
per session).*

Contact: Gel Bariquet Lim
(trained counsellor) at
Gel@albanyaction.nz

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*criteria applies