

6th August

Dear parents/caregivers

Following the deluge of wet weather last Wednesday how fortunate we were to have the year 3 team host a delightful outdoor assembly last Friday. Congratulations to all our chocolate **spot prize winners** who received acknowledgement at assembly and prize collection after school. If all families return outstanding payments (or chocolates if you haven't eaten or sold them as yet) we will have raised a tremendous amount of \$15,000! This will not only fund our sandpit cover and shade cloth but also new sandpit equipment. A HUGE thank you to Julie and Jan in the office, and FOS helpers for all your work with this fundraiser. We hope to open the new sandpit area in the next few weeks.

Our Green Grubs have been tending native plant seedlings all year, and finally last Thursday our senior students had the opportunity to plant over 700 seedlings to support farm banks and stop erosion through the Trees for Survival initiative. Memories from the attending students and photos of this wonderful opportunity are attached. Many thanks to parent helpers and teachers Grace Tye-Wood and Emily McGall for supporting.

We would like to acknowledge the families that attended the **community Shore to Shore fun run/walk** earlier this year. We have received a \$167 voucher from Sports Distributors to put towards sports equipment.

The safety fencing for our new multipurpose hall was erected last weekend with the site sheds being delivered this week. Wherever possible trucks will only enter the staff carpark and site entry after peak traffic times, please take extra care when walking into the school grounds. If all goes well this project should be completed by April 2026.

Well done to our **Touch and Tackle Rugby** teams who attended an action packed tournament day yesterday, our outstanding students showed wonderful team spirit. Thanks to parent coaches—Stephen and Brook and parent helpers on the day. Thank you to organising teachers, Xu Han and Kelly Napper for all of their support.

Next week is **Maths Week** with students being able to complete daily Maths Challenges at school. Many thanks to Alex Hanson and her team for organising.

On Monday the New Zealand Police completed spot checks on traffic before school. A number of verbal warnings were given to parents who were allowing **children to remove their safety belt before the** vehicle had actually stopped in the bus bay, as well as infringement notices to parents who parked on yellow lines. While the majority of our parents are patient and do show respect and courtesy, given the traffic build up at peak times she also noted the following concerns (which next time tickets will be issued for), please do not:

- park illegally at Aria Gardens staff carpark, as well as the layby in front of the old Massey University entry.
- do a U-turn on Bass Road
- gesture to your child to cross the road anywhere except ON the pedestrian crossing.
- park in or across any driveways.

We have been advised there may be a Union Meeting on the afternoon of WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST. This meeting involves Teachers and Teacher Aides so we will have very limited Teachers available for supervision on this afternoon. A letter will come home with your child on Friday with further details. This letter requires a return response form for every child.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst Principal

TERM 3

Term dates: 14th July—19th September

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, evening, ticketed event

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

22nd August FOS social evening—BINGO night, in the staffroom, 7.00pm—tickets

on sale now at \$5 per person—new date for calendar

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

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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

FOS Bingo night—refer information over

Are you able to assist us by donating items for our FOS BINGO Night? We would love to have donations of any good quality items/vouchers. Contact Jan in the school office jmunroe@albany.school.nz

Protect against measles

Confirmed measles cases linked to overseas travel have recently been identified in Aotearoa.

Low immunity, and the close contact nature of education settings, means one infected person could expose and spread measles to many others.

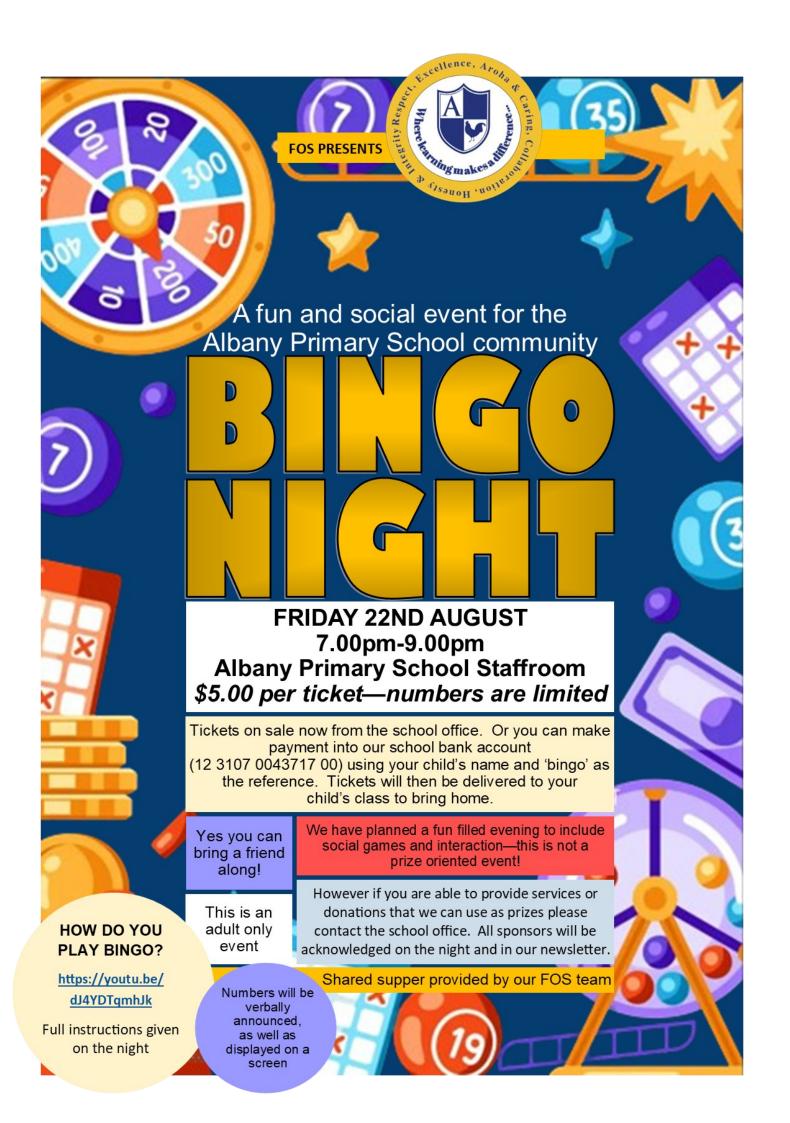
To be immune, you must have had measles before or have had two doses of a measles vaccine after the age of 12 months.

Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand is encouraging school kaimahi to look for the signs and symptoms of measles and to check their immunisation status:

Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand - Health New Zealand

My Health Record – Health New Zealand

Measles immunity - Health New Zealand



YEAR 3-6 SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS

As advised in a previous newsletter, please be aware that only Year 3-6 sports teams will be photographed this year.

Sports photographs are taking place on Tuesday 12th August—please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform to/from school on the day and bring their sports uniform to change into when they are called up for photos. This photo opportunity includes Year 3-6 after school sports—basketball (including players from Semester 1), flippaball (including players from Terms 1 and 2), hockey and netball. Netball players are asked not to wear leggings or long sleeved shirts under their netball dresses for the photos.

If you are a team coach/manager and wish to be in the team photo (to be taken between 9.15am - 10.30am), please make contact with Michelle Molesworth, After School Sports Co-ordinator (mmolesworth@albany.school.nz) by Friday 8th August with your requested time so that she can book your team into the proposed timetable.



Trees for Survival Planting Day

TREES FOR SURVIVAL CHARITY

Together with New Zealand schools, landowners and sponsorship partners, this action based environmental education programme supports school communities to nurture, grow and plant native plants in areas they're needed the most - protecting and restoring habitat in waterways and on vulnerable land.

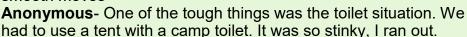


MEMORIES:

Rachel- Planting was really fun, I caught a skink and named it

Karolina- when I was planting, I found a cool ammonite fossil, I was really proud of it and myself.

Ridhi- While we were planting, I enjoyed seeing the fantails' smooth moves



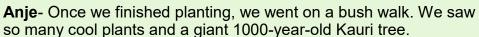
Emmi- My favourite part of planting was doing the pukeko test. Raelyn – The pukeko test is when you have to tug the plant a bit to make sure it's in firmly, so that a pukeko can't pull it out.

Kaitlyn - I really enjoyed planting. We caught some worms and put them back because they don't like sunlight.

Shero- Planting was fun except when we were planting by the gorse, it's really prickly, at first I didn't know and put my hand on top of it! (silent scream)!

Abi- The scones tasted SO GOOD, all the gardening, and I was really excited to see the Kauri.

Ella - I liked the scones and sausage roll, they tasted so good I had thirds.



Melody- I liked going on the bush walk, I saw high heights, and the view was beautiful.

Maggie - When we went on the bush walk, we met a cute chihuahua. The Kauri tree had a hole from the bottom to the top, we all lay down and tried to see the sky.

At the end of the day, we were exhausted but proud.







EVERY DAY MATTERS!

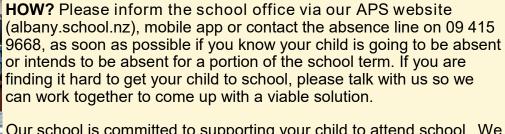


WHAT? One of the things that both our school and the Ministry of Education (MOE) are continuing to focus on in 2025 is the close monitoring of student attendance. Regular attendance means the student is present for more than 95% of the term (missing no more than 5 days per term).



WHY? Did you know that if a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. Regular school attendance is the key to students' success and supporting them to feel safe and confident in their school environment and doing well in the classroom.

WHO? As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance from when they first start school.





Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school. We are happy to announce that we had more than 380 students schoolwide who received their Term 2 excellence in attendance certificates at the beginning of Term 3. They achieved this by displaying regular attendance (95-100%) during Term 2. Remember, should a student be able to achieve regular attendance over all 4 terms during the school year, special recognition will be given to that student at the end of the year.

We have also included our updated Term 2 summary report for attendance and lateness. Unfortunately regular attendance has dropped from 80% in Term 1 to 75% during term 2. It is wonderful to see a 2% increase in student numbers regarding arriving at school on time, to get a great start to the day. Let's keep it up Albany!

