



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
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

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](#)

FOS PRESENTS



A fun and social event for the
Albany Primary School community

BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

7.00pm-9.00pm

Albany Primary School Staffroom

\$5.00 per ticket—numbers are limited

Tickets on sale now from the school office. Or you can make payment into our school bank account (12 3107 0043717 00) using your child's name and 'bingo' as the reference. Tickets will then be delivered to your child's class to bring home.

Yes you can
bring a friend
along!

We have planned a fun filled evening to include social games and interaction—this is not a prize oriented event!

This is an
adult only
event

However if you are able to provide services or donations that we can use as prizes please contact the school office. All sponsors will be acknowledged on the night and in our newsletter.

**HOW DO YOU
PLAY BINGO?**

[https://youtu.be/
dJ4YDTqmHJk](https://youtu.be/dJ4YDTqmHJk)

Full instructions given
on the night

Numbers will be
verbally
announced,
as well as
displayed on a
screen

Shared supper provided by our FOS team

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 Lucky.

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

Anonymous- One of the tough things was the toilet situation. We had to use a tent with a camp toilet. It was so stinky, I ran out.

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.

Anje- Once we finished planting, we went on a bush walk. We saw so many cool plants and a giant 1000-year-old Kauri tree.

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.



HOW? Please inform the school office via our APS website (albany.school.nz), mobile app or contact the absence line on 09 415 9668, as soon as possible if you know your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term. If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together to come up with a viable solution.



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!

TERM 1

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

80%

Compared to 72% in Term 1, 2024

Irregular Absence 13%

Compared to 17% in Term 1, 2024

Moderate Absence 5%

Compared to 6% in Term 1, 2024

Chronic Absence 2%

Compared to 5% in Term 1, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 50%
2. (G) Holiday 26%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 14%
4. (J) Explained and Approved 10%
5. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 1%

How many students were on time to class?

67% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

TERM 2

Term 2 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

75%

Compared to 67% in Term 2, 2024

Irregular Absence 17%

Compared to 22% in Term 2, 2024

Moderate Absence 5%

Compared to 7% in Term 2, 2024

Chronic Absence 3%

Compared to 4% in Term 2, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 58%
2. (G) Holiday 20%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 14%
4. (J) Explained and Approved 6%
5. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 1%

How many students were on time to class?

69% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.