



What's the hAPS?

20th August

Dear parents/caregivers

It has been another busy fortnight at Albany Primary with our Year 5/6 choir students attending the Performing Arts Festival, our senior syndicate listening to a cyber safety talk, Year 4 students visiting Stardome, and Areas 30 and 37 learning about our freshwater ecosystems with Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust,

We also had over 40 Year 6 students attending the Northern Bays Cluster winter sports day participating in football, netball, hockey and basketball competitions against other North Shore schools. Nadine Keyzer and Emily McGall as teachers in charge advise that the teams did really well, showing good sportsmanship, resilience and our Albany REACH values. Our basketball team was 5th overall with hockey and football finishing 6th. Many thanks to teachers for organising and parent helpers for assisting on the day.

The performance on Wednesday 13th at the Bruce Mason Theatre by our choir was unforgettable at the recent Performing Arts Festival. Our students had attended multiple practices both on site and at the theatre leading up to what was an incredibly professional event to a sold out venue. The theme for the event was music through the ages and with Albany selecting 1980's 'Funky Town' complete with spectacular choreography and dynamic outfits, their act was a show stopper. A huge thank you to teachers in charge—Sol Lee, Abi Cawood, and Karen Gliddon for their time and dedication to ensuring the success of the performance.

Last week we farewelled Abi Cawood, who this year has been a release teacher for two of our teams. Abi began her teaching career at Albany as a beginning teacher with us, during that time she also had maternity leave for her son Louie. We wish Abi all the best at her new school.

We are looking forward to our FOS BINGO Night tomorrow. Many thanks to our sponsors—Arena Entertainment (bowling for 5 people and 3 x Inflatable World vouchers), Fresh and Save, Albany (\$50 voucher), and Burger King (\$100 in vouchers).

A reminder that next Wednesday (27th August) is the NZEI meeting with teachers attending the meeting from 12.30pm. For this reason parents are able to collect their child from 12.30pm (with the afternoon school session being limited supervision only). If you have not already, please return the yellow slip advising whether you wish to keep your child home for the day, collect at 12.30pm or if your child will be on site all day (with supervision in the afternoon). Buses will be leaving at the normal time of 2.55pm

Do you have a child starting at our school in 2026? We are aware that there are several of our current families living out of zone who have a child due to start in 2026. If you have moved house since your first child started you may not be in zone for our school and will need to apply for a place for your child in the upcoming out of zone ballot. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ACCEPTED IN AN OUT OF ZONE BALLOT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START AT THIS SCHOOL. Applications close noon on Wednesday 8th October and the ballot date is 15th October.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 3

Term dates: 14th July—19th September

22nd August
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Full school assembly, 9.10am—weather dependent
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

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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

Book Battle Challenge Success

Last week, two of our teams represented our school at the Book Battle Challenge held at Northcross Intermediate School. We are proud to announce that **Team B placed 7th** and **Team A placed 20th** among many competitive teams. These students showed incredible resilience, dedication, and teamwork, reading all the set books to prepare for the big day. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and teachers who supported and encouraged them throughout their journey. Well done, teams – you have made us proud!



Information emailed separately today

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Celebrating cultures represented at Albany Primary School

Shared Food and Albany Talent - Cultural Items

Proposed date: Friday 7th November 6.00pm-7.30pm

Rainsaver date: 14th November

We have over 40 ethnicities represented at our school and want to once again provide an opportunity to embrace our diverse cultures through our Cultural Festival. The goal of the evening is to share the richness of our many cultures through food and performances.

At this stage, we are seeking an [expression of interest](#) only as to the viability of holding both cultural performances and a shared food festival.

Albany talent - cultural items

For the cultural performances the school will provide a small outdoor stage, microphones and sound system, with a host / MC to ensure we follow the timed schedule of performances. Performances are limited to 5 minutes each, including time for set up (therefore music/performance will be limited to 3 minute max).

Shared food

The school community is able to pre-purchase \$10 tickets for 3 sample tasters. Each ticket holder will be provided with a small container in which the stall holders will place a sample food portion (approximately one cup measurement per taster). As it is a ticketed event, the school will be able to offer some reimbursement to stall holders.

If you are interested in providing food to share, we request that you complete the expression of interest form. From this information we will be able to connect you with other families from your culture, either via email or at a meeting held early next term in our staffroom, to work together on your country's stall to provide a culinary 'tour of the world!.

If you require further information about this event prior to completing the expression of interest, please contact Jan in the school office, email jmunroe@albany.school.nz or phone 09 415 9668.

We would appreciate your response by Friday 28th August.