



2nd March 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

As the Omicron wave continues to rise, our thoughts are with any positive cases, unwell students, family members and staff. If you need support at this time please email admin@albany.school.nz or reach out to your class teacher or relevant Deputy Principal. This link may be useful if you are unsure of the requirements for close contact family. Household and close contact information [link](#).

It is understandable that the impact on our day to day life and routines are significant as further community spread increases. Watching the joy of learning in (or on screen) every day in our school is a timely reminder of just how resilient children are.

We wish to thank you for your support in contacting our school if your child has tested positive, as well as advising of any students that are required to be in isolation due to a family member testing positive. This information is shared daily with the Ministries of Education and Health, and also provides the class teacher with your child's / family's situation. In comparison to some other schools that have already had to fully revert to reduced classes on site, or online option only, at this stage we are fortunate that we have been able to maintain full coverage. Many classes will have relievers in this next stage, and teachers will be connecting with you with learning at home options.

On a brighter note we are also grateful that we have been able to continue with so many of our "normal" school events—such as our Partnership Meetings last week. Whether online or in person, our teachers find this time invaluable in getting to know your family and developing our partnership in learning. Thanks you to Adri Rousseau and Desiree Lagerwall for their organisation as well as all the parent helpers that supported our highly successful school swimming sports (see over). Thanks also to our new After School Sports Co-ordinator, Michelle Molesworth, for the organisation of basketball and netball grading and Jan Munroe for work supporting online registrations and parent communications.

Our new tiered seating and courtyard area by the staffroom is only a matter of weeks away from completion and once outdoor furniture is installed this will create both a lunch eating space as well as a great community space for families to use in the weekends. Concrete will be poured on this site again on Saturday so please be aware there may be large trucks driving through our school grounds.

Auckland Transport has opened a consultation on reducing speeds on some roads around Albany. There is also a proposal to reduce speeds around some local schools including Albany Primary School. The link contains the full list of streets plus how to give feedback. You may like to take five minutes and provide some feedback on the proposal. [Link](#) for proposed speed changes.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 1 2022—Dates subject to change

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 14TH APRIL

8th—9th March	Year 4 Camp 1 (Areas 24, 25, 26, 27, 37, 38)
10th—11th March	Year 4 Camp 2 (Areas 14, 15, 16, 19, 20)
16th—18th March	Year 5/6 Carey Park Camp (Areas 28, 29, 32)
28th—30th March	Year 5/6 Camp 2 (Areas 21, 22, 31)
28th—29th March	Year 3 EOTC experience
30th March—1st April	Year 5/6 Camp 3 (Areas 30, 39, 40)
14th April	Term 2 finishes, 2.55pm

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOS)

Although we will not be organising any fundraisers at this stage due to COVID restrictions and financial pressures, our 2022 Friends of the School (FOS) Team will be working behind the scenes to beautify our gazebo (sited beside the native grove near Summerfield Lane entrance).

We would also like to let you know that we are here to support your whānau wellbeing. If you have any areas of care that we can assist you with, please email jmunroe@albany.school.nz

ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday, 25 February 2022, our APS swimmers competed at our annual Swimming Sports day held at the Northern Bays arena in Silverdale. We had so much fun and all the students showed resilience, determination and excellence throughout the day. Thank you to all the parent helpers for making this day extra special. We hope to see all of you again next year for another amazing APS Swimming sports day!

Kia kaha - Mrs Rousseau and Mrs Lagerwall

