



25th May 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

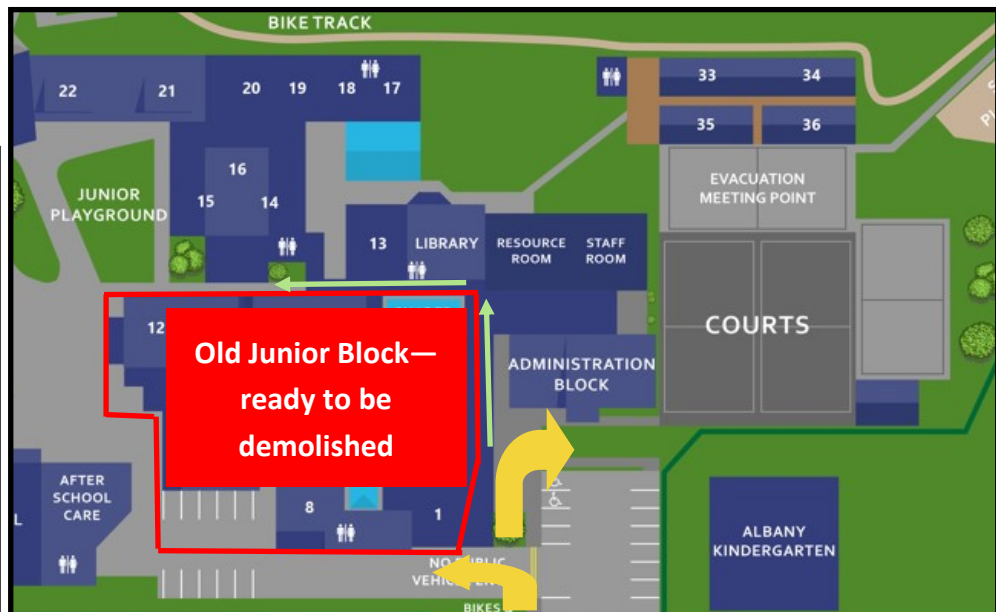
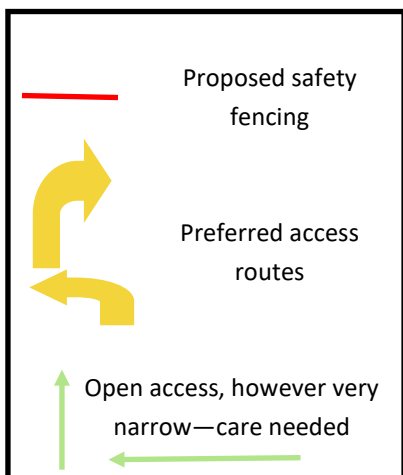
After 18 months... **finally** our old junior block will be demolished as the first stage of the new build for our two storey block (to be built on the site of the existing hall) begins. There may be disruption to the bus bay and school entry as construction / demolition trucks and diggers enter and leave the site. Wherever possible these vehicles will not enter school grounds at peak traffic times, but be prepared for delays, and restricted entry to the staff car park. **Security fencing will be erected this weekend**—see map below. This will create a restricted / pinch point for pedestrian flow in the area adjacent to the admin block and library so we encourage you to take an alternative route if collecting your children after school.

The other great news is that we hope our new **middle (Years 3 and 4) playground** will be opened by next Monday. This project has also been a very long wait and we know the children will enjoy the new and challenging equipment. As each of our playgrounds has been designed with specific equipment, and suitable heights for ages, we request that you do not allow your middle or senior aged students to play on the junior playground after school.

**Thank you all for your continued support and vigilance** in keeping your children home if they are unwell or household contacts. To date in-school transmission has not been identified as of significance compared to community and adult spread. You may have noticed a large number of relievers in school as we attempt to cover classes for staff who are either unwell or also in isolation due to family members testing positive. We are indebted to our fantastic team of relievers and part time staff who have supported our school and learners so positively through this time. The Ministry of Health have also shared an alert for the potential of a possible measles outbreak to also spread through our schools. Most children are vaccinated at 12 months with a second dose at 15 months. Please check your child's vaccination status and inform the school if there has been any change to when you first enrolled your child. As a parent you may also want to check your own vaccination status as if you are aged between 18-35 you may not have received the full MMR vaccination.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst  
Principal



## TERM 2 2022: MONDAY 2ND MAY—FRIDAY 8TH JULY

Thursday 26th May	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Tuesday 31st May	Year 3-6 cross country (rainsaver—2nd June) - proposed timetable page 3
Friday 3rd June	Teacher only day—school closed
Monday 6th June	Queen's birthday public holiday—school closed
Thursday 16th June	Rippa and tackle rugby tournament—select students (rainsaver—21st June)
Wednesday 22nd June	Year 6 netball tournament
Thursday 23rd June	Board meeting, 6.00pm
Friday 24th June	Matariki public holiday—school closed
Wednesday 29th June	Northern Bays Cluster—Year 3-6 cross country final (rainsaver—1st July)
Thursday 30th June	Student Led Conferences—school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm
Thursday 30th June	FOS fundraiser—Scholastic Book Fair, 12.00pm onwards
Tuesday 5th July	School class and individual photos
Wednesday 6th July	School class and individual photos
Friday 8th July	Last day of Term 2—school closes at the usual time of 2.55pm



Following on from last Friday's update that **every day is Road Safety Day** here are a few reminders of rules put in place to keep our school community safe:

- The driveway leading towards the hall (with a barrier arm across it) is out of bounds for cars of parents picking up/dropping off children to Kelly Club.
- Many parents are choosing to ignore the "No Stopping" signs and road cones at the back entrance (Roanoke Way), are stopping in the middle of the road to pick up/drop off children, or are parking over the driveway to school grounds. Parents have reported that there have been a couple of near misses over the last few months.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND TEACHER ONLY DAY

As previously advised—Please note key dates over the page as there are two public holidays this term which both fall in June. **Queens Birthday (Monday 6 June)** and **Matariki (Friday 24 June)**. For convenience to families the school has selected **Friday 3rd June** as our Term 2 Teacher Only Day this year, as by joining this on to an existing long weekend this may assist families with travel arrangements out of Auckland. As a staff we do appreciate Teacher Only Days can be difficult for leave and childcare arrangements, but these NZEI Union negotiated non contact days provide opportunities for our staff to have external facilitators focusing on shared professional practice as well as keeping abreast of the updated New Zealand Curriculum. Kelly Club before and after school care will be available on Friday 3rd June. Bookings are essential—phone: 022 693 7732, web: [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz), email: [albany@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:albany@kellyclub.co.nz).

### FOS—Help Needed

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! If you are able to assist our team with the Book Fair (the role involves keeping the fair tidy, assisting with eftpos and cash sales), or photo day (the role involves assisting the photographers / teachers /student runners to call classes to the hall, help teachers get classes in height order, correct uniform, etc) please contact Jan, phone 09 415 9668 or email [jmunroe@albany.school.nz](mailto:jmunroe@albany.school.nz).



## Year 3 –6 Cross Country, Tuesday 31st May (Rainsaver—2nd June)

Proposed timeframe, times are approximate only.

Time Start	Time Finished	Details
9:05am	Warm up and briefing 7 and 8 yr olds	
9:15am	9:28am	8 year old Girls
9:20am	9:33am	8 year old Boys
9:30am	9:43am	7 year old Girls
9:35am	9:48am	7 year old Boys
9:45am	9:58am	10+ Girls (10 and 11 year old Girls)
9:50am	10:03am	10+ Boys (10 and 11 year old Boys)
10:00am	10:13am	9 year old Girls
10:05am	10:18am	9 year old Boys
10:30am	All Finished	

Many thanks to our school community for the outstanding support of today's pink mufti day to "speak up, stand together, stop bullying". Over \$780 was raised for donation to the Mental Health Foundation.



# HeartKids

Heart Kids is here to help families at every step of their heart journey—from when a heart condition is first diagnosed, through childhood, the teenage years and into



We have been donated 40 tickets to the Kids Day Out Variety Show on 18th June at 2.00pm at Birkenhead College.

If your family would like to attend, please contact the office to receive your free tickets.

### Student Information—Update

It is always important that we hold up to date student information on our school records for a number of reasons including maintaining contact and reporting to parents, illness and emergency situations, as well as Board elections. Board elections will be held in September this year and we need to ensure that we have correct address details for voting papers to be mailed out in this regard.

Your child will be bringing home a sheet (printed on yellow paper) with their student information which we request that you read over, and if necessary update, and return to the school.

As an incentive to return the forms, the first class with all forms returned will enjoy a pizza lunch!

**we need you!**  
volunteer now to help keep our shops open

Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles... your local Hospice shops have been hit hard by Covid-19 and we really need your help. Come and volunteer with us! Just one three-hour shift per week will make such a difference to us. Flexible weekly shifts are available to fit in around your lifestyle, and our volunteers have so much fun and really enjoy the company of the other volunteers and shoppers. Come on your own or bring a friend and help Hospice care for your community. Call into your local shop and talk to the manager or contact your local Hospice.

Every hour you give helps raise vital funds to support patients & their families

