



23rd March 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

This week we enrolled our **100th new starter** to Albany Primary School for 2023! In 2021 this milestone occurred on 17th May and in 2022 on 9th May. This roll growth is what was “our “normal pre-COVID and in many ways the slower growth has been an advantage to ensure we had enough temporary classrooms on site. The growth this year was an indication of our post COVID status and reopening of borders and visa applications.

Congratulations to our **fantastic swimming team** who at last Friday's Interschool swimming tournament were awarded the Fairplay trophy acknowledging our students exceptional sense of sportsmanship and fairplay. As one very proud student commented to me, as they shared the trophy, “we didn't only cheer for our school team, we cheered for all of the teams.”

Thanks to the Junior Teaching Team for sharing a highly informative meeting and workshops on Tuesday evening, explaining the new **Better Start Literacy Approach**. We know some parents would have loved to attend but were not able to, so we will be sharing information about the approach on our website in the future. If you do have any questions in the meantime please refer to the BSLA [website](#) or arrange a time to meet with your class teacher so they can share some ideas with you as to how you can support Literacy and oral language ideas at home.



We **welcome Kerry Glaum** to Albany Primary School. Kerry is teaching our new entrant starters in Area 2 (read over for Kerry's introduction). We are looking forward to welcoming Kelly Napper who will be teaching from next week in Area 30 when Desirae Lagerwall starts her maternity leave. We wish Desirae and her husband Kyle all the very best for the arrival of their new family member.

From next week the construction company will be **moving our current Bus Shelter and footpath entry** to the **opposite side of the bus bay**. Whilst both our school and the construction team will do our very best to ensure both traffic and pedestrian flow is safe, please **“expect the unexpected” and watch and guide your children where to walk, as the normal paths will be removed**. Road cones and safety barriers will direct you where to walk, and safety fencing will be placed around all no entry areas, with no access through the staff carpark. The bulk of the work will be completed during the holidays.

Parents and Mr Mike are still reporting daily the total disregard some people have for **road rules**, in particular parking on yellow dotted (no parking) lines, or dropping children at the pedestrian crossing or Albany Highway. Instead we urge you to drop your children further down Bass Road, a safe walk of two - three minutes. If everyone adopted these actions we would have improved traffic flow and hopefully reduce the road rage. We issue these notices BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF EVERY CHILD. If you see anyone blatantly or repeatedly disregarding school or traffic rules, any citizen has the right to send information to [Community Roadwatch | New Zealand Police - online form](#).

From 2nd March, Auckland Transport **reduced the speed** in the following roads around the school to 30km/hour: Bass Road, Crewe Close, Cuthill Close, Harkin Close, Kinleith Way, Mahoney Drive, Roanoke Way, Sample Road, Summerfield Lane, Vinewood Drive. Please adjust your speed accordingly.

A reminder that if you pay your **school donation** (as identified on your statement) by 31st March then you can claim a portion back through Inland Revenue.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

As we no longer have a school hall we are unable to accommodate the dental van at our school this year for student checkups. The Dental service will be in touch with you directly when your child is due for their checkup however if you have any concerns or your child needs an urgent appointment please contact Albany Children's Dental Clinic yourself on (09) 415 2059

TERM 1 2023—dates subject to change
TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

Thursday 30th March

Board meeting

Thursday 6th April

Last day of Term 1—school finishes at the usual time of 2.55pm

Happy Easter and end of term break



**INTERSCHOOL
SWIMMING
COMPETITION**

Pictured are students from our Interschool Swimming Team. Well done participating students for showing our Albany Primary School values and being awarded the Fairplay trophy. Many thanks to Adri Rousseau and Desirae Lagerwall for teacher organisation and parent helpers who assisted at the events.

Introducing: Kerry Glaum

Hi I'm Kerry Glaum, I have been teaching Year 1 and New Entrants for the last three years. I am passionate about these year levels and I enjoy the connections I make with the children and families in my class. New Zealand has been my home for almost 4 years, and I love exploring new places and going for hikes with my family. I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with my family and friends. I have been on maternity leave with my little boy and I am excited to be back in the classroom and to be joining Albany Primary.



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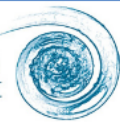
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