



4th May 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

It was a pleasure to **welcome 49 new families at last Thursday's Pōwhiri Welcome Assembly**. These families have arrived at Albany Primary School since our Term 1 Pōwhiri and include new entrant starters, students transferring from other schools in New Zealand, and from overseas—China, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa and the USA. We also formally welcomed new staff—Kerry Glaum (new entrant teacher in Area 2), Julie Kim (Area 23), Kelly Napper (Area 30 whilst Desirae Lagerwall is on maternity leave), and Makayla Lawson (who will be starting in Area 8 when Erin Konings is on maternity leave).



We **congratulate Desirae Lagerwall** on the birth of Taylah Mae and wish her all the best for maternity leave.

Many thanks for the **full support shown by our school community** of our new front gate entry and footpath procedures. Although the construction site is fully surrounded with solid fencing the construction company have kindly inserted Perspex windows so we can peek in and view progress of the new block once construction begins.

Last year we had a competition for the students to design our **three friendship / Aroha benches** that had been funded through recent FOS fundraisers—discos, calendars/cards, etc. Weekend Craft Quality Outdoor Furniture (Phone 06 329 3909, email: sales@weekendcraft.co.nz) made these wonderfully strong seats at their workshop in Sanson. Thanks to teachers—Sol Lee, Abi Cawood, Michelle Lacey and Year 5/6 students from 2022 for all of their work in assisting with the creative painting. Mr Mike has now placed these three chairs around the school for students to use whenever they may want a quiet place or wish to find a friend.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students representing Albany Primary School at yesterday's **Kids Lit** competition held at St Cuthberts School. Many thanks to the parents that supported the teams as well as Miss Kemp for her organisation.

You may be aware that Albany Senior High School has had to close for 4th and 5th May due to an identified case of **measles**. This is a timely reminder of the seriousness and highly contagious nature of this disease. To ensure that our student information system is up to date in this regard please check your child's immunity by either calling your child's GP or checking their Well Child/Tamarki Ora book. If your child does not have evidence of two MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccination doses after 12 months of age) please inform the school office. We will also send letters home to parents of students that we do not have immunisation records for, and for students that we have been previously advised that are not fully immunised/unimmunised. If you receive a letter in this regard, please respond to the school office so that we have the most up to date information available as we will follow any Auckland Regional Public Health Service (Te Whatu Ora) requirements should we be informed of any positive cases of measles affecting our school community.

Term 2 is packed with exciting learning opportunities planned for both in and out of the classroom. The term includes our Year 5/6 team attending camps at Carey Park, Book Week (further details to come), Student Led Conferences taking place later in the term, plus many other events and activities planned for teams/clubs as well as the commencement of winter after school sports. Please check our term calendar on page 2 as dates have been updated.



Together in learning



Maree Bathurst
Principal



TERM 2 2023

Thursday 4th May	Excursion to Kelly Tarltons—Areas 33, 34, 35, 36
Thursday 4th May	Year 5/6 camp parent helpers meeting, 6.00pm
Thursday 11th May	Board meeting, 6.00pm in the Boardroom
Monday 15th-17th May	Year 5/6 camp 1—Areas 24, 25, 26
Friday 19th May	Pink shirt mufti day—anti bullying
Monday 22nd-24th May	Year 5/6 camp 2—Areas 28, 29, 31
Tuesday 30th/Thursday 31st May	School, class and individual photos
Thursday 1st June	Year 6 students to AJHS for experience day
Thursday 1st June	FOS (Friends of the School) meeting, 6.00pm all welcome to attend
Friday 2nd June	Year 3-6 cross country
Monday 5th June	King's birthday recognised—public holiday— school closed
6th-9th June	Book Week
Wednesday 7th June	Interschool cross country for selected students (rainsaver 9th June)
Thursday 8th June	Year 3-6 Rippa/tackle rugby tournament for registered students (rainsaver 13th June)
Thursday 8th June	Board meeting, 6.00pm in the Boardroom
Monday 12th –14th June	Year 5/6 camp 3—Areas 23, 30, 32
Tuesday 20th June	NBC cross country for selected students (rainsaver 23rd June)
Thursday 22nd June	Student Led Conferences, school closes at the earlier time of 12.30pm
Friday 23rd June	Excursion to CATS show—Areas 1, 22, 37, 38, 39
Tuesday 27th June	FOS occasional treat Cadbury chocolate fundraiser commences
Friday 30th June	Last day of Term 2

We are looking for **parent helpers to assist our road patrollers on the pedestrian crossing** on Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons. If you are able to assist in this regard please contact teacher in charge, Michelle Lacey, mlacey@albany.school.nz. Full training will be provided. Time required 2.45pm-3.15pm (approx.).

A FEW REMINDERS...

- **For parents/caregivers of 061 or 062 bus students—on the school app** please ensure you have 'bus students' selected as an alert subscription so that you can be advised directly regarding bus notices. To do this go into our school app (SchoolApps NZ) On the home page "Albany Primary School" in the bottom right corner select 'alerts', on the 'alerts' page select in the top right corner and ensure 'bus students' has been selected.
- Now that the weather has turned please ensure that your child has a **spare change of clothes in their bag (including underwear)** in a plastic bag. Please note that this does not have to be school uniform.
- We are still collecting **Yummy Stickers**. Please bring your sheets to Area 3 (juniors), Area 33 (middles) and Area 29 (seniors). The more stickers the more sports equipment earned for Albany Primary School.



TRAVELWISE UPDATE—we are looking forward to ROAD SAFETY WEEK in two week's time

A reminder to all parents/caregivers to remind the road rules around our school, and our specific school rules regarding our bus bay pick up/drop off zone and driveway. Our focus in the coming weeks is for students who bike or scooter to/from school. Parents/caregivers—please ensure your child's helmet meets safety codes, and is worn correctly. Check out this link for further information—[Helmet check](#)

MISSING CAT—Have you seen Baheera AKA Baggy?

Baggy is a male timid short haired black cat with a small white triangle under his chin on his chest. He is chipped, neutered and loved dearly. Baggy is very friendly and loves pats. Last seen Lonely Track Road on 24th April. If you have seen him, please contact Alecia (027 204 3765) or Zoe (021 043 0452).



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