

BOARD-CAST

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Board-Cast is an occasional newsletter produced by Albany Primary School's Board of Trustees and is one of the ways the Board of Trustees provides information to its community.

Your current Board members are Bevan Catley, Joanne Paviour, John Rutherford, Maree Bathurst, Philip Voss, Rick Pierce, and Wanda Robertson.

The Board wishes to share the exciting news that our Principal, Maree Bathurst, has been appointed as Kāhui Ako Leader (Lead Principal) of the Whānau ki te Ako – Albany/Greenhithe Community of Learning (CoL) for a two-year term, commencing on 3 September 2018.

Maree's appointment to this key role is testament not only to her exceptional leadership qualities and mana within our community, but also her strong commitment to creating a sound educational pathway for our community's young people from when they start school in Year 1 through to Year 13 and beyond.

You may be aware that a CoL is a group of local schools working together to help students achieve their full potential. The other members of the Albany/Greenhithe CoL are Coatesville School, Greenhithe School, RidgeView School, Upper Harbour School, Albany Junior High School, and Albany Senior High School.

The Kāhui Ako Leader provides leadership across the CoL, facilitates collaboration and professional development across and within member schools, and is responsible for planning and coordinating the work of the CoL. Maree succeeds Dawn Fenn, who resigned as Kāhui Ako Leader to take up the principalship of Woodhill School in Helensville.

Maree remains the Principal of our school, although she will spend approximately 2 days a week engaged in CoL activities. The Board has appointed Helen Furness as Co-Principal on a fixed-term basis for 2 years and, when Maree is not at school, Helen will assume the responsibilities of Principal. Our school is fortunate to have an experienced, talented leader like Helen ready to step up and share the reins with Maree. The Board has every confidence that this leadership arrangement will be effective, and that the operation of our school will not be affected – other than positively.

Any questions about this arrangement, or about our CoL more generally, should be directed to Maree (415-9668) or Philip Voss (Board Chair, 021 890909).

On behalf of our school community, the Board congratulates Maree on her exciting new role.



Do you think our teachers and school leaders deserve a
pat on the back?

A thank you?

A well done to you?

Do you think they are talented, committed, caring,
innovative, passionate and dedicated?

If you or your child would like to thank a teacher there are currently two ways that this can be done:

Parents – you are able to nominate a teacher for a 2018 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award go to <https://neita.awardsplatform.com>

Or

To celebrate World Teacher Day we have postcards available for children to complete and 'post' back to their teacher.

Postcards are available at the office, just pop into the school office to collect one or email lelder@albany.school.nz and Lisa will send one home with your child. Once your child has written on the postcard they can put it in the 'post box' which will be in the office until 14th September.

Out of Zone Enrolments

We are currently open for applications for out of zone applications for 2019. To be eligible to attend Albany Primary School children **MUST** be living in our school zone.

If you have another child who already attends our school and you were living in our zone when they started but have since moved house, your next child will be classed as out of zone. If your child is turning five in 2019 and you are now **not** living in our zone you must apply in the upcoming ballot.

According to our records there are approximately nine families with children already attending Albany Primary who have another child turning five next year but are not in our zone. If you are one of those families and do not apply in this ballot, your child WILL NOT be able to attend this school next year.

If you are unsure if you are still living in our zone please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to confirm whether you are in zone or not.

Applications for the ballot close on Wednesday 17th October with the ballot being held on Wednesday 24th October. Please contact Lisa Elder lelder@albany.school.nz

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