

# BOARD-CAST

## JUNE 2019



*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 Rick Pierce, Maree Bathurst, Wanda Robertson, Philip Voss, Bevan Catley, John Rutherford and Joanne Paviour

### ***Proposed Amendment to the Albany Primary School Enrolment Scheme***

Over the past several years the Albany area has experienced significant change, both in terms of numerical growth with new housing development, and ethnic diversity as we have welcomed people from many different parts of the world to the area. At Albany Primary School we have experienced the richness of this ethnic diversity as well as the impact of a growing school roll. This numerical growth is expected to continue, with current forecasts indicating that we will be around 1000 students by 2021 (currently we are over 780).

The Board recognises the importance of being proactive with strategies and actions to help stay ahead of this growth, in order to continue being a healthy and effective environment for student learning and for staff and student wellbeing. We are currently working with the Ministry of Education to develop a plan that ensures we will have resources and infrastructure available as growth requires it.

One of the options available to us to help ensure manageable levels of growth is an amendment to our enrolment scheme, which we are currently in the process of enacting (under Section 11M of the Education Act 1989) with the support of the Ministry of Education.

The proposed change to the school zone (which largely impacts the Unsworth Heights area) is mapped out, along with a description of the changes on the school website [www.albany.school.nz](http://www.albany.school.nz). This proposed change to the school zone would be effective from the start of the 2020 school year. Please note, this change **will not affect any existing student who presently lives in the section of the current school zone that is changing**. Depending on the feedback the BOT receives, a decision will be made as to the number of years that the school can continue to enrol siblings of these affected students. This is called a "grand parenting clause", so for example, yet to start school 3 and 4 year old siblings of current students, (new entrants in 2020 and 2021), would be eligible to enrol under this exemption due to their older sibling already being at the school as at 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, however, current 1 and 2 year olds (due to start school in 2022 and beyond) may not.

It is essential we have your feedback regarding the proposed new zone and the "grand parenting" clause. The school will be holding two community meetings with the Principal and Board members where the proposed changes to the enrolment scheme and their implications (including the impact on younger siblings of current students who are yet to start school) will be discussed. These will be held at the school as follows:

- 9.00am - 10.00am on Monday 9th June
- 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th June

Members of the community are also invited to make comment regarding the proposed amendment in writing (until 28th June 2019) to: The Board of Trustees [BOT@albany.school.nz](mailto:BOT@albany.school.nz) or post to 6 Bass Road, Albany, Auckland 0632.

If you have any questions about the anticipated growth of the school roll and our strategic approach please contact Maree Bathurst (415-9668) or Rick Pierce (Board Chair).

## ***Acknowledgement of Board of Trustee Parent Representatives Concluding Roles***

With the upcoming Board of Trustee elections there are three people concluding their current term who will not be re-standing. We would like to extend a huge thanks to Wanda Robertson and Bevan Catley for the contribution they have made to the governance team over the past three years. Many hours have been invested into the school community and we're grateful for the wisdom and experience that they have both brought to the team.

We would also like to especially acknowledge the immense contribution Philip Voss has made to the Board over the past twelve years of his involvement, the past nine as Board Chair. Philip has provided a high quality leadership to the school governance team and the healthy culture of the Board of Trustees is attributable to his influence and commitment over that time. Philip's tenure was acknowledged and celebrated at a function in May, including attendance by various past Trustee's. Thank you Philip for your dedication to the school and the incredible difference you have made.

The three Parent Representative vacancies will be filled by three of the six people who have registered as candidates for the upcoming election. By now you all should have received your voting pack which includes information about each candidate and a voting paper. Please make sure you have your say by returning the voting papers to the school by midday on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

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Left to Right: Bevan Catley, Maree Bathurst (Principal), Joanne Paviour (Staff Rep), Philip Voss, Wanda Robertson, John Rutherford, Rick Pierce