

Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you to those families that have replied to our survey regarding students that require supervision. If you have been unable to contact us and you do require your child to be supervised at school for their online learning from Wednesday 29th April, or your situation has changed since letting us know, please email fturner@albany.school.nz by 9.30am Tuesday 28th April. We understand that in these uncertain times, situations may change and we have limited staff numbers physically present at school so will try to be as adaptive as possible.

For families that have confirmed they require supervision at school you will receive an update on Tuesday with the details of which space and teacher your child will be supervised in. The Ministry of Education recommends you drop your child at the front gate so please ensure you have informed them of their new class or area number. For any younger children that require a parent to walk them to the classroom please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance from other parents, children or teachers. Due to the physical distancing restrictions please do not drop your child before 8.30 and they must be collected by 3. p.m.

We are confident that we will be able to keep children in small bubbles to ensure that the required physical distancing requirements are met. Children will all continue with their on-line learning with their own class teacher, while their “bubble teacher” will be there to supervise. **Please prepare your child for the new reality of what our “Bubble School”** will be like. Understandably the children will be expecting to return to school as it was the last day they attended. They will be looking forward to meeting up with their classmates, playing with their friends on the playground and games on the field, when the reality of the restrictions means this will not be possible.

The Prime Minister has identified Tuesday (April 28) as a teacher only day, therefore **your teacher will not be providing on line teaching**, or be available for any interactive sessions with your child. This day will give us the opportunity to ensure we are fully organised for those students requiring supervision for Wednesday. As you can imagine logistically this is going to be very carefully planned to ensure we do not have bubbles meeting, toilet blocks not shared, scheduled outdoor physical times, etc. On this day teachers will also be meeting virtually and planning their lessons and resources to cover the next two weeks of on line learning.

On a final note, tomorrow many of us would “normally” be attending an Anzac Day commemoration or service. Rather than focus on what we cannot do at the moment let us be grateful for what we do have. Let us not forget that others in service sacrificed so much more. They gave us the ultimate sacrifice of peace and freedom to live in our beautiful country of Aotearoa, New Zealand. Let us all support their memory by participating in one of the suggested activities below.

there is still a lot to be thankful for

We are all doing a wonderful job of keeping in our bubble- let's keep it up.
Regards, Maree Bathurst.



As we contemplate what the future holds it is still important to remember what has happened in the past. We still owe a great debt to those that served to protect what we currently have. Which is why it is so important that we protect it now, not by going out & fighting the enemy, but by *staying in* and fighting this new enemy.

STAND AT DAWN [HERE](#)

This link encourages you to take a photo of your family “standing at dawn” we would love you to also share this with your teacher, or any of the way your family may have creatively acknowledged the memory of our brave ANZACS.

Auckland Cenotaph [HERE](#)

In this link The Online Cenotaph team have worked with New Zealand Historians and families to share some stories on the History and meaning of Anzac Day, and the lives of veterans who have served for New Zealand.

Ministry for Culture & Heritage [HERE](#)

The history and further links commemorating ANZAC.