



16th March 2022

Dear parents/caregivers

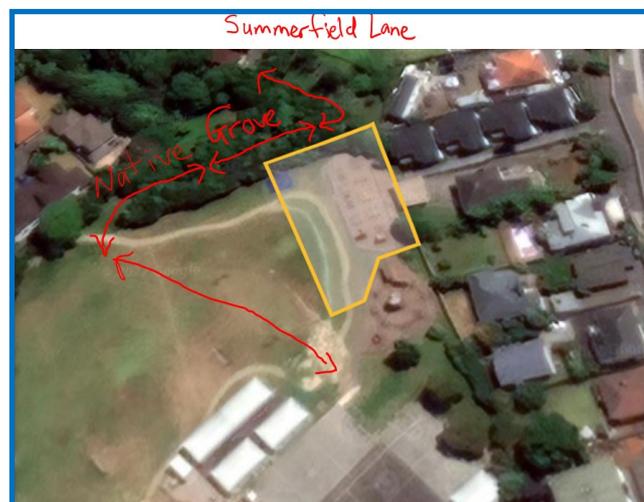
The ripples of the Omicron waves continue to impact our student and staff attendance numbers. However compared to many schools and communities at this time, we are able to continue to focus on “school as usual” thanks to our resilient students, parents who have supported all requested health and safety requirements, and our flexible staff and relieving teachers.

It is suggested by the media that in Auckland we may have already met the peak of positive Omicron cases as well as those that have required home isolation. Certainly primary schools have a significantly lower transmission rate than that of older students. For students over the age of 14 they are able to continue their online learning at home, without the requirement for parent supervision, which is not an option for our setting. Contingency planning is fully prepared as we carefully adjust and monitor staffing levels.

One of our reflections following last year’s disruptions was the absolute commitment and importance to focus on routine for our learners this year (*whenever it is in our control*). We are aware of how much children (and families) missed out in the last two years, hence our focus is on school routines, face to face teaching and support for such traditional special events as camp and after school sports.

From tomorrow (Thursday 17th March) you will notice safety fencing being erected around the Middle School playground area, as we have a complete new playground being built in the next month. Unfortunately the **fencing will require closure of the footpath area beside the Middle and Senior School playgrounds.**

Entry from Summerfield Lane’s gate will be directed through the Native Grove and across the field. We understand that this is inconvenient but it is only a temporary measure which will result in a long awaited upgrade playground for our Year 3 and 4 students (see plan over). Short term pain for long term gain!



We have recently made a number of staff appointments and warmly welcome:

- Mrs Trudi Williams who has joined us to teach in Area 28 whilst Mrs McLellan is on parental leave.
- Miss Leisel Inglis, Area 9 teacher, covering Mrs Peterson’s leave.
- We also welcome back to Albany Primary School, Mrs Tracy Warner, Area 35 teacher with our New Entrant starters.

Congratulations to Mrs Monique Fletcher class teacher of Area 39 on her recent wedding!

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal

TERM 1 2022—Dates subject to change

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 14TH APRIL

28th—30th March	Year 5/6 Carey Park Camp 2 (Areas 21, 22, 31, 32)
30th March—1st Apr	Year 5/6 Carey Park Camp 3 (Areas 28, 29, 30, 39, 40)
28th March	Year 3 Bigfoot Adventures EOTC Day (Areas 24, 25, 26, 27, 37, 38)
29th March	Year 3 Bigfoot Adventures EOTC Day (Areas 14, 15, 16, 19, 20)
14th April	Term 2 finishes, 2.55pm



If English is your second language and you have children's books in your home language that are in good condition and are no longer needed...

...we would love to have them for our school library!

The books can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you.



Middle School Playground

