

BOARD-CAST

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

Your current Board members are Rick Pierce, Maree Bathurst, Alison Chambers, Lisa Battersby, Sateesh Pisini, Wei Lu, and Aimee Redknap

Welcome to our first "Board-Cast" for 2024.

Our Board is a committed group of elected parents who all have a passion for our school, our learners and our community. All our members are committed to excellence in their governance role. We are delighted to confirm that Rick Pierce has been elected to continue in his role for the sixth year as our Board Chairperson. We thank and acknowledge Rick for his dedication to leadership in this position.

Board elections are held every 18 months. If you are interested in finding out more about school governance, or would like to attend a meeting to gain an understanding of the Trustee role, you are more than welcome to attend. Dates are always advertised in the school newsletter. Please email lelder@albany.school.nz to advise your attendance.

Community Consultation

Once a term we hold a parent / caregiver forum / huddle to share our school goals, but more importantly to hear any questions or ideas the community may have which will guide us in our future planning or programmes. Our 2023-2025 Strategic Directions and Annual Implementation Plan are available on the school website under the *Board* tab. Our most recent huddle was held on 27th March with a small group attending along with members of our Management Team. Those attending asked a range of questions about such things as school bus protocols and the new build. Notes from this meeting are available on our website under *Information* then the *Parent Forum* tab

New build completion in July

It's with great anticipation that we look forward to July and the completion of our new two-storey classroom block with 20 teaching spaces and break-out rooms. With our old junior block demolished back in the first half of 2022 it has been quite a journey! This new classroom block, alongside the significant renovations of the library building and additional new toilet block at the back of what was previously known as the Tree-hut, will transform the character, heart, and life of the school community, particularly after the temporary modulocs on the field are removed.

We are mindful that these construction projects have been going on for a considerable period of time and with great inconvenience to all staff, students and parents and caregivers. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to you for your ongoing patience and understanding. It will be a very special time come July when the new build is completed and opened, and we can celebrate the journey together with new beginnings.

Of course, our buildings only exist *for* the true heart and life of the school - our students and the wonderfully diverse school community we are. May we all continue to be a community in which we're guided, nurtured, and challenged, helping each of us to flourish as we grow in character and are woven together in relationships and sharing of lives.

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