

BOARD-CAST

JULY 2022



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, Wei Lu, Sophia Wang, Brad Harpur and Joanne Paviour

As we come to the end of Term 2, 2022 we recognise the ongoing challenges of living with COVID-19 in the community as well as the added effects of the seasonal flu. We again acknowledge the wonderful support and understanding you as parents and caregivers have offered amid difficult times. Our staff and relievers have worked incredibly hard and demonstrated a very strong commitment to ensure that we've been able to continue our regular classes and not move to online learning or bubble school. I'm sure you will join with us in extending our gratitude and appreciation to all staff and relievers for their ongoing diligence and attentiveness to the needs of our children. We trust you all have a wonderful break over the following couple of weeks and look forward to welcoming you back for Term 3 on Monday 25th July. For those travelling to see family and friends for the first time since COVID first shut our borders, we wish you a very happy reunion and safe travels.

School Classroom Development

As you will be aware the old junior block has now been fully demolished and we await confirmation of time frames for the next stage of the project that includes the hall demolition, in preparation of the site for our two storey 20 classroom space block.

Over the holidays a very large canopy will be erected covering the wooden deck near Area 28. Please note there will be a lot of large vehicles and concrete trucks involved in this project. They will be entering both front, hall driveway and the back driveway leading to Roanoke Way. Although the actual construction area will be fully fenced there will not be any school staff on site, so it is essential you do not allow your children to play anywhere near school entry or court areas.

Weather permitting outdoor carpet is being laid on the decks in front of Areas 17 and 18 so please instruct your children not to play near this area, whilst work is in progress.

Board Election - September

Last week you will have received communication regarding the September election for three parent representative positions on our school Board. Our Board is made up of the Principal, one elected staff representative, and five elected parent representatives. All trustees serve a three-year term.

As we approach this election, we want to acknowledge the valuable contribution of two Board members concluding their term and not seeking re-election: Sophia Wang (Parent representative - 3 years) and Joanne Paviour (Staff Representative – 6 years). Both have made an outstanding contribution to the governance of our school, with many hours invested. Thank you for the wisdom and experience you have brought to the team – we will greatly miss you both.

If you are passionate about being involved in such a Board **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED!**

You can find out more about being a school Board member by contacting the Principal's PA, Lisa Elder, lelder@albany.school.nz who will put you in contact with one of our current Board members or you can visit the NZ School Trustees Association website <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member> which provides further information. A nomination form was included in the emailed correspondence last week, but you can also source one from the school office.

The timetable for the election is as follows:

- Wednesday 3rd August – nominations close (note: you can be nominated by any fellow school parent, including yourself!)
- Wednesday 10th August – voting papers posted out
- Wednesday 7th September – voting closes
- Tuesday 13th September – count votes
- Wednesday 14th September – new Board members take office

Our Kaupapa: Our Governance Culture

As a Board, we recently went through a process of reviewing our role as kaitiakitanga (guardians) of the school and our way of being as we come together to guide our kura's journey. The process resulted in the formation of this statement of 'Our Kaupapa: Our Governance Culture.'

"Hautū are the leaders in a waka - that call the time to the Kaihoe / paddlers and guide the waka to travel in the direction of their vision".

This description above and visual below links to our role as a Board; through our stewardship our purpose is to guide our kura's journey to ensure *every student at the school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement; and the school is safe place for all, is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs, and gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi* – (as identified in the Education and Training Act 2020).

In our roles as Board members we are kaitiakitanga (guardians) recognized by our community as collaborative leaders entrusted with the responsibility to guide our waka. We embrace our responsibility to bring hauora (wellbeing) to all in our community, each bringing our individual talents, knowledge and diversity, which is reflective of our inclusive school.

Our School's vision, values and partnership are foundational to our purpose and relationships:

- Three-way partnership in learning (student, parents, and staff) is also a model which guides our decisions, ensuring that all voices are heard.
- The school REACH Values - Respect (Whakautē), Excellence (Kairangi), Aroha and Caring (Aroha), Creativity (Auahatanga), Honesty (Ngākaupono) - underpin our relationships with each other and our community.
- Our VISION of "Where Learning Makes a Difference" is reflected in our continuous learning (Whakatiputipu) both individually and collectively as we strive for achievement for every learner in our school (kura).

As guardians of our kaupapa we have established a model of sustainability that includes planning for and sharing our knowledge with new members to protect our unique way of being.



Ka kite ano

Albany Primary School - Where learning makes a difference

Rick Pierce (Board Chairperson / Presiding Member)