



Buckland School Newsletter

Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages all students fully in a wide range of learning experiences that will assist them in preparing for the challenges of the future.

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3 February 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school for a busy and exciting 2020 year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and enjoyed the wonderful weather. We hope that children are refreshed and enthusiastic about getting back to school.
- ◆ **Welcome** back to our staff who have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the term and attending professional development. A special welcome to our new teachers: Ms Simone Shore, Mrs Sue Brady and Mrs Jacqui-May Allison Dodds. Staff are all looking forward to getting to know your children and you, so that they can work in partnership with you to facilitate a wonderful and rewarding education for your children.
- ◆ **School Values for the Term:** All classes will be unpacking our new school values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience over the term. We hope all will support staff with encouraging and modelling these values.
- ◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Chloe, Aleya, Brock, Baylee, Sienna, Jessica, Bridie, Holly, Samuel, Jack, Romeo and Ali. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **Dates for 2020 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
Term 1: Monday 3 Feb—Thursday 9 April
Term 2: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July (Mon 27th Anzac day observed)
Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September (Sat 26th—Ag day)
Term 4: Monday 12 October – Friday 15 Dec
There will also be 3 teacher only days through the year (as part of the new teacher contract.) Dates will be advertised as soon as these are confirmed.
- ◆ **Absences:** Please notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. You can also use the Skool App or administration email: GMills@buckland.school.nz if these are easier for you. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before a holiday during term time. Children will be marked as absent. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.
- ◆ **Cell phones** are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made by parents with Mrs Glasgow. Children's cellphones must be handed in to Mrs Glasgow for safe keeping if they are at school. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—these will be in next week's newsletter and placed on the website and Skool App calendar once sports dates are confirmed.
- ◆ **School Times:** School begins with a handbell at **8.55a.m.** and finishes at **3 p.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 9 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. If your child is late to school please send them to the office first so they can be marked as present. Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know.
- ◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Each class will have daily swimming lessons with teachers. Please ensure children have their togs each day. The wearing of rash shirts is compulsory while in the pool. Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs.
- ◆ **Lunchtime swims**—Will be available. Classes will be rostered on each day and those classes will have priority. If there is sufficient safe numbers, other children will be invited by the duty teacher.
- ◆ **Hats**—Children **must** wear a hat during all intervals throughout this term. Hats need to be clearly named (inside) so that they can be returned if lost. Children who have written on the outside of their hats will be asked to wash these or replace them if the writing can not be removed. Children not wearing hats will be expected to sit under the front umbrellas.
- ◆ **Uniform Expectations** - these must be worn correctly. If there is a problem with an item of uniform, a uniform pass must be obtained from a teacher. The only jewellery to be worn are watches and stud earrings. Necklaces with cultural significance may be worn at the discretion of the principal. Fingernail polish should not be worn and we are expecting long hair to be tied up.
- ◆ **Water (& Milk) Only**—We are a water only school. Please do not send your child with cordial or soft drinks for intervals. Our drinking fountains have bottle fillers and we will be encouraging children to drink water frequently. Milk will also be provided Monday, Wednesday and Friday for those who want it.
- ◆ **Breakfast Club**—Our Breakfast Club will be up and running on Tuesdays and Fridays in the school hall. If any parents would like to help with this or provide fruit your assistance will be appreciated.
- ◆ **Walking School Bus**—We run a Walking School Bus thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers. If you would like your child/ren to use this please contact Mrs Fletcher.
- ◆ **Weekly Newsletters**— we will be fazing out paper newsletters over the next two weeks as our newsletters are placed on our website, emailed to those who have given us email addresses and are also placed on our Skool App. If you do however require a paper copy please contact the office and one will be arranged for you. We will place a few copies on the school noticeboard in the office each week as well. If we don't have your email address and you want the newsletter emailed please provide it.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Mrs Nelson and Mrs Collins for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work they have done in getting our new students organised with uniforms.
- ◆ Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the hassle of shopping for these items. Packs are still available from the office.
- ◆ Ryan Mills for assisting with stationery sales on Thursday and Friday last week.
- ◆ Parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2019. The prize list is on our website
- ◆ **Staff** would like to thank families who gave them lovely gifts at the end of last year. Not necessary as it is a privilege to teach your children, but appreciated.

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Staff List for 2020

- ◆ Mrs Mavis Glasgow—Principal
- ◆ DPs—Mrs Angela Lindgreen & Mrs Marlene Fletcher
- ◆ Room Piwakawaka—N.E./Year 1.—Mrs Kathy Travers & Mrs Sue Brady
- ◆ Room Titipounamu—Year 1/2—Mrs Sally Miles & Mrs Tamsyn Gerritsen
- ◆ Room Ruru—Year 1/2—Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- ◆ Room Tui—Year 3/4—Miss Neena Hari
- ◆ Room Kakapo—Year 3/4—Miss Sophie Pyne
- ◆ Room Kereru—Year 3/4—Mrs Sonja King
- ◆ Room Takahe—Year 5/6—Mrs Marlene Fletcher & Mrs Joh Twomey
- ◆ Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Mr Matthew Taylor
- ◆ Room Weka—Year 5/6—Ms Simone Shore
- ◆ Room Kea—Year 7/8—Mrs Lisa Goldsack
- ◆ Reading Recovery/Specialist Groups—Mrs Lisa Robertson
- ◆ Mrs Glenis Mills—Executive Officer
- ◆ Mrs Lisa Murphy—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Miss Ailsa Howard—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Shona Miln—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Karen Adams—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mr Tony O'Halloran—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library
- ◆ Mr William Lindgreen—Caretaker
- ◆ Crest Clean—Cleaners

Community Notices

GUITAR TUITION - Renton Brown will be back this year with guitar tuition. Information brochures with permission slips are available at the office.

Events for This Week

- Tues 4th & Wed 5th—Swimming Lessons with support from Water Safety NZ personnel
- Wed 5 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology lessons at Pukekohe Intermediate. The bus leaves school at 8.45a.m. Shoes must be worn.
- Wed 5 Feb—House Meetings
- Thursday 6 Feb—Waitangi Day—School Closed
- Friday 7 Feb—School is **open**

Events for Next Week

- Mon 10 & Tues 11 Feb—Swimming Lessons
- Wed 12 Feb—BOT Meeting
- Thurs 13 Feb—Meet the teachers afternoon
- Fri 14—First School Assembly—9 a.m.

Prior Notice

- Fri 21 Feb—BOT BBQ, Swim and Sports get together

Community Notices

BUCKLAND NETBALL CLUB are looking for players in Years 3 – 8 to join our club for the 2020 season. If you would like to join or want to find out more, please contact: bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com or 021 0292 8772. Our Club Muster & Trials are on Thurs 20 Feb, 3:30 – 5pm at the Pukekohe Netball Centre (for Years 5 – 8 only).

MERCER ROWING CLUB

Maadi Cup Fundraiser

Ice Skate Tour

Valley School Hall, East Street, Pukekohe

Saturday 8 Feb—10am to 3pm

Sunday 9 Feb—10am to 2pm

Kids \$8 includes skates

Message from Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education regarding Coronavirus

You will have seen that the Prime Minister made an announcement yesterday afternoon. <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-zealand-restrict-travel-china-protect-against-coronavirus>. It includes the following information concerning all foreign nationals travelling from, or transiting through mainland China:

“The Government is placing temporary entry restrictions into New Zealand on all foreign nationals travelling from, or transiting through mainland China to assist with the containment of the novel coronavirus and to protect New Zealand and the Pacific Islands from the disease.

This will take effect from tomorrow and will be in place for up to 14 days. This position will be reviewed every 48 hours.

Any foreign travellers who leave or transit through mainland China after 2 February 2020 (NZ time) will be refused entry to New Zealand.

Any foreign travellers in transit to New Zealand on 2 February 2020 will be subject to enhanced screening on arrival but, pending clearance, will be granted entry to New Zealand. New Zealand citizens and permanent residents returning to New Zealand will still be able to enter, as will their immediate family members, but will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival back in the country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has also raised its travel advice to New Zealanders for all of mainland China to “Do not travel”, the highest level.”

Please continue to refer to the Ministry of Health website for health advice and the latest information: [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#)

Everyone’s health and wellbeing, including international students’, is important to us. While there are no confirmed or suspected cases in New Zealand at the moment, the Ministry of Health continues to encourage a precautionary approach and a focus on good hygiene. Please err on the side of caution and be alert, not alarmed.

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 1 T 1 2020

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)