



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.

Week 2 Term 1 2020

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Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou. We have had a great start to 2020. Children (and staff) have settled back into the routines of school well and are getting to know their teachers and classmates. Playground behaviour has been very good.
- ◆ **Welcome** to our new student Emma in Piwakawaka. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 – **Tuesday** 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.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—these are on the second page and will be placed on the website and Skool App calendar shortly.
- ◆ **Absences:** Thank you to those who 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.

- ◆ **Weekly Newsletters**— next week (Week 3) will be the last week of paper newsletters. 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 also 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.
- ◆ **Meet the Teacher Afternoon**—this Thursday 13 February we invite parents and whanau to attend meetings where you can meet the teachers, discuss routines and expectations and ask questions of class programmes etc. Teachers will repeat the sessions twice which will allow parents with more than one child to attend each class meeting. The first session will be at **3.10pm** and the second at **3.30pm** in each classroom. If you require an individual meeting you can arrange this with the teacher concerned for the following week.
- ◆ **Franklin Triathlon**—This is a great event and is to be held again this year on Friday 21 February at Clarks Beach. We have had large teams in the past and we would love to have a group of children take part this year. Children compete as individuals and swim, bike and run. Entries have been extended and close this week. **Parents must enter** their children on-line. Google: Franklin Triathlon for details.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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. If your child is late to school please send them to the office first so they can be marked as present.
- ◆ **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. Six pairs of goggles left from last week!

- ◆ **Hats**—Children **must** wear a hat during all intervals throughout this term.
- ◆ **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**— Due to a change in time for our school assembly our Breakfast Club will now run on Tuesdays and **Thursdays** in the school hall. If any parents would like to help with this or provide fruit your assistance will be appreciated.
- ◆ **Walking School Bus**—Forget the chaos of finding a park outside of school. Collect your child by the Buckland Community Hall. Adult walkers supervise your child across the roads and railway line and stay until you collect your child. Please see Mrs Fletcher or Walking School Bus Leaders (yellow vests at the end of the school day).
- ◆ **Kelly Club After School Care**—this is up and running in our school hall each afternoon to assist parents with a safe and fun-packed programme for their children. The weekly programme is placed on our website as well. Go to kellyclub.co.nz/buckland for more information or come along and meet Ameila. Children who are attending are loving it! Comment overheard last week from a child to her mother when she came to pick her up—"No Mum I

don't want to go yet. Can you go and sit in the car and wait?" See advertisement below:

On Tuesday 18 February, Kelly Club Buckland is running a FREE trial day. If you or your child have been wondering what Kelly Club Buckland is doing every day after school and would like to spend the afternoon with us, you can attend for FREE and have a blast while you are there. All you need to do is book online at www.kellyclub.co.nz/buckland. All safety considerations will be carefully monitored that day.

- ◆ **Seasons Programme**—We have been offered the opportunity to run a further Seasons Programme during school time, once a week. Seasons for Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children, and helps them deal with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, death or family changes. If you feel your child would benefit from this programme please phone Principal by **this Thursday**. We require 4–5 students to make this viable. For further information/enquiries please phone/text Marisa on 021 142 5812.
- ◆ **PTA Meeting—Prior Notice:** First PTA Meeting next Wednesday 19 February 7 p.m. All Welcome. Come along and join a great team of supporters of Buckland School!
- ◆ **Lost Tee—Shirt**—Brand new Size 10 Tee shirt was lost after lunchtime swimming last Wednesday. (Unnamed) If your child came home with a new tee-shirt and/or two, please return the new one to the office so it can be returned to the rightful owner.

Thank You to:

- ◆ All parents who have purchased stationery, paid athletics/technology fees and made donations. It is super to have children well prepared for their learning.
- ◆ Parents and family members who are being good role models by using the crossing after school.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Janu Winkelaar who made the Under 14 NZ Maori Soccer squad and played two games against Australia.

Dates for Term 1 2020

- 10/11 Feb—Swimming Lessons
- 12 Feb—First BOT meeting
- 13 Feb—Parent Meetings 3.10p.m.
- 14 Feb—School Assembly—9a.m. (then fortnightly)
- 18 Feb—House Meetings
- 19 Feb—PTA Meeting
- 19 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology (fortnightly)
- 20 Feb—School Council Meeting
- 21 Feb—Franklin Triathlon
- 21 Feb—BOT BBQ & Swim
- 25 Feb—School Yr 5 - 8 Swimming sports followed by Yr 3 & 4
- 27 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation talks
- 27 Feb—Yr 1 & 2 Swimming Demonstrations
- 28 Feb—Pukekohe East School to use pool
- 2–6 Mar—Yr 1 & 2 EOTC activities
- 3 March—North Grp Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Sports
- 6 March - North Grp Yr 6 & Below Swimming Sports
- 10 March— Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Sports
- 12 March—School Photos
- 18 March—Wheels Day Yr 3 up
- 20 March—Franklin Yr 6 & Below Swimming Sports
- 24 March—Ultra Rippa Rugby—boys
- 26 March—School Council Meeting
- 26/27 March—Orienteering lessons
- 27 March—Travelwise Team Course
- 31 March—Franklin Rippa Rugby Yr 6 & Below
- 2 April —Auckland Swimming (Yr7/8)
- 7 April—Orienteering practice event
- 8 April—Franklin Ultra Rippa Rugby (Yr 7 & 8) Girls
- 9 April—Final day of Term 1

Events for This Week

- Mon 10th & Tues 11 Feb—Swimming Lessons (support from Water Safety personnel)
- Wed 12 Feb - 6 p.m. BOT Meeting All Welcome
- Thurs 13 Feb—Meet the teachers afternoon—see note
- Fri 14—First School Assembly—9 a.m. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- Tues 18—House Meetings
- Wed 19 Feb—7p.m.—PTA Meeting
- Wed 19 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- Thurs 20 Feb—School Council meeting
- Fri 21 Feb—Franklin Triathlon
- Fri 21 Feb—BOT BBQ, Swim and Sports get together

Community Notices

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

PUKEKOHE ATHLETICS—Counties Rugby Stadium every Monday & Thursday from 4.00pm onwards. Athletics skills taught and practised. All welcome. For more info phone Jon on 238 8830 or Kirsten on 021 204 2769.

IRON KIDZ TAUPO TRIATHLON—Sunday 1 March for 7-15 year olds. For more info visit www.ironkidz.com

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: bucklandnetball-clubnz@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).

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Coronavirus Update

A further update from the Ministry of Health is attached to the newsletter email. It is also available on the school website under General Information

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 2 T 1 2020

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)