



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 6 Term 1 2020

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Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Welcome** to our new student Joey in Piwakawaka and his family. We hope that you will have a positive association with the school and the school community.
- ◆ **Year 1 & 2 EOTC Activity Week**—Our Year 1 and 2s had a great week last week and were looking very tired by Friday afternoon! Many thanks to all parents and staff who assisted with the trips to the Botanical Gardens and the Wave pools and to those who assisted with preparation for Thursday night's dinner and afternoon/morning teas and clean-up. A special thanks to Kylie Thompson for organising the kitchen and to Del Helmbright-Galvin for the face painting (which children loved) and to those who helped with other school based activities during the week. Thanks also to senior students who supported children with activities.
- ◆ **Teacher Only Day—Prior Notice** The Board of Trustees have identified Thursday 9 April as a teacher only day as part of the teacher collective agreement. Term 1 will now finish on Wednesday the 8 April for students.
- ◆ **Out of Zone Enrolments for 2020**—The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children in 2020. Enrolment at Buckland School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on our website. Application forms for out of zone enrolments are available from the office and school website and must be received by 17 March 2020. Ballot date is 19 March.
- ◆ **After School Swims** for families 3 - 5p.m. (except Friday this week). Please parents inform the office that you wish to use the pool prior to lunchtime so the covers are left off. Rules for using the pool are on the wall of the changing room. No running around the pool or along the sides! These must be adhered to, to ensure the safety of all. Please put covers on carefully and lock gate. Return the key to Mrs Glasgow after use.

- ◆ **Kelly Club After School Care**—This week's theme: Furry Friends (See school website for each day's activities.) The following review was received: *"My kids wake up every morning 'Mum, are we going to Kelly Club today?' They love it there!! Totally recommend it so much from - home away from home"*
- ◆ **Swimming Sports**—Congratulations to all students who participated in the North Group events last week. The following children have been selected to represent our group at the Franklin events: Ruben, Tadhg, Ellie, Jorja, Jamie-Lee, Dougie, Hari, Elandri, Taylor, Emily, and Georgia. Many thanks to parents who assisted with transport, supervision and time keeping—your help was appreciated.
- ◆ **Bible in School Start**—Our Bible in Schools programme will start this Wed 11 March from 10.30—11.00 a.m. If you have not indicated on enrolment or previously discussed this with the principal and wish to withdraw your child/children from this programme please see Mrs Glasgow prior to Wednesday—this is a parent decision not a child one.
- ◆ **Year 8 Camp Meeting:** This Wednesday 6 p.m. in Kea room. A decision will be made so if you are unable to make the meeting please contact Mrs Goldsack prior to Wednesday to express your views.
- ◆ **School Photos**—please return order forms by Tuesday 10 March to the locked drawer in the office foyer. For families who would like sibling photos—envelopes are available from the noticeboard in the office foyer. The photos are being taken this Thursday 12 March.
- ◆ **Mathletics & Technology Payments**—requests for payment were sent out recently to families who still have Mathletics and Technology (Yr 7 & 8 only) payments outstanding. Please make payment at the school office by cash or cheque, online to the school's bank account or by EFTPOS at the office. Payments must be made before the end of Term 1.
- ◆ **Rethink NZ Fundraising Activity for Years 3—8** (if interested) Mrs Clooney has offered to organise the

following fundraising activity for Year 3—8 to assist them with camp fees. A letter and order form went home last week. **Rethink products are environmentally conscious and easily incorporated into your busy everyday lifestyle.** Rethink NZ has kindly offered to supply the school with a variety of their products at a discounted rate with the **difference** of the retail price being able to put towards **your child's School Camp cost for each item sold**. All orders and money **MUST be in by Friday 22nd March.**

- ◆ **Close Call**—We had an incident last week where a child was nearly hit by a car at the front of the school. Drivers you **MUST** drive with extreme care around the front of the school both in the mornings and after school. Living with the knowledge of hitting a child would be very difficult. A few extra minutes of care could prevent this happening. **Parking Wardens** will be out in force on a regular basis to monitor parking behaviour on yellow lines, out front of school and around George Crescent.

Community Notices

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR YOUR LOCAL AREA: Franklin Local Board is developing a new 3 year local board plan. We want to hear from the community - share your ideas and see what other people are saying online at: akhaveyoursay.co.nz/lovelocal

Young at Art are running Autumn holidays Children's creative workshops with workshops in Watercolour, Mixed Media & Acrylic painting, Papier mache, Weaving, Craft and more. Our Term 2 after school class bookings are also now open for children aged 6-16yrs. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/holiday-workshops/>, email: anna@youngatart.co.nz or Ph. 0297 712 923

TAMAOHO SCHOOL—NEW SCHOOL IN AREA
Community Meeting / Hui
Tuesday 10 March at 5.30pm
Pukekohe Hill School Staffroom
Meet the new Principal
All Welcome

ONEWHERE PUKEKOHE HOCKEY CLUB—Junior Muster Thursdays 19 & 26 March 4-5pm at Rosa Birch Park, Pukekohe. For more info email onepukehockey@gmail.com. Registration can be made at www.ophockey.org.

ROYAL EASTER SHOW ART AWARDS 2020
9-13 April—Free to enter competitions
Story Writing, Photography, Pottery
Entries close 16 March.
For more info phone 09 638 9969 or email artentries@asbshowgrounds.co.nz

Events for This Week

- Mon 9 March—Jump Jam
- Tues 10 March—Breakfast Club
- Tues 10 March—Little School to Big School event (Piwakawaka)
- Tues 10 March—Franklin Swimming—Yr 7 & 8
- Tues 10 March—Seasons Group
- Wed 11 March—Bible in Schools start
- Wed 11 March 6 p.m. Year 8 Camp Meeting
- Thurs 12 March—Breakfast Club
- Thurs 12 March—Photolife photos
- Fri 13 March—School Assembly—9 a.m. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- Mon 16 March—Jump Jam
- Tues 17 March—Breakfast Club
- Wed 18 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- Wed 18 March—Year 3—8 Wheels Day
- Wed 18 March 3.10p.m. Steps Web Parent Meeting (Selected parents have been invited but all are welcome to attend if you would like to know more.)
- Wed 18 March—BOT Meeting 6 p.m.
- Thurs 19 March- Breakfast Club
- Thurs 19 March—School Council
- Fri 20 March—Franklin Year 6 & Below Swimming



Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week



Corona Virus Update

COVID-19 – the facts

Because COVID-19 is a new virus, it was always going to take time to understand how it is transmitted and who might be most impacted. While the scientists and health authorities have been quickly gathering and sharing the information they do have, there has been very unhelpful and inaccurate information shared about COVID-19, particularly through social media.

So what we now know about COVID-19 is:

- At this time the vast majority of people in New Zealand have no risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19
- Children and young people under 18 account for only 2.4% of all reported cases of COVID-19 – this means we are unlikely to see widespread cases in schools and early learning services
- New Zealand currently has very few cases of COVID-19 and no evidence of sustained person-to-person transmission in our communities
- Although asymptomatic infection (people with no symptoms) has been reported, there is emerging evidence that this is rare and not a major driver in spreading the infection

• Spread happens through coughing and sneezing by someone confirmed with COVID-19 – similar to the way that influenza spreads

“COVID-19 does not transmit as efficiently as influenza, from the data we have so far. With influenza, people who are infected but not yet sick are major drivers of transmission which does not appear to be the case for COVID-19” - Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO)

Focus on prevention - the best preventative steps for any communicable disease include simple but important measures to practice as part of your daily routine, but especially during flu season:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

If someone is sick encourage them to seek medical attention. If anyone has symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](#) (or [+64 9 358 5453](#) for international SIMs) or your doctor immediately.

What is Bullying?

