



# Buckland School Mini 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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Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ **Tena Koutou.** I hope that this mini newsletter finds you and your families all well and coping with this challenging time that we are all facing. To those who are in essential businesses thank you for the work you are doing to keep the rest of us safe and provided for. Please take every precaution with your own health.
- ◆ **Our School Values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**—in reflecting on this time I can't believe how important these three values have become for us all.
- ◆ **Well done to all children** who completed on-line learning over the last two days of last week.
- ◆ **Holidays**—We are now officially on holiday so please do lots of fun things with your families. Puzzles, games, competitions, baking (if you have the ingredients!), walking, fitness exercises, reading, drawing, colouring, lego constructions, etc
- ◆ **Parent Email addresses**—I have made up some distribution lists to enable me to keep in contact with you and your families over this time. If I have made mistakes I apologise in advance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you do not wish to be on a distribution list or let me know of anyone who would like to be (that we did not have emails for) and I will make the changes.

- ◆ **Teachers** will be working on preparing more on-line learning opportunities for children to begin again on Wednesday 15th April. From this day they will be available from 9—3p.m. to answer any queries through their emails.
- ◆ **Police Messages**—the police have asked principals to pass on messages about keeping children safe on-line. Please take the time to read the attachments that I have included in the email sent with this newsletter.
- ◆ Latest Information from Secretary of Education: **Keeping on line safe**  
You may want to discuss internet safety with your children - of all ages. You should agree with your children what they can do online including sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours including:
  - reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
  - reviewing privacy settings of sites and applications
  - checking children's profiles and what they are posting online
  - check the sites your child is accessing
  - reminding children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet
  - taking the time to understand what sites they are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly
  - some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join.

- monitoring a child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
  - making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to parents and care-givers straight away.
  - There is a unique opportunity during the lockdown of families going out together, albeit close to home, but if your child is going out on their own it's still important to check where they are going.
- Netsafe continues to be available to provide you with support for online safety. They have information for parents and care-givers and have pulled together their top tips for online safety during the lockdown. To report an incident To Netsafe - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/reportanincident/>  
If you think a child in your care is the victim of online exploitation or abuse, report it to Police - if you or a child are in danger or a crime is being committed, call 111 or visit your nearest Police Station immediately.  
If we all work together to make sure children are safe online, we can make the internet a great tool for people of all ages.

- ◆ If there is anything that I can assist you or your children with please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Stay safe everyone, do what is asked of you and be kind to yourselves and others. Together we will get through this! ☐  
Kindest Regards  
Mavis Glasgow  
Principal

