



# 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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Kia Ora Buckland School  
Whanau and Community  
Members

- ◆ I trust that this newsletter finds you all well and that those of you who are Mums all had a lovely Mother's Day.
- ◆ **Details of Alert Level 2—We are finalizing our school Alert Level 2 procedures at the present time. These are based on Ministry of Education and Health guidelines as well as Worksafe requirements. We can assure parents and caregivers that the health and safety of our children and staff is the priority and we have decided to implement some procedures above those required of us.** We will know later today when the country will move into this level and when schools will be required to be open at Level 2. **If the government does decide to move into Alert Level 2 this week school will be open for all students on Monday 18th May.** Please beware that our Alert Level 2 Safety Plan, requirements we will need from parents and a request will be emailed to you asking you to notify me of your intentions as to whether or not your child/ren will return at level 2. It would be appreciated if you could reply as soon as possible to this request.
- ◆ **Adult Visits to School**—If you absolutely need to visit the school for some reason I ask that you phone first to organise a time. We will only be allowing one person into the office at a time and you will be required to wait behind the red line until you are invited in. You will be required to sign in and record where you have come from and where you are going to. You will need to confirm that you are well and have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone who has the virus. This is a requirement under Alert Level 3 and 2.
- ◆ Parents of children who are at school must drop and pick children up at the front gate.
- ◆ There will be **no** after school care

during Alert 3 to reduce the risk of mixing between different groups of children. The Board are in the process of discussing the policies and procedures around allowing Kelly Club After School care to resume with the providers. A decision for Alert Level 2 has not yet been made.

## Thanks to:

- Parents and caregivers for the great support you are giving your children with home learning.
- Teachers for the dedication to providing learning experiences for children.
- Parents for the lovely feedback you are giving your child/ children's teachers
- Teachers and Teacher Aides for the on-going professional development opportunities you are taking during this Level 3 time.
- Teachers who have supported children who are attending school.
- Thanks to the following businesses who are supporting our Buckland Skool Loop App:
  - Mitre 10 Mega Pukekohe**
  - Think water Pukekohe**
  - Pukekohe Carriers**
  - Groovit Studio**
  - Maria Macpherson – Harcourts**
  - The Surveying Company**
  - Copy Plus**
  - Horne Upholstery**
  - LS Electrical Services LTD**
  - Craig Nicholson Earthmoving & General Cartage Contractor**
  - Rodgers Plumbing LTD**
  - Buckland Kelly Club**
  - The Mower Shop**
- ◆ **Free internet safety filter for parents** -While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, the following has been launched [www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz) - a free way to block the worst of the web for students.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who spent the most time on StepsWeb last week: Dante (1st), Aria, Zara W, Valentina, Andres, Aiyana, Dougie, Ellie E, Leo M, Isaac. It is great to note the activities, time and enjoyment students are spending on this valuable learning programme.
- ◆ **The Home learning television channels continue this week and also into the future**—Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ, is running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on TVNZ2+1 and Sky channel 502. through an integrated approach to curriculum.
- ◆ **Support for our local businesses** As a community we need to support our local businesses particularly those who are owned and operated by our school families and those who have always been wonderful supporters of our school.
- ◆ **Well-being Resources**—Teachers are compiling ideas and activities to do with your children when they return to school to promote a smooth transition back to school and ensure positive wellbeing of individuals and classes.
- ◆ I have also placed two resources on our school website under the COVID-19 folder for parents. These have some great tips to assist adults with supporting children and young people. A further resource on helping children get ready for a return to school is due shortly.

Be kind to yourselves and others. Stay in your bubbles, keep social distancing, washing hands, coughing into sleeves, etc and be vigilant.

Kia Kaha

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