



# 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 7 Term 3

31 August 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ◆ It has been wonderful to welcome children and staff back to school today. I hope that we will all be able to settle quickly back into school routines and have a settled four weeks before the third term holiday break.
- ◆ **School Values: Our school values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.**
- ◆ **LATEST UPDATE COVID-19— The following information was emailed to parents last week:**  
*Just a reminder that while students and staff are onsite at Alert Level 2, we will be adhering to key health measures including:*
  - **Insisting** on staying away if sick
  - Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
  - Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
  - Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
  - Displaying QR code posters at entrances and keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite.
- ◆ **Beginning of School day –** Students need to be at school as close to 8.50 a.m. as is possible. Students must enter through the front two gates only. Until further notice parents must farewell their children at these gates and not enter the school. Children and parents must maintain as much physical social distance from anyone outside of their family at all times. The recommendation for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds) is 2 metres. Students must go directly to their classrooms and hand sanitize. They

will not be allowed to play outside prior to school starting to minimise contact with others. Until further notice no student should be on-site earlier than 8.30 a.m.

- ◆ **End of School Day –** Students will be released from their classes in a staggered manner (juniors first) and will exit via the two school gates. Pickup time will be between 2.50 (NE, Yr 1 & 2 plus siblings) – 3.00 p.m. (Yr 3 – 8). Parents cannot come into the school grounds to pick up students unless prior arrangement has been made and the correct sign-in completed at the school office (to allow for contact tracing should the need arise.) Please vacate the school as soon as you have your children and for your safety and others keep to the 2 metre social distancing rule.
- ◆ **Food & Drink –** Students **must** bring a full named water bottle (drinking fountains will not be used) and their lunchbox with food for the day. There will be no sharing of food and water fountains will not be operating. Lunch will be eaten inside classrooms. We also request that students bring a **named** hand towel that they can use for hand drying. (This is to prevent the transfer of germs and will be sent home each Friday for washing.)
- ◆ **Mask wearing by students—**The latest information shared with parents was that there is no requirement for students to wear masks while at school. If however you want your child/children to wear a mask they will be supported to do so. Masks must be provided by parents.
- ◆ **A Level 2 Health and Safety Plan** for our school is available for parents on our website.
- ◆ **Book Club Orders—**These close this Thursday 3 September.
- ◆ **Change of Clothes—**Children require a change of clothes for playing on fields.
- ◆ **Daffodil Day—**As we missed this last Friday anyone who would like to make a donation to the Cancer Society may do so over this week and we will forward this on for you.
- ◆ **Music Lessons—**piano and guitar lessons will resume this week.

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- ◆ **Bible in Schools—**Bible lessons will not be running during Alert Level 2.

## Thank You to:

- ◆ Parents who did a great job in encouraging and supporting children to take part in the learning activities provided over the last few weeks.
- ◆ Parents who have returned the loaned devices. If you haven't done so today, please return these tomorrow as they are required by classes.

## Events for This Week

- **Mon 31 Aug—**Basketball training for Yr 5 & 6
- **Wed 2 Sept—BOT Meeting—**This will be a Zoom Meeting at 6 p.m. Anyone who would like to join this meeting is to contact Darryl Goldsack the chairperson of the BOT on 0272770685. Darryl will send an invitation.
- **Fri 4 Sept—**No School Assembly

## Events for Next Week

- 7 Sept—Basketball Lessons
- 8—10 Sept—St Johns Safety lessons
- 11 Sept—Year 1 & 2 Wheels Day

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Take Care of Yourself and your Family

Regards  
Mavis Glasgow  
Principal

**At the present time under Alert Level 2 for the Auckland region there is a limit of 10 people for gatherings. Until there is an increase to these numbers over the coming weeks we are unsure of how we can organise and run the following events: PTA Fun Day and the animal competition.**