



# 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 8 Term 3

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7 September 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Mālō e lelei

- ◆ Spring is here!! I thank parents and staff for the way they have settled children back into school routines. We are conscious that some children are anxious at this challenging time and we are trying to respond by keeping routines and programmes as settled as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have any worries regarding the well-being of your child/children.
- ◆ **School Values: Our school values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.**
- ◆ **LATEST UPDATE COVID-19—**
  - Thank you to parents who are keeping children away from school if they are sick.
  - Thank you to those parents who are getting children to school after 8.30 a.m. and picking them up at the designated time.
  - Thanks to parents who are ensuring children have a drink bottle each day and a named hand towel.
  - We continue to remind children of good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
  - We are reminding children of keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
  - We are cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
  - Our QR code posters are displayed around the school and we are keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **St John First Aid Lessons—**All children will have some first aid lessons this week with a St John educator. Please talk to your children about these lessons and reinforce the messages.
- ◆ **Reminder: Change of Clothes—**Children require a change of clothes for playing on fields.
- ◆ **Daffodil Day—**We have had a disappointing response to our request for donations for the Cancer Society so have decided to have our Daffodil Day **this Friday**. Children may wear mufti and make a small donation if they want to.
- ◆ **Animal Competition up-date—** We want to give children the opportunity to show their animals therefore we will be continuing with this on Saturday 26th September under strict conditions. A detailed Health and Safety plan has been formulated under the Alert level 2.5 guidelines meaning that only 10 adults outside of school staff will be permitted on the grounds at any one time. Only one parent per family will be able to support the child and the groups will be staggered over the day. Strict guidelines regarding entry and exit times, behaviours etc have been written. Closer to the time competitors and families involved will be notified of the guidelines. No other children or adults will be able to be admitted onto the school grounds. (Should restrictions be changed the plan will be modified.)
- ◆ **Fun Day for children—**We are planning to continue with this (although our initial plans have had to be changed due to the Alert Level 2.5 guidelines) As above only 10 adults outside of school staff will be able to be on the grounds. Details are yet to be confirmed and will be communicated once these are finalized.
- ◆ **Pukekohe Dental Clinic—**please see attachment regarding dental services during Alert Level 2.5.



## Events This Week

- Tongan Language Week
- Mon 7 Sept—Basketball training for Yr 5 & 6 & Yr 3 & 4
- Cancelled PTA meeting—Mon 7 Sept
- Tues 8—Wed 10 Sept—St Johns Safety lessons
- Wed 9 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate (as per the letter sent last week with H & S details, please contact us if you do not wish your child to attend.)
- Fri 11 Sept—Year 1 & 2 Wheels Day

## Events Next Week

- Tues 15 Sept—Wheels Day Yr 3 up
- Wed 16 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Technology

## Thank You to:

- Board members for attending the BOT Zoom meeting last week.

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**Take Care of Yourself and Your Family  
Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help with anything.**

**Regards  
Mavis Glasgow  
Principal**

## Community Notices

**O2swim Private Swimming Lessons -Holiday Programme—**Starting 28 September or 5 October 2020. 30 min lessons - Max 4 Children in the pool, ages 3 and up. Quiet learning environment, passionate teachers. Its amazing what you can learn in a week. Email / Ring Sue Cheyne 021633457 / info@o2swim.co.nz

**Pukekohe Metro Cricket Club**  
Registrations for 2020/21 Season  
For Ages 5 to 105  
Visit [www.pmcc.org.nz](http://www.pmcc.org.nz)

**Franklin Pool and Leisure** are excited to be able to offer Holiday Intensives again these holidays. These will run from Monday to Friday during the first week of the holidays and are available for Courage – Junior Squad swimmers. Please contact us on [flswimschool@belgravialeisure.co.nz](mailto:flswimschool@belgravialeisure.co.nz) to request an enrolment form and make a booking.

**Wave Warriors** Holiday Surf Programme The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy 6-16yr olds | 5 Day Programme | \$195 per person 28 Sep-2 Oct | AM or PM session times. Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach Limited spaces | Please email to book [surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz) [www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz)