



# 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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Monday 15 February 2021  
Week Three

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ **Tena Koutou. I hope you all had a lovely Valentines Day and that your children told you how much they loved you!**
- ◆ **COVID-19—The school is now back in Level 3 until Thursday at this stage.** This means that it is open only for those children who can't be supervised at home and whose parents have informed the principal of the need for children to be attending school. All other children should (if possible) be doing some home learning. Teachers will be in touch today if they haven't already. Please check your emails from principal or Mrs Mills over the next few days for any updates.
- ◆ **Thank you** to those who were able to attend last week's school assembly. These will be held every second Friday morning (8.55 a.m.) and you are always welcome to attend. These assemblies are run by our Year 7 & 8 students and are a great way for them to develop leadership skills and confidence to speak to a wider audience.
- ◆ **Parent Meetings—that were to be held this Thursday 18th Feb will be postponed at this stage and will be dependent on our Alert level status.**
- ◆ **Dates for 2021 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods  
Term 1: Thursday 4 Feb—Friday 16 April. Easter Break: Friday 2 April—Tuesday 6 April.  
Term 2: Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July Anzac day will fall in the holidays this year)  
Term 3: Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October (Sat 2 October—Ag Day)  
Term 4: Monday 18 October – Wednesday 15 Dec  
There will also be 2 teacher only days through the year (as part of the new teacher contract.). Dates will be advertised as soon as these are confirmed.
- ◆ **Absences: Thank you to those who are** notifying the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates

for your convenience. You can also use the Skool App or administration email: GMills@buckland.school.nz if these are easier for you. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before a holiday during term time. Children will be marked as absent. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.

- ◆ **Bible in Schools Opt in/out permission slip—Thank you** to all who have returned this indicating your decision for your children. Please see last week's newsletter for details and the attached form if your eldest child did not bring this home for you. We must have all forms returned please a.s.a.p.
- ◆ **COVID APP—We must all stay vigilant!** If you are entering the school grounds please scan the Covid App which is displayed at the entrance ways. If you are going into buildings you must come through the office and fill in the declaration on our Vistab. We are continuing to encourage children to wash hands regularly and to apply sanitizer when necessary.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term—these are on back page.** Please keep these somewhere safe. The week of the newsletter, the events for the week and the following weeks events will be communicated. Any dates that have to be changed over the term will be communicated.
- ◆ **School Times:** Children should be at school as close to 8.30 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8 a.m. Those who arrive from 8—8.30 a.m. will be required to sit out the front of the school and will be supervised by a staff member. School begins with a handbell at **8.50 a.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 8.55 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. Too many children are arriving late and they miss vital information for

the day. If your child is late to school please send them to the office first so they can be marked as present. To help with traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish at **2.55pm for Year 0—2 students and 3 p.m. for everyone else. This year siblings of Year 0—2 students will not be released early.** Younger children will be supervised by teachers for the 5 mins before 3p.m.

- ◆ Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.00—12.45. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know. A short brain break will be held at 1.45p.m.
- ◆ **Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week first notice—this came home with your child last Friday.**
- ◆ **Swimming Lessons—Our children are fortunate that each class have daily swimming lessons with teachers.** Please ensure children have their togs each day as swimming is part of the curriculum. The wearing of rash shirts is compulsory while in the pool. Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs.
- ◆ **Hats/Sunscreen—Thank you to children who are being very responsible about wearing their hats during intervals.** Sunscreen is available in each class and teachers are encouraging the use of this. If your child requires special sunscreen please send this with them.
- ◆ **Uniform Expectations - These must be worn correctly.**
- ◆ **Water Only—We are a water only school.** Please do not send your child with cordial or soft drinks for intervals. Our drinking fountains have bottle fillers and we will be encouraging children to drink water frequently, especially during this hot weather.
- ◆ **Weekly Newsletters—** A weekly newsletter (that comes out on the first school day of each week) will be placed on our website, emailed to those who have given us email

addresses and also placed on our Skool Loop App. If you do however require a paper copy please contact the office and one will be arranged for you. A few copies are also on the school noticeboard in the office if require one. I am happy to place any congratulations to our students for successes outside of school if you email them by Sunday night to [principal@buckland.school.nz](mailto:principal@buckland.school.nz)

- ◆ **Toys Needed**—If you have any toys that are in good condition and are no longer needed by your children we would love to have them for use in the sandpit and Discovery Time. Please hand in to Titipounamu. Small helmets are also needed for scooters.
- ◆ **School Values: You will begin to see our values logos**, one in Maori and the other in English around the school soon. Kia u (Respect), Kia manawanui (Responsibility) and Kia mau (Resilience). We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values. We thank our Kaumatua Miki Graham for working with us to translate these into Maori for us.
- ◆ **Voluntary—Bring Your Own Chromebooks**—As advertised last year children are now welcome to bring their own chromebooks to school for use during class time. In order for them to do this their chrome books must be set up on our system and a contract signed and procedures followed. Please contact principal if you require a chrome book to be set up. Contracts are able to be obtained from the office or downloaded from our website.
- ◆ **Rash shirts/Uniform Shorts/skorts**—sizes 4–8 in any condition required for spares in the junior classes. Thanks to those who have dropped some off. More needed please.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who received certificates at last week's assembly: **Titipounamu:** Joey, Oliver, Amelia, Toby, Freddy, Otis, **Piwakawaka:** Harper, Saith, Holly, Kiera, **Ruru:** Bridie, Malcolm, Ella, Isla, **Tui:** Arthur, Cayden, Anders, Myka, **Kakapo:** Ayla, Emily, Corbin, April, **Takahe:** Zara, Holly Shylah, Milly, **Karearea:** Trinity, Joshua, Donald, Jackson, **Weka:** Armani, Liam Olivia, Aiyana, **Kea:** Rikki-Lee, Brooklyn, Thomas, Lachlan  
**Principal's Award:** Jemma in Kea  
**Lion Award:** Arthur in Tui  
**School Values Awards:** Jorja in

Kea and Dougie in Karearea

- ◆ The following students who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week's assembly: **Karearea:** Charlotte, **Kakapo:** George, Eden, **Tui:** Temprance, **Ruru:** Nate, **Piwakawaka:** Tyler  
**Top Mathlete:** Lorelai in Ruru  
**Top Athletics Class:** Ruru

## Events for This Week

- Events will be determined by the Alert Level we need to operate under

## Events for Next Week

- Tues 23rd—Senior Swimming—Yr 5—8 + capable Yr 4s / Yr 3 & 4
- Wed 24th—Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly
- Wed 24th—BOT Meeting 6pm
- Thurs 25th—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation talks
- Thurs 25th—School Council meeting
- Fri 26th—School Assembly
- Fri 26th—Yr 1 & 2 Swimming Demo
- Fri 26th—BOT Family BBQ & Swim

## Prior Notice

- Yr 1—2 EOTC—1st—5th March
- Yr 3 & 4—3 & 4 May
- Yr 5—7—22—26 Nov
- Yr 8—To be decided

**PLEASE** respect our neighbours. Parking over their driveways is not okay and is against the law. Backing into driveways is a dangerous practice. Several parents were seen doing both these things **AGAIN** last week and complaints have been received from our neighbours.

**Thank you** to those parents who are being good role models for children by using the patrolled crossing in the afternoon.

## Community Notices

**BUCKLAND NETBALL CLUB** are looking for new players in Years 3 – 8 to join our club for the upcoming 2021 season. To find out more, please email: [bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com](mailto:bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com). For anyone who wishes to join but may struggle with the cost of fees, please talk to us as we have options available.

**Year 5 – 8:** our Club Muster will be held on Thursday 4th March, 4 - 5pm at the Pukekohe Netball Centre.

**Year 3 – 4:** your games will be played from September - November, but we are happy to take names and contact details for any new players now.

Looking forward to a great year of netball!

### BOMBAY JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Registration Dates:

Thurs 18 & Tues 23 Feb—5-7pm

More info email Amy on [registrarbajfc@gmail.com](mailto:registrarbajfc@gmail.com)

### PUKEKOHE AFC REGISTRATIONS—

Wednesday 10 February 5.30pm to 7pm at Bledisloe Park Sports Centre. To check grading days & times, register and pay fees visit [www.pukekoheafc.com](http://www.pukekoheafc.com) or email [secretary@pukekoheafc.com](mailto:secretary@pukekoheafc.com).

## Dates For the Term

### Event Organisation will be determined by Alert Levels

- Tues 23rd—Senior Swimming—Yr 5—8 / Yr 3 & 4
- Wed 24th—Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly
- Thurs 25th—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation talks
- Thurs 25th—First School Council Meeting
- Fri 26th—School Assembly
- Fri 26th—Yr 1 & 2 Swimming Demo
- Fri 26th—BOT Family BBQ & Swim
- Mon 1st—Fri 5th—Yr 1 & 2 EOTC Week
- Mon 1st—PTA Annual General Meeting & normal meeting
- Thurs 4th & Fri 5th—Swimming Lessons (Swimming NZ)
- Tues 9th—Pukekohe East to use our pool
- Tues 9th—North Group Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Wed 10th—Yr 3 & 4 Assembly
- Thurs 11th—North Group Swimming Yr 6 & Below
- Fri 12th—School Assembly
- Tues 16th—Franklin Zone Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Thurs 18th—Franklin Zone Swimming Yr 6 & Below
- Fri 19th—Travelwise Course
- Tues 23rd—Ultra Rippa Rugby—Y7 & 8 boys
- Wed 24th—Rippa Rugby—Yr 6 & Below
- Thurs 25th—Ultra Rippa Rugby Yr 7 & 8 Girls only
- Thurs 25th—Franklin Careers Evening
- Fri 26th—School Assembly
- Tues 30th—Immunisations Yr 7 & 8 Dose 1
- Tues 30th & Wed 31st—Orienteering lessons
- Wed 31st—Auckland Swimming Yr 7 & 8 only
- Fri 2 April—Tues 6 April—Easter Break
- Wed 7th April—Class/Individual Photos
- Sat 10th—Franklin Multicultural Festival
- Thurs 14th—Orienteering practice
- Fri 16th—Final Day of Term 1

**Pukekohe Rugby Club 2021 Junior Registrations for Under 6 – Under 13 grades** at the main clubrooms—Colin Lawrie Fields, Reynolds Road, Pukekohe: Mon 22 Feb 6-7pm; Wed 24 Feb 6-7pm or Sat 27 Feb 9-11am. All new players welcome – boys & girls! To streamline the registration process, please head to website <http://www.pukekoherugby.co.nz> & click on Junior Rugby and Player Registrations. **All players—new and returning**—are required for weigh-in during one of the above dates. For more info phone Yvonne Newton 0274 276 668.