



# 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 22 February 2021

Week Four

Dear Parents and Community Members

◆ **Tena Koutou.**

◆ **COVID-19—The school is now back in Level 2. Hopefully the government announcement this afternoon Monday, will reduce this further. Level 2 means that parents are asked to drop and pick up children at the front gates.**

◆ **Parent Meetings—If we go to Alert Level 1** Parent Meetings will be held this Thursday 25th Feb. Session 1 at 3pm—3.20pm, Session 2 at 3.25pm—3.45pm.

◆ **Yr 5—8 Swimming & Yr 3 & 4 Swimming—Due to the uncertainty of Alert level and the amount of organisation for both teachers and parents the decision has been made to postpone this until next week Monday 1st March.** (See times in events for next week).

◆ **Board of Trustee Family BBQ and Swim—This will take place if we are in Alert Level 1 this Friday 26th February from 5 p.m.** Come along and join us for an evening of fun in the sun hosted by your school Board of Trustees. Sausage sizzle and ice blocks provided. Bring a picnic, have a swim, and get to know your school community.

◆ **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 you 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).

**Please** do not complain about a lack of communication if you haven't read the newsletter!

◆ **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. Please use the official channels: answer phone, skool loop app or email: [GMills@buckland.school.nz](mailto:GMills@buckland.school.nz) do not use class dojos as teachers are asked not to use these during teaching time and we do not want to phone parents incorrectly.

◆ **Bible in Schools Opt in/out permission slip—Thank you** to all who have returned this indicating your decision for your children. I sent a further named form to all those who had not returned them on Friday. We must have all forms returned please a.s.a.p. so that decisions can be made.

◆ **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 were in last week's newsletter and are also on our website. Thanks to Mrs Mills who keeps the website and the electronic sign updated with dates for the next two weeks. Any dates that have to be changed over the term will be communicated through the weekly newsletter.

◆ **School Times: Alert Level 2—** Children should be at school as close to 8.45 a.m. as possible. **Alert Level 1—** 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. 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—**Could we please have forms returned and payment as soon as possible.

◆ **Swimming Lessons—**Under Alert Level 2—we will not be swimming. Hopefully by Tuesday this will be lifted and children will be able to swim again. 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Reminders:**

- **Hats & Sunscreen**
- **The expectation for Uniforms is that they will be worn correctly.**
- **Water Only**
- **Plastic Free Lunchboxes—**are you able to make your child's lunchbox plastic free?

## Thank You to:

- ◆ Those who have donated toys for the sandpit and the junior rooms.
- ◆ All who are remembering to use the Covid App or office Vistab.
- ◆ Mr Taylor for setting up the chrome books for students.

## Events for This Week

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

- Wed 24th—Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly (No parents unless Alert Level 1) - 2.30 p.m.
- Wed 24th—BOT Meeting 6 p.m. To be held in Kereru room to allow for social distancing. All Welcome
- Thurs 25th—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation talks
- Thurs 25th—Parent Meetings (If Level 1)
- Thurs 25th—First School Council Meeting
- Fri 26th—School Assembly (No parents unless Alert level 1) 9.00 a.m.
- Fri 26th—BOT Family BBQ & Swim (Only if Alert Level 1) Starting at 5 p.m.

## Events for Next Week

- Mon 1st—Fri—5th—Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week
- Mon 1st—Senior Swimming—Yr 4—8 - 9.15am start /Yr 3 & 4—12.30pm start. (Hopefully Alert Level 1)
- Mon 1st at 7 p.m.—PTA Meeting—to be held in Kereru room to allow for social distancing.
- Wed 3rd—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate
- Thurs 4th & Fri 5th—Yr 3—8 Swimming Lessons with instructor from Swimming NZ

### Prior Notice: EOTC/Camps

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

Counties Manukau

# SISTA SMASH!

Come along for four fun evenings of soft ball cricket!

Join in for fun Thursday evenings filled with music, laughter, and some cricket! Open to Yr 3-6 girls.

Sign up before the 28 Feb and receive a free t-shirt

4pm-5pm  
Starting 4 MAR  
for 4 weeks

Bledisloe Park, Pukekohe



To register, contact Serena Somiyal  
 ☎ 021 285 0096  
 ✉ development@countiesmanukauricket.co.nz  
 🌐 www.countiesmanukauricket.co.nz/2021sista.html



## 2021 School Leaders Prefects



### Kauri House



### Kowhai House



### Rimu House



### Totara House



Wanting to pick up some great tools and ideas for parenting your 3 to 8 year old?

Incredible Years is a **FREE** 14-week parenting programme with a weekly session of around two hours. Over the weeks, parents develop strategies to build positive relationships with their children and to explore ideas and tips for managing any problem behaviours.

Daytime and Evening Courses Starting March

- Some of the topics covered are:
- How to develop a positive relationship with your child
  - Social, Emotional, Academic and Persistence Coaching
  - Praising and rewarding children
  - Communicating positively
  - Setting limits
  - Dealing with misbehaviour constructively
  - Helping children to problem-solve



For more information or to book your spot email [NMapletoft@familysupport.org.nz](mailto:NMapletoft@familysupport.org.nz) or phone (09) 238 6233

**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

Guitar Tutor Renton Brown has time available on Thursday mornings starting this week - Thursday 25th February. If you wish for your child to continue or begin guitar lessons please collect an info/permission form from the school office and return the permission slip on or before Thursday. Thank you  
 Renton Brown  
 Guitar Tutor



### MANGATAWHIRI MARKET

Saturday 6 March  
 9am to 1pm  
 Mangatawhiri Hall  
 Food—Coffee—Shopping

**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!



3 Sundays (February 28, March 14 & 28, 2021)  
 01:00— 05:00 P.M. at 46 John Street, Pukekohe

Fee: \$75.00 per person / \$110 per couple. Subsidies available (1&C's applies)

## Parenting Programme

### TEENAGE years



For parents of 15-18 years old

**REGISTER NOW**

Call : 09 239 1823  
 Email: [hope@hopeunlimitedtrust.org.nz](mailto:hope@hopeunlimitedtrust.org.nz)

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your teenager's big emotions