



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

Week 3 Term 3

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9 August 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

**School Values: Respect—Kia u,  
Responsibility—Kia manawanui,  
Resilience—Kia mau**

◆ **Cross Country**—Children have been training for our school cross country which will be held this Thursday 12 August. Approximate start times are: Yr 0 girls 11.30a.m. followed by Yr 0 boys then Yr 1s then Yr 2s. Year 3 to 8 will start after lunch with the Year 7 boys & girls at 1.45pm, followed by Year 8 then Yr 6, Yr 5, Yr 4 & Yr 3. Qualifying for North Group is by time. Shoes must be worn and children require a change of clothes, drink bottle and warm clothing for after the race. Parent help would be greatly appreciated.

◆ **Enrolment for 2021—Student Numbers**—At next week’s Board meeting your BOT must make the decision as to whether to hold a ballot for next year or not, and if so how many places will be available. We need your help to establish the closest approximation of our in-zone student numbers and present numbers at the beginning and throughout the year so that we can ensure staffing and funding supports **all** our children. Would you please, by the end of this week, let Mrs Glasgow or our executive officer Mrs Mills know if you are aware of new children in the school zone who require a place or if your child/ children will not be attending in 2021.

◆ **Class Indoor exhibits for Agricultural Day and the Agricultural Day Project**—You will have received a newsletter from your child’s teacher outlining the activities for this year’s Agricultural Day. Please keep this handy for later in the term. Any queries please contact your child’s teacher through email. The project outline for Year 4—8 students not having animals is also available on our website under Agricultural Day.

◆ **Attendance**—It is vitally important that your child attends school on all days that they are well. **It is considered that anything over 5 days (10 1/2 days) per term as irregular attendance.** See below

from our Term 1 Attendance report:

‘Regular’ attendance is defined for statistical purposes as 90% or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child’s learning and there is no ‘safe’ level of non-attendance.

**Every day matters.**

◆ **Respecting Our Neighbours**—I have received a further complaint from one of our neighbours regarding parents who drive into their driveway and then back out into the traffic. Not only is this incredibly dangerous for our students and families but is upsetting for the neighbour who is unable to get into their home. **PLEASE** do not do this and do not park over or in driveways or in our bus bay after school as it make it difficult for our road patrollers to see oncoming traffic.

◆ **Gymnastic Lessons**—These will begin next Monday. Children will require suitable clothing for the lessons, a drink bottle and warm clothing to put on after the lessons. Payment of \$10.00 per child is required. Thanks to all those who have already paid this. If you are having difficulty with this payment please contact principal to discuss part payments.

◆ **Ag Day Animal Leading Courses**—The leading courses for calves, lambs and goats can be found on the school website in the Agricultural Day folder under Animal Information. Entries for calves, lambs, goats and chickens close on 20 August.

## Congratulations to:

◆ All our girls who took part in the Franklin Netball competitions last week. I was most impressed with their efforts and with the way they worked and supported each other in their teams. Results: Yr 5 & 6 A—3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses. Yr 5 & 6 B—4 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. Yr 7 & 8 B—7 wins, Yr 3 & 4 A—1 win, 1 draw and 4 losses, B Grade had 6 wins and 1 draw.

## Thank You to:

- ◆ All parents who provided transport to the netball events last week and to those who supported children over the days. A special thanks to the following parents who managed the teams; Nicola Coombes, Louise Brown, Jaimee Entwisle, Kirsten Seamer, Lucy Wymer, Lindy Hodgson, Rebecca Berry and Stephanie Adams.
- All parents and students who attended the Yr 6 meeting last week.



## Events for This Week

- Tues 10 Aug—Breakfast Club
- Tues 10 Aug—Basketball Lessons
- Wed 11 Aug—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- Wed 11 Aug—School Assembly—2.25p.m. All welcome (weather permitting)
- Thurs 12 Aug—Jump Jam
- Thurs 12 Aug—PTA Casual Dress day—Bottle for the stall.
- Thurs 12 Aug—School Cross Country
- Fri 13 Aug—Breakfast Club
- Fri 13 Aug—Fear Factor (Yr 7 & 8 selected students)

## Events for Next Week

- Mon 16 Aug—Gymnastic Lessons—Pukekohe Gymnastic club, whole school. (See note)
- Tues 17 Aug—Basketball Lessons
- Wed 18 Aug—Yr 7 & 8 Technology (catch-up session)
- Wed 18 Aug—Year 4 National Monitoring—The Arts (for those students randomly selected & whose parents have received notification)
- Wed 18 Aug—BOT meeting—6 p.m.
- Thurs 19 Aug—Jump Jam

## Protecting Your Child on their Digital Journey

Buckland School is committed to ensuring that all students (ākongā) are protected and safe while using the internet. To ensure this Buckland School utilises the company Network for Learning to provide a managed internet service that provides certain securities to aid in this protection. Schools and kura across Aotearoa are able to access a suite of safety and security services as part of the Managed Network, giving them the confidence to use digital technologies for learning.

### • [Web Filtering](#)

Helps protect our ākongā online by restricting access to inappropriate content. Our school is able to customise the filters depending on our individual needs.

### • [Firewall](#)

It acts as a wall between the internet and the school's network, allowing the good stuff through, and keeping the bad stuff out. The firewall prevents online threats and malicious activity from reaching school systems and devices.

### • [DNS Threat Protection](#)

An additional safety net on top of our Web Filtering and Firewall that automatically enables Safe Search. It helps to further block unwanted content and minimise the impact of online threats (such as malware, ransomware, phishing scams and VPNs) to a school's internet connection.

### • [Google Workspace](#) -

#### *Managed YouTube settings*

Using Google Workspace we can restrict which YouTube videos are viewable on our network. The settings help restrict which videos are available for our ākongā.

*It's important to remember that there's no way to guarantee 100% protection from online threats or inappropriate content. There are additional measures that we take to keep our ākongā online learning environments safe and secure, such as promoting digital citizenship, using device management software called 'Hapara' to check on ākongā progress and making sure that our systems and software are up to date.*

Matthew Taylor

Mavis Glasgow

IT Lead

Principal

## FROM THE PTA

Just a reminder that each family has been given two grocery raffle books to sell. And again, we have prizes for the most books been sold!

If you can't sell your raffle books, please drop them back to the office, as soon as you can, so we can pass these on to families that are wanting more! Books must be sold and returned to the locked drawer in the school office no later Friday 17 September.

**PTA Mystery Bottle Casual Dress Day**—This Thursday is casual dress day. Please bring along a mystery bottle for either an adult or child. Some suggestions for adults are sauces, ice cream toppings, body lotions, shower gel and for children bubble bath, silly string, coloured hair spray, money in a bottle.

Thanks to all the children who entered in a colouring competition, these will be up and around town soon. Prizes for these will be given at the last assembly of term before Ag Day.

### **Books and Games Wanted for Ag Day!**

Do you have any unwanted books or games at home?

We are looking for donations of books and games for our Ag Day stall. Games can be board games and card games but please no jigsaw puzzles. These can be dropped off to the school office or contact Lucy Wymer (022 043 0142) to drop off outside of school hours.

## Community Notices

### **REMINDER: ENROLMENTS DUE FOR YEAR 9's - 2022**



**PUKEKOHE HIGH SCHOOL**

- Follow links from our website to complete online enrolment - Year 9's only

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[www.pukekoheschools.co.nz](http://www.pukekoheschools.co.nz)

- Orientation dates 7 & 8 December

- Students enrolled, with full supporting documentation, by the end of Term 3 are eligible to attend Orientation

### **Are you in Year 3 or 4 and want to play netball?**

Buckland Netball Club are looking for extra players to join our Year 3 & 4 teams. Games are on Friday nights at the Pukekohe Netball Centre from 24 Sept – end Nov. To find out more and to sign up please email: [bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com](mailto:bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com).

### **Are you in Years 1 and 2 and want to play netball?**

Pukekohe Netball Centre run a Fun Ferns netball programme for 7 weeks starting on Fri 24 Sept, 4.30 – 5.30pm. \$25 for the 7 weeks. To sign up, go to: <http://www.pukekohenetball.co.nz/future-ferns.html>

### **HAMPTON DOWNS 2 HOUR RACETRACK RUN**

Sunday 29 August

2 hours to complete as many 2.7km laps as possible

Individual, teams of 2, teams of 4

Plus kids flying lap

Children under 13 free

Book at <https://www.hamptondowns.com/event/race-track-run/>

For more info visit [www.hamptondowns.com](http://www.hamptondowns.com)

Or phone Mike on 027 366 9445 or 09 280 6529