



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 3 Term 4

1 November 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ It is hard to believe that we are now in November and that our plans for this term have been shattered.
- ◆ **Latest Covid Update**—At the present time there are numerous discussions taking place throughout Auckland as to how we can open primary and intermediate schools safely. This consultation will be forwarded to the Minister for Education and from this and work with the Ministry of Health, plans will be presented to schools so that we can begin work on how they can be implemented into our school. We do not have a confirmed date for this information. An indicative date has been announced of 15 November for the possible opening of schools but this will be dependent on a number of issues, e.g. vaccination levels, case numbers.
- ◆ **PTA Raffle**—This will be drawn this Friday. It is **vital** that we get all books back by 3 p.m. on Thursday. There are still a large number not returned but I thank all those who have returned these. If you are passing the school Monday—Friday this week between the hours 8.30a.m.—3.15p.m. would you **please** drop raffle books into the locked cabinet that will be at the office gate or outside the office (in the event of rain.) Alternatively post or courier books &/or stubs. They need to be received before Thursday. During out of school hours, books can be dropped into the letter box next to the school—577a George Crescent. Payment can be deposited into the School's ASB bank account:

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Please ensure that you code the amount to PTA raffle. Please help us so that we do not need to phone all the families with outstanding books.
- **Animal photos and short videos**—please keep emailing these to principal@buckland.school.nz so that we can celebrate your children with their animals.
- **Gardens**—If your child has been growing a garden for the annual

garden competition would you please email GMills@buckland.school.nz to inform her of an entry. We will not be judging these but will add them to the badge total and will acknowledge the efforts. You will be required to send in a photo of the garden on a date to be advised.

- ◆ **Agricultural Day project**—For those who have completed this, please keep it in a safe place and when we get back to school you can bring it in to be judged. The Board has applied for the Mitre 10 Playground upgrade—so keep your fingers crossed!
- ◆ **DATES FOR THE TERM**—It is with regret that I inform you that there will be no Year 5—7 or Year 8 camp this year.
- ◆ **Board Survey Monkey Survey**
Thank you to the 88 families who have completed this. The survey is now closed. If you completed the survey please email GMills@buckland.school.nz by this Friday to go into the draw for two \$50.00 grocery vouchers. The Board have decided to go ahead with this draw even though the 70% was not reached.
- ◆ **School Devices and books**—Please keep these safe. A reminder school devices are for learning activities, not for playing games or going on sites that are not approved by the school. Through our Hapara system we are able to view sites children are on. Reoffenders will have their school chromebooks or ipads taken off them! Reading books you have finished with can be dropped at the school gate in a named bag and we can mark these off or replace them for you.
- ◆ **Hard Packs** for those parents who request them, these are being made up by teachers each weekend and can be collected from school. The hardpacks are based on the same work that is being placed on-line.

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Thank you to:

- ⇒ To families for allowing us into your homes for zoom and Google Meets with your children. Thanks also to staff for providing these sessions.
- ⇒ BOT members and Mrs Mills, our minute secretary, for attending the on-line Board meeting last week.

Events for This Week

- Home Learning
- Bubble children in school only.
- School grounds closed to everyone else.
- Final Otago Maths Problem challenge—Tuesday 9 a.m. A link has been sent via Google Classrooms to those students involved.
- Thursday—Teachers have a professional development session on this day so will be unavailable for 2 hours.

Events for Next Week

- Who knows what next week will look like? More of the same!

Congratulations to:

- * The following children who received Gold Athletics certificates for the weeks: 18-24 Oct and 25-31 Oct—**Ruru**: Logan **Takahe**: Milo **Kakapo**: Catalina **Tui**: Myka, Shaye **Karearea**: Lucy
- * All children who are showing a commitment and dedication to their learning.
- * The following children who have sent in photos of their learning from last week—Please keep sending these in I'm trying to put as many as possible into the weekly newsletter.

*Take Care
Kindest Regards
Mavis Glasgow
Principal*

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Ania's Sneaky Tiger story—

The sneaky Tiger.
 The sneaky tiger loves to pounce at other animals at the forest.
 The tiger has orange and white stripes. It is strong and brave. It has sharp claws. Tigers eat meat. sneaky tiger loves meat it is his favorite.
 All animals/ people and other species are scared of tigers. The sneaky tiger is very sneaky that's why he's called sneaky tiger.

