



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 5 Term 4

15 November 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ Welcome to Aria and Aubree, our newest New Entrants in Titipounamu. We look forward to getting to know you and your family.
- ◆ **Latest Covid Update**—I sent out information last Friday on the return to school for those who want to send their children to school, as well as a Board newsletter and our Health & Safety procedures. I attach these documents again today with this newsletter for anyone who may have missed these. We have been thrilled that so many parents have indicated that their children will return, even though at this time it is only part-time. This will allow them to reconnect with teachers and some of their class members. We will be taking a very cautious approach and will abide by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education directions. These include mask wearing by students from Year 4 up and staggered intervals, start and finish times etc. (Because we have Yr 3 & 4 classes, mask wearing by Year 3 students is encouraged but optional.) Teachers will be endeavouring to do as much outdoor learning as possible and will be supportive of children who are finding masks difficult to wear as well as those who are anxious about their return. Please read the information sent carefully, it outlines **drop off and pickup** times of the day. Please help us by abiding by these times. If you have any queries don't hesitate to email me. Remember that staff are here for you and reach out if you need anything. We'll try my best to get back to you on the same day.
- **Changes in Groups**— The days assigned to your children have been done to allow all children in the family to attend school on the same days. It was thought this would assist families better than having staggered year groups. I am sorry but there will be no changes to student groups because of friendships.

- **Bubble Children**—The Bubble has relocated to the school hall. Children should make their way to this each morning.
- **Staff Immunisation**— Our staff are all fully immunised and have had a negative test result before returning to school.
- **Gardens**—If your children have been working on a garden hopefully you made the deadline for entries which was last Friday.
- ◆ **Agricultural Day project**—For those who have completed this, please bring it in when you first come into school or get Mum or Dad to drop it off by next Friday 26th when they will be judged. The Board has applied for the Mitre 10 Playground upgrade—so keep your fingers crossed!
- ◆ **School Devices and books**— Please bring these in on your return to school. We will require them for classes. Children who are not returning may keep using them until the last week of term when we will expect them back. Learning tasks will be given to children in the school groups for the days that they are learning at home. If they have on-line availability they can continue with programmes such as Athletics, Reading Eggs, etc. Children with their own devices may bring them in to use during school.
- ◆ **Hard Packs** for those parents who requested them, there are still a lot that have not yet been picked up. They will be put out at the front office gate each day (weather permitting)
- ◆ **Prizes for Mystery Bottles, Raffle ticket sales**— Children who won these will be given them on their return to school. For those not returning we will get them to you over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following two students who received their Gold Athletics certificates for the week 8- 14 Nov:
Tui: Brody, Karearea: Charlie.

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Thank you to:

- ⇒ To parents who have sent amazing messages of support for the staff and myself. We really appreciate them.
- ⇒ To families for allowing us into your homes for zoom and Google Meets with your children. Thanks also to staff for providing these sessions.

Events for This Week

- Home Learning—Monday & Tuesday
- Monday & Tuesday—Bubble children in school only.
- Wednesday—School open for students with Surnames starting with **A—J (Full day)**
- Thursday & Friday—School open for students with surnames starting with **K—Z (2 full days)**
- School grounds closed to everyone else.

Events for Next Week

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday until 11.30 a.m. School Open for students with surnames starting with **A—J Pickup time 11.30a.m. on Wednesday** to allow for a thorough clean of classrooms.
- Wednesday 12.30p.m. Students with **surnames K—Z** may enter school grounds. Thursday & Friday full days for this group.

Don't forget your hat. If you have a school hat



please wear it, if you haven't, a hat from home will do for the next few weeks.

Take Care Everyone

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you back as possible.

*kindest Regards
Mavis Glasgow
Principal*

* **Congratulations on your home learning everyone! Thanks to those who have sent in the following photos last week—** Please keep sending these in I'm trying to put as many as possible into the weekly newsletter.

