



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.

Tuesday 8 February 2022

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Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ **Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school.** I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and enjoyed the wonderful weather and the increased freedom we had. We hope that children are refreshed and enthusiastic about getting back to school. School is OPEN for all students but unfortunately we are being challenged again with the school going back under the Red Traffic Light. I hope that you all received an email last Thursday outlining the procedures we will be following to keep everyone safe at school. If you didn't receive this please email me and I will send a further copy. The full Health and Safety plan is on our website in the Covid folder. Parents/Visitors must not enter the school grounds, however if it is vital that you enter the school you must come through the office, sign in on our Vistab and scan the Covid App which is displayed throughout the school.
- ◆ **Welcome** back to our staff who have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the term and attending professional development. A special welcome back to Mrs Simone Shore and to our new staff member Mrs Beth Steer. Staff are all looking forward to getting to know your children and you, so that they can work in partnership with you to facilitate a wonderful and rewarding education for your children.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values. We have four signs in both Maori and English around the school. Thanks to Mr Goldsack for erecting these.
- ◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Kea: Oli, Luca, Weka: Francois, Fletcher, Karearea: Muhammad, Peyton, Kakapo: Manal, Malan, Alfie Titipounamu: Lennox, Parker, Piwakawaka: Ollie, Jack, Sophie, Talia, Ardrielle, Elijah, Destiny, Amber. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **Dates for 2022 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
 - Term 1: Tuesday 8 Feb—Thursday 14 April. (Easter and ANZAC day are in the holiday break)
 - Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July (Queen's Birthday—6 June, Matariki—24 June)
 - Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September (Sat 1 October—Ag Day)
 - Term 4: Monday 17 October – Friday 16 December
- ◆ **Absences:** Sick children or those isolating or awaiting Covid test results **must stay at home.** Please notify the school early each morning that your child is 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 please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.
- ◆ **Parent Contact Information**—it is vital that we have up-to-date contact information for parents and caregivers. Please email our Executive Officer Mrs Mills on GMills@buckland.school.nz with this information if you have had any changes.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—these will be in next week's newsletter and placed on the website and Skool Loop App calendar however please be aware that a lot of our events will/may not be able to proceed.
- ◆ **School Times:** During **Red** children should be at school as close to 8.50 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8.30 a.m. School begins at **8.55 a.m. Please try to ensure your child isn't late.** At present children will not be sent to the office so teachers will email a message to the office so they can be marked as present. To help with social distancing and traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish **at 2.55pm for Year 0—4 students. Siblings of Year 0—4 students will not be released early.** Younger children will be supervised by teachers for the 5 mins before 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Interval** is 10.10—10.30 with **lunch break** at 12.00—12.45. The first 10 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 teachers' discretion in the afternoon. Groups of children will have areas assigned to them to help with contact tracing. As all year 4—8 students **must wear masks** while indoors, teachers will be planning for outdoor learning activities and outdoor breaks frequently. (For Year 3 students in 3/4 classes mask wearing is voluntary).
- ◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Each class will have daily swimming lessons with teachers. Please ensure children have their togs each day. The wearing of a rash shirt is **compulsory.** Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs.
- ◆ **Lunchtime swims**—These will be available for Year 3—8s. Year levels have been rostered on each day. No children from other year levels will be able to swim. Children will be notified of their days.
- ◆ **Hats**—Children **must** wear a hat during all intervals throughout this term. Hats need to be clearly named (inside) so that they can be returned if lost. Children who have written on the outside of their hats will be asked to wash these or replace them if the writing can not be removed. Children not wearing hats will be expected to sit under shade in their assigned areas.
- ◆ **Uniform Expectations** - These must be worn correctly. If there is a problem with an item of uniform, a uniform pass must be obtained from a teacher. The only jewellery to be worn are watches and stud earrings. Necklaces with cultural significance may be worn at the discretion of the principal. Fingernail polish should not be worn and we are expecting long hair to be tied up.

- ◆ **Cell phones** are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made by parents with Mrs Glasgow. Children's cellphones must be handed in to the office for safe keeping if they are at school. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.
- ◆ **Water Only**—We are a water only school. Please do not send your child with cordial or soft drinks for intervals. We will be encouraging children to drink water frequently and keep hydrated. Our drinking fountain bottle fillers will be able to be used but not the fountain.
- ◆ **Breakfast Club**— Our Breakfast Club will not run at present.
- ◆ **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. If we don't have your email address and you want the newsletter emailed please provide it.
- ◆ **Lollies and Birthday Cakes**—It is a lovely thought to want to share these with class members however we ask that **no lollies or birthday cakes** are sent to school. We have a number of children unable to eat certain foods and this practice also puts pressure on families who can not afford to do this. Any birthday treats brought to school will be returned home.
- ◆ **Voluntary—Bring Your Own Chromebooks**—We have an increasing number of students with their own chromebooks. These were very beneficial with the lockdowns that we experienced last year. If your child now has one, in order for them to use it when at school the chromebook must be set up on our system and a contract signed and procedures followed. Contracts are able to be obtained from the office or downloaded from our website. These must be signed before children use chrome books at school. This scheme is entirely **voluntary** at this stage. If your child has a new chromebook please email principal@buckland.school.nz to organise our new IT person to set your child's chromebook up.
- ◆ **Kawau Camp—Unfortunately** due to our Covid situation we have decided that only Year 6—8 students will be offered the chance to attend the Kawau Camp from the 7—11 March. A separate note will be coming home today with a reply confirmation required by this Friday. For Year 5 students we will look at something else for later in the year.

Staff List for 2022

- * Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal
- * DPs—Mrs Angela Lindgreen & Mrs Marlene Fletcher
- * Room Piwakawaka—NE/Yr 1—Mrs Kathy Travers & Mrs Beth Steer
- * Room Titipounamu —Year 1/Year 2 — Mrs Sue Brady, Mrs Christina Reddish & Mrs Tamsyn Gerritsen
- * Room Ruru—Year 2/3 —Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- * Room Tui—Year 3/4—Miss Neena Hari
- * Room Takahe—Year 3/4 — Miss Sophie Pyne
- * Room Kakapo —Year 4/5—Mrs Sonja King
- * Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Mrs Simone Shore
- * Room Weka—Year 5/6—Mrs Marlene Fletcher & Mrs Joh Twomey
- * Room Kea Year 7/8—Mrs Lisa Goldsack
- * Reading Recovery/Specialist Groups -Mrs Lisa Robertson
- * Mrs Glenis Mills – Executive Officer
- * Mrs Charlotte Tildesley—Learning Support Co-ordinator (Buckland & Pukekohe East Schools)
- * Mrs Lisa Murphy—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Shona Miln—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Karen Adams—Teacher Aide
- * Mr Tony O'Halloran—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Tracey van Gessel—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library
- * Mr William Lindgreen - Caretaker

Thank You to:

- ◆ Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the hassle of shopping for these items.
- ◆ Mrs Collins for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work she did in getting our students organised with uniforms. Thanks also to William who assisted his Mum.
- ◆ Parents and community members for attending the virtual prize-givings at the end of 2021. Photos are on our website.
- ◆ **Staff** would like to thank families who treated them with lovely gifts at the end of last year. These are not necessary as it is a privilege to teach your children, but they were appreciated.

Kelly Club Buckland

Your Board of Trustees supports the reinstatement of the Kelly Club After School Care Programme. Below is Kelly Club's Advertisement:

Welcome back to a new year at Kelly Club Buckland. We can't wait to see you all again in Term 1. You can make casual bookings also as you wish. Just a few reminders;

You need to re-enrol into the **2022 After school event**

Remember to bring hats and drink bottles. Please do not bring any toys or sweets with you to the programme.

We are always a phone call, text or email away if you need to talk to us or have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Amila Wijesuriya, Programme Coordinator, Kelly Club Buckland,
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or visit our website www.kellyclub.co.nz

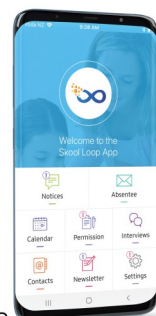
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Sunshine is just around the corner!



Dry out your boots, hang up your coat and get your school app ready to read all the school events happening in term four

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



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