



# 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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Week 7  
Monday 21 March 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members

◆ **Tena Koutou.**

◆ **School Values:** Respect—Kia U, Responsibility—Kia Mau and Resilience—Kia Manawanui

◆ **COVID Update:** Our Covid cases and those needing to isolate have increased throughout the school over the last two weeks. If you are concerned about the health of your children please keep them at home and report their absence to the office. We are having to report student cases to the Ministry of Education each day so it is important that we know if your child is COVID positive. See below the information on isolation requirements that came into effect on Saturday 12 March.

◆ **Changes to isolation requirements that came into effect on Saturday 12 March**

From Saturday 12 March isolation requirements for positive cases of COVID-19 and their household contacts were reduced from 10 to **seven days**.

This change was made due to up-to-date public health advice: there is a decline in infectiousness of Omicron over time and in most cases, transmission occurs within seven days.

This reduction in the isolation period will ensure we maintain a balance between controlling the outbreak effectively and minimising the impacts of isolation requirements on people's lives.

Evidence also shows that the risk of re-infection within the first three months after someone has had Omicron is very low. For this reason, recovered cases will **no longer** need to isolate again if they become a household contact within 90 days of having the virus. This has been **extended** from 28 days.

### Cases of COVID-19

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for seven days.

Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the day the test was taken (whichever came first). Cases will isolate for a full seven days and are free to return to normal activities on Day 8, if they are not symptomatic.

### Household contacts

Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case.

They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic.

Household contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms up to Day 10.

Household contacts will be required to take a self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 7 of the case's isolation period.

If symptoms develop at any time during isolation:

- the usual advice remains in place to undertake an additional RAT
- if the test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again 48 hours after that negative test
- if symptoms resolve there is no need for a further test until the required Day 7 test. If this is negative, they can return to daily life on Day 8.

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell
- if that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.
- If a household contact has finished their period of isolation they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household. However, **this only applies for a period of seven days** following their leaving isolation.
- Should a new household member be confirmed as a case eight or more days after the household contact has left isolation, then they must start a new period of self-isolation for seven days.

### General advice

Anyone that has had COVID-19 or who is a contact of someone who has COVID-19 should avoid attending high-risk settings until ten days have passed since they were infected or exposed to the virus. These will include, for example, aged-care facilities, correctional facilities and hospitals (unless the individual is requiring care).

As always, undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) if symptomatic. If the RAT is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, you should test again 48 hours after the negative test. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

**Advice for anyone who is unwell**

- Anyone who is sick should stay home until they are well.
- When a child has respiratory symptoms, they should stay at home and seek advice from their GP or Healthline. Staying home is key to controlling the spread of **any** virus in a school setting.
- Many children will have a long-lasting runny nose or cough after viral infections. If it is over 10 days since the onset of COVID symptoms and they are no longer feeling unwell, they are very unlikely to be infectious and can therefore return to school.
- However, if they are continuing to feel unwell or their symptoms are worsening after 10 days, they should not return to school and a GP review, or a call to Healthline, is recommended.
- A reminder that principals at state and state-integrated schools have authority to preclude a student from attending if they believe, on reasonable grounds, that the student may have a communicable disease.

**Postponed until Monday 28  
March  
Buckland School PTA  
Annual General Meeting**

Our school PTA AGM is now 28th March at 7pm in Kea room or you can join in the Google Meet (link below) We are needing nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these positions or know someone who would be great to have on our PTA please attend our meeting. Everyone is welcome. Nomination slip below.

**Google Meet Link:** [meet.google.com/dyo-cmwq-mue](https://meet.google.com/dyo-cmwq-mue)

**Events for This Week**

- Wed 23—BOT Meeting—6 p.m.
- We have postponed Photolife due to the number of students away. Information will be communicated later when a new date is organised.

**Events for Next Week**

- Mon 28—PTA AGM—7p.m. in Kea room. Please wear a mask or attend on line.

**Cricket Lessons**



**Young at Art** offer Children’s, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe. Our Autumn Holiday workshops are now open for booking. These holidays we are offering a variety of Art & Craft workshops, Term 2 ART ADVENTURES classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday’s, Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s. If there is no space in your chosen class, please email Anna to join the waiting list we often have an odd spot come up at the beginning of term. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/>, email: [admin@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:admin@youngatart.co.nz) or phone: 0297 712 923. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

**Community Notices**

**KIDS AFTER SCHOOL April Holiday Programme**

Ready for excitement & entertainment these holidays? KAS has it all this April with Circus In A Flash, a sporty Top Team Competition & Love Our Planet for Earth day. Dress up for our Fluro 80’s Party & KAS Red Carpet Movie! We have a variety of childcare options available from 7am-6pm. Get in quick! Check out all that’s on offer at & make your bookings at: [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz). Any questions please contact our office on 09 236 4078  
MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation  
WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families

**PTA NOMINATION FORM**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer ( circle one)

Signed by Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email to [bucklandschoolpta@outlook.com](mailto:bucklandschoolpta@outlook.com)**