



# 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 8

Monday 28 March 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members

◆ **Tena Koutou.**

- ◆ **School Values:** Respect—Kia U, Responsibility—Kia Mau and Resilience—Kia Manawanui
- ◆ **COVID Update—School Cases:** We continue to have Covid cases and those needing to isolate popping up in all classrooms across the school. If you are concerned about the health of your children please keep them at home, test 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. The Ministry of Education have provided us with masks for children and will be providing us (hopefully this week) with RAT tests for students that, if we are concerned, we will give to parents when we send students home.
- ◆ **New Zealand remains at Red.** (Cabinet will review the framework colour level on Monday 4 April.) You will be aware of the changes that came into force on Saturday and those that will take place on 4 April 11.59 p.m. regarding vaccine passes, scanning and lifting of mandates. After consultation with the Board of Trustees and the staff it has been decided that we will continue with the procedures to mitigate the risks to staff and students by **not** yet allowing parents onto the school site or into classrooms. Should a meeting between parents and teachers be necessary this will be able to take place and will be arranged for out of school hours. Masks will be compulsory. We all want to reconnect but at this stage we feel that the best thing for our students is having FaceTime in the classroom with their full time teacher. We will review the Health and Safety Plan and reconnect school and community when we are able to do so safely.
- ◆ **Isolation requirements:** These were in last week's newsletter and are also on our website.
- ◆ **Freeing up some of our school procedures:** Children will now be able to play outdoors across all areas of the school. We will also be able to have some outdoor gatherings under the new legislation. Masks, ventilation, hygiene actions, staying at home if unwell are still critical to mitigating the risk to students and staff.
- ◆ **PTA AGM Meeting: Tonight Monday 28th March (See over)**
- ◆ **BOT Meeting**—This Wednesday 30 March (this had to be postponed last week). If you would like a Google Meet invitation please let Principal know and one will be sent to you.
- ◆ **Pause Breathe Smile**—Your teachers and support staff are at present completing Professional Development after school on the Pause Breathe Smile programme. This programme aligns with our school values and the Cool Schools programme we have begun introducing. The PBS programme is supported by funding from Southern Cross and aims to create a healthier New Zealand by training educators to teach New Zealand's locally developed, evidence-based and scientifically informed mindfulness in schools programme. Pause Breathe Smile teaches mindfulness as a life-skill for the purposes of:
  - Improving focus and attention
  - Increasing care for self and others
  - Developing emotion regulation skills and the ability to self-calm
  - Improving a child's ability to make wise choices about what supports wellbeing and what doesn't
  - Developing emotional literacy and boosting resilience
  - Cultivating a positive sense of connection to self, others and the natural world.

We will begin using this programme in our classes next term.

## Thank you to:

- ◆ Counties Manukau Cricket for the Cricket lessons they provided for our children
- ◆ Constable Dan who has been working with our Year 5—8 as part of their Rights and Responsibilities unit of work.

# Buckland School PTA Annual General Meeting

Our school PTA AGM is tonight 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.

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

## World Maths Day—Wednesday 23 March

### Mathletics Leader Boards

Last Wednesday we participated in World Maths Day. Each child had 20 live Mathletics battles. Their top scores were taken and added to the country and world leader boards. It was an **outstanding** achievement by all year groups.

Top Students by Year Group				Country and World Rankings		
Year 8	Mia T	Saige M	Taylor N	Year	Country	World
Year 7	Liam P	Matthew G	Connor M	Year 1	28	413
Year 6	Lachlan M	Mikaela O	Dana M	Year 2	2	206
Year 5	Anders B	Karaya R	George B	Year 3	44	548
Year 4	Myka R	Layla A	Skyla-Rose H	Year 4	32	476
Year 3	Lorelai B	Jessica G	Isla R	Year 5	10	138
Year 2	Oakley P	Alby A	Owen C	Year 6	8	196
Year 1	Danika D	Hunter H		Year 7	24	442
				Year 8	11	102

## Events for This Week

- Mon 28—PTA AGM—7p.m. in Kea room. Please wear a mask or attend on line.
- Tues 29—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations (for students whose parents have given consent.)
- Wed 30 March—BOT Meeting—6 p.m. either in Kea room or on-line

## Events for Next Week

- Mon 4—Property project beginning

### Final week reminders

Mon 11—last day of swimming

Wed 13—Yr 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 14—Final day of Term 1 /Easter break

## Community Notices

**Waipa Hockey Club**  
**Junior Registrations Now Open Years 0-8**  
 Phone Daniel Schofield 021 038 3209  
 Waiau Pa Hockey Club  
[www.wphc.co.nz](http://www.wphc.co.nz)



### Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the autumn holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

**Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy**  
 6-16yr olds | 5 & 4 Day Programme | \$195 per person  
 19 - 22 April | 25 - 29 April | AM or PM session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach

**Limited spaces | Please email to book**  
[surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz)  
[www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz)




## Weka's Rights & Responsibilities Learning



## Displays of Children's Work in Classrooms



Karearea Sea Week & Art Work Inspired by Picasso



Ruru Learning

### 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)