



Buckland School Newsletter



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Tuesday 7 February 2023

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school for a busy (and hopefully settled) 2023 year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and enjoyed time with family. We hope that children are refreshed and enthusiastic about getting back to school after a few extra days off due to the weather occurrence.
- ◆ **Welcome** back to our staff who have been busy over the last few weeks preparing programmes, resources and classrooms for the term. A special welcome to our new teachers; Mrs Julia Brachi who will teach a Year 3 & 4 class in Takahe and Mrs Tricia Kenny who will work in Weka one day a week. 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.
- ◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: **Piwakawaka:** Altus, Chloe, Logan, Oliver, Olivia, Jedaiah, Poppy, Nathan, Amelie, Esmee, Makaia, **Titipounamu:** Marlee, **Tui:** Olivia, **Takahe:** Freddy, Trinity, **Kakapo:** Tom, Kaleb, **Karearea:** Cruze, Cruz, **Weka:** Ivy, **Kea:** Savannah. We hope that you will settle into the school quickly and make new friends.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values.
- ◆ **Dates for 2023 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods where ever possible as we want children's attendance to be high. Term 1: Tuesday 7 Feb—Thursday 6 April. Easter and Anzac day fall in the holidays. Term 2: Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June. Term 3: Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September (Sat 23 October—Ag Day) Term 4: Monday 2 October – Friday 15 Dec
There will also be 2 teacher only days through the year (as designated by the MOE for teacher professional development on the revised curriculum—one being the day before Anzac day.) A date for the second one will be advertised as soon as it is confirmed.
- ◆ **Absences:** Please notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. You can also use the Skool Loop 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 however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted—EVERY DAY COUNTS.

- ◆ **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 Mrs Glasgow for safe keeping if they are at school. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—these will be in next week's newsletter and placed on the website and Skool Loop App calendar once sports dates are confirmed.
- ◆ **School Times:** Children should be at school as close to 8.30 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8 a.m. Those who arrive from 8—8.30 a.m. will be required to sit out the front of the school and will need to be sensible. School begins with a handbell at **8.50 a.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 8.55 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. If your child is late to school they will be marked as such. To help with traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish **at 2.55pm for Year 0—2 students and 3 p.m. for everyone else. Siblings of Year 0—2 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 12.00—12.45. The first 15 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 1.45p.m.
- ◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Each class will have daily swimming lessons with teachers. **All** children are expected to swim each day as part of the curriculum. Please ensure children have their togs each day. The wearing of rash shirts is compulsory while in the pool. Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs. If you have any rash shirts that don't fit your child/children any longer we would appreciate them.

- ◆ **Lunchtime swims**—Will be available. Classes have been rostered on each day and those classes will have priority. If there is sufficient safe numbers, other children will be invited in by the duty teacher.
- ◆ **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. Children not wearing hats will be expected to sit under the front umbrellas.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Water Only**—We are a water only school. Please do not send your child with cordial or soft drinks for intervals. Our drinking fountains have bottle fillers and we will be encouraging children to drink water frequently.
- ◆ **Breakfast Club**—Our Breakfast Club will be up and running on Tuesdays and Fridays on the back library deck. If any parents would like to help with this or provide fruit your assistance will be appreciated.
- ◆ **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. We will place a copy of this on the school noticeboard in front of the office each week as well. 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.
- ◆ **COVID**—we will continue to apply health and hygiene measures and remind children to wash hands,

sanitize frequently and sneeze into their elbows. Children with Covid-like symptoms should be tested and remain at home if positive.

- ◆ **Toys Needed**—If you have any toys that are in good condition and are no longer needed by your children we would love to have them for use in the sandpit and Discovery Time. Please hand in to Titipounamu.
- ◆ **Voluntary—Bring Your Own Chromebooks for Years 3—8**—As advertised last year children are welcome to bring their own chromebooks to school for use during class time. In order for them to do this their chromebooks must be set up on our system and a contract signed and procedures followed. Mrs Shore will be doing this. 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. Your children are responsible for the care of their chrome book so please ensure your home insurance covers any damage which may occur. This scheme is entirely **voluntary** and all children will have access to school devices.
- ◆ **Information from Board regarding the Donation Scheme**—The school's equity index number has allowed the Board to trial the Ministry Donation Scheme this year. There will be no request for a donation from parents. Curriculum expenses such as on-line programme costs, sports events, curriculum related trips also need to be covered by the school under this scheme. The Board will review this at the end of the year depending on how well the costs for all the curriculum activities we want to provide are able to be covered.
- ◆ **Building Projects**—The staffroom building project is progressing well and should be completed shortly. The building of an accessible toilet block has also begun to the side of Titipounamu.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2022.
- ◆ Mrs Collins for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work she did in getting our new students organised with uniforms.
- ◆ Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the hassle of shopping for these items. Thanks to parents who have children all organised.
- ◆ **Staff** would like to thank families who gave them lovely gifts at the end of last year. These are not necessary as it is a privilege to teach your children, but please know they were appreciated.
- ◆ **Uniform Shop**—the Uniform Shop will be closed next Tuesday 14 February. Orders can be made at the office and will be ready for collection on Wednesday morning after 10am.

Parent Meetings

We invite you to come along and meet with your child's teacher this Thursday after school. Teachers will hold two sessions—3.10p.m. and 3.30p.m. to meet with parents to gain an insight into your aspirations for your children this year. They will outline their expectation for children and answer any of your questions.

Year 7 & 8 News

Our Year 7 & 8 students travel by bus to Pukekohe Intermediate each fortnight on a Wednesday for specialist technology lessons. This term the subjects to be covered will be: Year 8—Hard Materials
Year 7—Food Technology
Tomorrow is the first lesson. Students MUST be at school by 8.45a.m. when the bus leaves or parents will be required to drop them off at Pukekohe Intermediate. Our uniform and closed in shoes must be worn.

Events for This Week

- Tues 7 Feb—9 a.m. School Welcome assembly (weather permitting)
- Tues 7 Feb—Class Swimming Lessons begin.
- Wed 8 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate. Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
- Wed 8 Feb—Fire Drill for school
- Thurs 9 Feb—House meetings
- Thurs 9 Feb—Parent Meetings (see ad above)
- Fri 10 Feb—First School Assembly—2.30 p.m. All Welcome (if weather permits this and we have to cancel it will be advertised on our website and the Skool Loop App)

Events for Next Week

- Tues & Fri—Breakfast Club begins
- Wed 15 Feb 6p.m. —Board meeting. All Welcome

Community Notices

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other family changes. The next Afterschool programmes start on **Thursday 16th of February 4pm-5pm for 7 weeks in Pukekohe, and also in Waiuku at Waiuku Family Support Service, day TBA. An Adult Programme is also being organised in Pukekohe if you are interested in attending a group for yourself. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.**

Staff List for 2023

- * Mrs Mavis Glasgow—Principal
- * DPs—Mrs Angela Lindgreen & Mrs Marlene Fletcher
- * Room Piwakawaka—N.E./Year 1—Mrs Kathy Travers, & Mrs Paige Wichman
- * Room Titipounamu—Year 1/ 2—Mrs Sue Brady, Mrs Christina Reddish & Mrs Paige Wichman
- * Room Ruru—Year 2/3—Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- * Room Tui—Year 3/4—Miss Neena Hari
- * Room Takahe—Year 3/4 — Mrs Julia Brachi
- * Room Kakapo —Year 4/5—Mrs Sonja King
- * Room Weka—Year 5/6—Mrs Marlene Fletcher & Mrs Tricia Kenny
- * Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Mrs Simone Shore
- * Room Kea Year 7/8—Mrs Lisa Goldsack
- * Reading Recovery/Specialist Groups - Mrs Lisa Robertson
- * Mrs Glenis Mills—Executive Officer
- * Mrs Megan Van Zyl—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
- * Crest Clean—Cleaners

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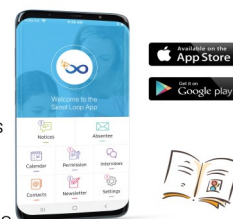
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Piano/Keyboard Lessons

If you would like your child to have piano or keyboard lessons at school please contact Carol Baker on 0274541718 or email musiccarol.2022@gmail.com

