



# 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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Wednesday 15 February 2023

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ◆ I hope you and your families are all safe and well after yet another weather event that has prevented us from being at school. If you have been impacted and we can be of any help or support please do not hesitate to contact us. Our closures were emailed to you, put on the front page of our school website and messaged on the Skool Loop App. If you did not receive emails please let us know so that we can check our contact lists.
- ◆ **We were very pleased** with the way children settled back into school routines last week. We hope this will again be the case this week and that next week we can have a full week of lessons.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values.
- ◆ Our first **House Meetings** were held last Thursday. We have four Houses: Rimu (Green) Kauri (Red) Totara (Blue), Kowhai (Yellow.) Each child is put into a House on enrolment. We put all siblings in the same House. Children work towards gaining points during the week and at sports events for their House. These go towards the fortnightly assembly shield. Points then get accumulated with a winning House chosen and awarded the House Shield at the end of the year.
- ◆ We held a **Fire Drill** last week and I can report children handled the drill in a responsible and sensible way.
- ◆ **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 Sept—Ag Day)  
Term 4: Monday 9 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 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.

- ◆ **Reminder Notices**—Please refer to last week's newsletter for reminders on: cell phones, Hats, Uniform expectations, Water only, Lollies & Birthday cake.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—as the Franklin Sports meeting is yet to be held and therefore dates not yet confirmed, these will be in next week's newsletter and placed on the website and Skool Loop App calendar.
- ◆ **School Times: Thank you to parents who are getting** children to school on time and ready for the 8.50a.m. handbell. School begins at 8.55a.m. This allows for our Year 0—2 students to be picked up at 2.55p.m. All other students are released at 3 p.m. To reduce congestion at the front gate please take your child/children and leave straight away to allow other parents to park. A reminder NO parking over our neighbours' driveways and PLEASE use the patrolled crossing. Thanks to our Senior students who are doing a crossing duty.
- ◆ 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**—As we needed to leave the pool covers off during the weather event it will take several days for the pool to reach temperature. This week, put togs etc into bags but teachers will not take children if it is too cold. Hopefully we will be back to daily swimming lessons with teachers next week. 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 old ones that don't fit your child/children any longer we would appreciate them.

- ◆ **Lunchtime swims**—Will be available once the pool heats up. 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.
- ◆ **Breakfast Club**— Our Breakfast Club is 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.

## Thank You to:

- ⇒ Parents who joined us for the Welcome assembly and the school assembly last week.
- ⇒ Parents who were able to attend the parent meetings last week. Apologies to Weka and Karearea parents for being unable to provide these meetings. They will be rescheduled in due course.

## Events for This Week

- Mon 13 & Tues 14 Feb—School closed
- Wed 15 Feb 6p.m.—Board meeting. All Welcome
- Fri 17 Feb—Breakfast Club

## Events for Next Week

- Wed 22 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- Wed 22 Feb—PTA Meeting—7 p.m. (see over)
- Fri 24 Feb—School Assembly
- Fri 24 Feb—Board BBQ & Swim—5 p.m. on. Further details next week.

## Year 7 & 8 News

- Our Year 7 & 8 students have enthusiastically accepted their responsibilities—Crossing duty, Breakfast Club, House Leaders, Prefects, Bell Ringer, Librarians.
- Our Year 7 & 8 students enjoyed their first lessons at Technology last week. Next session is next Wednesday.

# PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held next Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the school hall. As the members of our executive have indicated that they are unable to proceed in their roles, we require a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Nomination forms are below. If you are interested in these roles or know of someone who is please nominate them and drop the form into the office or bring it along to the meeting.

## Community Notices

Please join the Skool Loop App if you haven't already and please support our Advertisers who pay for this.

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



Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

The Flash Bang Science Club are offering After school Children's Science classes for students aged 6-12 years on Wednesday's (Course C) or Thursday's (Course A) (4pm – 5.30pm) commencing from 22 February onwards in Pukekohe. For more information or to book please email:

[admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz) or check out our website: [www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz)

Young at Art offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe. After school classes are open for booking in age groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 12yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. We also have a Photography workshop (9-15 yrs) on Saturday 11 March. Adult workshops this term include Watercolour (Adult & Child), Resin Art and Resin Cheeseboards/platter workshops. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/> // email: [admin@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:admin@youngatart.co.nz)

### Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Did you know that learning the piano/keyboard improves memory skills instils better work ethics, improves time management hand-eye coordination, mathematical skills, creative skills, self discipline, social skills? These are just a few benefits from learning piano/keyboard. Carol Baker has a limited amount of vacancies available for tuition at school on Mondays. For more information please phone 0274541718 or email [musiccarol2022@gmail.com](mailto:musiccarol2022@gmail.com)



## GIVE IT A GO!

# SUPER SMASH HUB

YR 1-4 & 5-8  
60 MINUTES  
\$30 FOR 6 WEEKS

## CATCH! STRIKE! THROW!

LOCATION	AGE	DAY	START & END TIME
Bledisloe Park, Pukekohe	YB 1-4	Mon	13 Feb - 20 Mar 5.30pm
Bledisloe Park, Pukekohe	YB 5-8	Mon	13 Feb - 20 Mar 4pm
Colin Lawrie Fields	YB 1-4 / 5-8	Thur	16 Feb - 23 Mar 4pm
Bruce Pulman Park, Papakura	YB 1-4	Mon	13 Feb - 20 Mar 5.30pm
Bruce Pulman Park, Papakura	YB 5-8	Mon	13 Feb - 20 Mar 4pm
Bruce Pulman Park, Papakura	YR 1-4 / 5-8	Tue	14 Feb - 21 Mar 4pm
Cleveland ASP Showgrounds	YB 1-4	Thur	16 Feb - 23 Mar 4pm
Karakia Sports Park	YB 1-4	Fri	17 Feb - 24 Mar 5.30pm
Karakia Sports Park	YB 5-8	Fri	17 Feb - 24 Mar 4pm
Karakia Sports Park	YB 1-4 / 5-8	Wed	15 Feb - 22 Mar 4pm
Lightbody Reserve, Taupo	YR 1-4	Tue	14 Feb - 21 Mar 4pm
Messy Park, Waiuku	YB 1-4	Wed	15 Feb - 22 Mar 4pm
Mountfort Park, Weymouth	YB 1-4	Wed	15 Feb - 22 Mar 4pm
Patumahoe Domain, Maung	YB 1-4	Fri	17 Feb - 24 Mar 4pm
Te Puna Park, Pohutukawa Coast	YB 1-4	Mon	13 Feb - 20 Mar 4pm

REGISTER VIA [NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY](http://NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY) - TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION

Register today! Head to the Northern Districts Cricket website [www.ndcricket.co.nz/play](http://www.ndcricket.co.nz/play) and choose your area. Use this code at check-out to get the girls-only programme for free: 11BE7A6B

### 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

### Pukekohe Junior Rugby Registrations/Weigh-in

Pukekohe Rugby Club are taking registrations for ALL players for Junior Rugby for 2023 season! Teams available for boys & girls 5-13 years old, as well as a standalone Girls Only Ripa Competition run on Wednesday evenings.

Registration/Weigh-in dates:

- ✦ Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 3.00-5.00pm
- ✦ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 6.00-7.30pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6.00-7.30pm

Venue: Pukekohe Rugby Club clubrooms – Colin Lawrie Fields, Reynolds Rd, Pukekohe  
Registration fees are \$75.00 per player. Shorts & socks additional.

Preferable to complete the online registration first. Registrations are not considered completed until ALL players are weighed in and all registration fees are paid. Visit our website for further details – [www.pukekoherugby.co.nz](http://www.pukekoherugby.co.nz)



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## CODING LESSONS

Coding NZ Lessons

- Learn coding languages to create technology.
- An expert tutor is online to help during lessons.
- 1 hour per week at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm weekdays.
- Try a free trial lesson at [codingnz.com](http://codingnz.com)

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## Science & Technology Workshops

ONLINE & IN-PERSON, NZ WIDE

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### 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)