



# Buckland School Newsletter



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Monday 6 March 2023

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.
- ◆ **Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week**—Our littlies are having their EOTC week this week and this will include two trips, lots of exciting activities in school and a whanau dinner. We wish them all a wonderful week.
- ◆ **PTA News**—Thanks to the PTA for the gift of an ice block for all the children today. A nice gesture that was appreciated.
- ◆ **N4L Wireless Upgrade**—The school will be having a wireless upgrade starting tomorrow therefore our wireless will be down.

## Thank You to:

- ◆ All parents who attended the Literacy Hui last Thursday. It was great to see so many people come along to find out more about Literacy programmes and how you can help and support your children at home. Thanks also to staff for putting this on for parents.
- ◆ The Board for putting on the BBQ & swim evening last Friday and to all who came and made it an enjoyable night.
- ◆ Parents and family members who attended the team assemblies last week.
- ◆ Maddie Hantom for helping to train our North Group Swimming team.
- ◆ The following businesses who are sponsoring our Skool Loop App. Please support these businesses

- Tilyard Plumbing
- Pukekohe Carriers
- Craig Nicholson Earthmoving & General Cartage Contractor
- Horne Upholstery
- Groovit
- Mike Murphy—Bayleys
- Trident Homes Franklin
- Kitchen Inspirations
- Chiropractic Edge
- John's Farmlet Services
- Mitre 10 Mega Pukekohe
- DTS Electrical
- Kiddie Academy Early Learning Centre Pukekohe
- Counties Fitness & Health Club

## Year 7 & 8 News

We held our first School Council meeting last week. It was great to meet the children who had been selected to represent their classes. Lots of ideas and reminders were discussed. We also discussed and decided to hold this term's **Casual Dress Day next Friday 17 March** in support of those who are in need after the devastation that Cyclone Gabriel caused. Donations will be sent to Kids Can to help families. We hope we will raise lots of money.

## Congratulations to:

- Karaya who was placed 2nd in a short story competition for children of Pacific backgrounds. Karaya's story will be put into an animated video which will be released this year.
- All children who received awards at their team assemblies last week.
- Our swimmers who were selected to represent us at the North Group events this week—Luca, Kiani, Dana, April, Oliver, Owen, Isla, Sienna, Shylah, Malan, Layla, Holly, Roxy, Tom, Brody, Kayden, Karaya, Ayla, Toby, Devon, Zara, Skyla-Rose, Archer, Cruze, Eden, Anders, Charlie. Good Luck to you all.
- The following children who were selected from their classes to represent them at School Council: Talia, August, Anja, Eli, Anabelle, Brendon, Layla, Bridie, Jacob, Holly, Charlie, Emily, Fletcher, William. Our Prefects—Kiani, Flynn and Connor run the school council.



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## Events for This Week

- Mon 6—Fri 10 March—Yr 1—2 EOTC week. Wed—Zoo Trip, Thurs—Whanau dinner, Fri—Wave Pool trip. Other days in-school activities. See notes that have come home from your teachers.
- Tues 7 & Fri 10 March—Breakfast Club ALL WELCOME
- Tues 7 Mar—Yr 7 & 8 North Group swimming—selected chn.
- Wed 8 Mar—Yr 7 & 8 Technology bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
- Thurs 9 March—Jump Jam
- Thurs 9 Mar—Yr 6 & below North Group swimming—selected chn
- Fri 10 Mar—School Assembly 2.30p.m. All Welcome

## Events for Next Week

- Tues & Friday—Breakfast Club
- Tues 14 March—Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Zone Swimming
- Wed 15 March—Bible in Schools & Values groups starting
- Thurs 16 March—Jump Jam
- Fri 17 March—School Council Casual Dress day for Cyclone Relief.

## PTA Easter Raffle



The PTA are planning the annual Easter Raffle for Buckland School. If you or your business would like to donate an Easter egg towards the raffle that would be amazing! These can be dropped off into the office anytime between now and the last week of term.

Tickets will be on sale 8:30-8:50am and 3-3:30pm Friday 31 March-Thursday 6 April. Winners will be drawn Thursday 6 April at assembly. \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5



## Attendance

The Education Review Office has just released a report on attendance with some concerning statistics. Aotearoa New Zealand attendance rates are falling and are worse than in other comparable countries. In 2022 primary school regular attendance (more than 90% and less than a week off school a term) fell to 42 percent. This is concerning, because the evidence is clear that regular attendance is really important for learning, wellbeing, and life outcomes. A day here and there adds up to a lot! Learners who miss **a week** of school each term will have missed out on **a year** of schooling by the time they are 16.

For Buckland School last year we had only 60% of our children with regular attendance (more than 90%) a further 26% attended more than 80% and up to 90%) while 8% were moderately absent (attending more than 70% up to 80% with 6% of our students chronically absent (attending 70% or less.)

Attendance matters at Primary School—Establishing regular attendance routines early in children’s schooling is important. How often learners go to school in early primary school predicts how much they will attend in secondary school. Primary school lays the foundations for future learning as learners develop the skills that are important for being successful in secondary school.



## Community Notices

### GUITAR LESSONS

Renton Brown, Guitar Tutor, will be in Buckland School on Wednesday mornings for guitar tuition starting this week. Information brochures/permission slips are available at the office.



### PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

Did you know that learning the piano/keyboard improves memory skills instils better work ethics, improves time management hand-eye co ordination, 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)

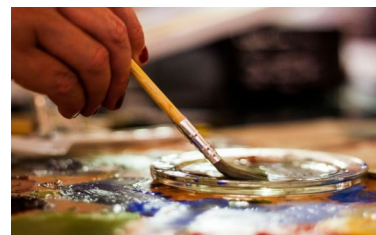


### Are you in Year 6 or 7 and want to play netball?

Buckland Netball Club are looking for some extra players so that we can have two Year 6 netball teams this year. This would suit either a Year 6 or a Year 7 who is relatively new to netball. Games are on Saturdays and trainings are on Thursday at 4.30pm at the Pukekohe Netball Centre. To find out more please email: [bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com](mailto:bucklandnetballclubnz@gmail.com).



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### Kids Abstract Painting Workshop

**SATURDAY 18 MARCH**  
 2 sessions. 10.00 – 10.40am & 10.50 – 11.30am  
 Franklin Arts Centre  
 For kids ages 6+, with adult supervision

Come join us create abstract paintings with hidden drawings inside.

Book via Eventbrite or walk-in if spaces still available.



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 Franklin Arts Centre

**Pukekohe Stingers Basketball** is your local basketball club as part of Franklin Basketball. Training is Tuesdays at the Rec Centre in Pukekohe, and games are Friday nights. We already have some great Hill players with us now.

Stingers are currently looking for players for our 9 & Under team. 8-9-year-olds- (9-year-olds cannot turn ten this year). Beginners welcome. All other teams are full for this term, but you can register your interest in playing later next term on our club page.

If anyone is interested in playing the great game of basketball, please email [pukekohestingers@gmail.com](mailto:pukekohestingers@gmail.com) for further information.

## WPHC JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN ONLINE

Players of all ages 4-14

Never played before and want to see if you like it? Come and have a go on Sunday 12 March, 2-4pm at Strathallan turf.

Trainings will be at Strathallan Turf on Thursdays.

U7s Thursday nights only.

Games for u9-u13 are played in Pukekohe.

U13s Friday nights  
 u9-u11 Saturday mornings.

[Juniors@wphc.co.nz](mailto:Juniors@wphc.co.nz)

## A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!

DOWNLOAD OUR SKOOL LOOP APP TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023.