



# 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.

Week 9 Term 4 2024

[www.buckland.school.nz](http://www.buckland.school.nz)

Monday 9 December 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **School Values**—Respect—Kia u, Responsibility—Kia mau, Resilience—Kia manawanui.
- ◆ **Book Week**—We had a great Book Week last week. Children enjoyed the activities. Many thanks to parents who took the opportunity to buy books from the Book Fair and to Mrs Goldsack for running this. Thanks also to other staff who assisted.
- ◆ **Year 8 Graduation Dinner**—Many thanks to parents and staff who attended the Graduation dinner. We hope that you enjoyed the celebration for our Year 8 students.



- ◆ **Swimming**—The children are enjoying the opportunity to swim at lunchtime and again in classes each day. The pool installer has visited today to look into the problem we are having with some juniors' feet on the pool surface. The pool floor will be polished by divers over the holidays. In the meantime children may wear aqua socks or an old pair of socks when swimming. Please pack your children's togs, towel, rash shirt and a sweatshirt for after the swim. Any families who would like to use the pool **this Tuesday after school until 5 p.m.** are welcome to. Please phone in **before the end of the day** so we can keep the covers off for you. Children **MUST** be supervised by their parents.



- ◆ **Christmas Service at Buckland Anglican Church—15 December** (see Ad over) If your child is interested in being involved in the service please contact me and I will give them details—Mrs G
- ◆ **Library & Class Readers**—You can help ease the load! Please search children's rooms for library and school readers and return them to school as soon as possible. The library stocktake is this Wednesday with the book room stocktake taking place on Friday.
- ◆ **Children's Individual Reports**—These will be coming home this Friday. Please look in your child's bag for them. Please look at the attendance—**92% or above attendance is considered regular**. Thank you to teachers for the countless hours spent on preparing children's reports. We hope you find them valuable and they help your child set some goals for 2025.

- ◆ **School Council Casual Dress Day—Christmas Fundraiser for Kids First Hospital**—This Friday 13 December. Dress casual or add a touch of Christmas. Please bring along either a small gift for children who are in hospital over Christmas or a gold coin donation. The prefects will purchase presents with the money and Mrs Glasgow will take prefects to Kids First to present them to nurses for the patients. No soft toys please and don't bother wrapping these as nurses work out who the gift will suit.



- ◆ **Stationery & Uniform Sales 2025**—We will be selling stationery and uniform on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January from 9am to 12 noon. Stationery can be prepaid and will be ready for collection from the office on these days. The stationery lists and uniform order sheet will be on the website under Back to School 2025 shortly.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ Cruze D who won Reserve Champion Show Hunter at the Auckland Show Hunter Group Summer Show last weekend

## Thank you to:

- ◆ Our school councillors for their work in representing their classes over the year.



## Events for This Week

- Mon 9 Dec— Yr 0—2 Gymnastics sessions (final session)
- Tues 10 Dec—Transition visit for 2025 New Entrants
- Tues 10 Dec—Cool Schools meeting with facilitator
- Wed 11 Dec—Library Stocktake
- Wed 11 Dec—Board Meeting—6 p.m.
- Fri 13 Dec— School Council Casual Dress day for Kids First Hospital
- Fri 13 Dec— School Talent Quest final—2 p.m. followed by school Assembly

## Events for Next Week

- Mon 16 Dec—Transition to new 2025 classes
- Mon 16 Dec—Junior Prizegiving Yrs 0—2—1 p.m.  
- Senior Prizegiving Yrs 3—8—5.30 p.m.
- Tues 17 Dec—Final Day. School finishes at 1.30p.m.

# Community Notices

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

**IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE WITH OUR FAMILIES,  
FRIENDS AND OUR COMMUNITY**

**SING THE GOOD OLD FAVOURITE CAROLS**

**SHARE THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS**

**WHERE: St Paul's Church, Buckland**

**581 BUCKLAND RD**

**WHEN: 11.30am, Sunday 15 December**



**AND WE EVEN GET  
TO TAKE HOME A CHRISTMAS DECORATION**

### ***The Star of Christmas:***

**WIN \$1000 to spend at JB Hi-Fi**

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's *The Star of Christmas* singing competition on *The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show*! The grand prize? **\$1000** in JB Hi-Fi gift cards! If you can sing, and are under 13, email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) before the 18 December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 8am to see if you've won!

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me via email ([malorie@loveit.nz](mailto:malorie@loveit.nz)) or call on 027 464 8159.



**SUMMER 2024/2025  
HOLIDAY CODING ACTIVITIES**

**A BRIGHT FUTURE**  
Our activities encourage students to create with technology, instead of just consuming it. Your child or teenager will learn skills to prepare them for success in our increasingly digital world. Together we'll create technology products (even make games!) while learning problem solving, math & concentration skills.

**SIGN UP FOR FREE**  
Give your child the opportunity to advance their coding skills. Sign ups open now at [codingnz.com/freeactivity](https://codingnz.com/freeactivity)

**AGES**  
9 to 10, 11 & 12,  
13 to 15, 16+

**WHAT**  
Beginner to advanced tutored technology activities.

**WHEN & WHERE**  
Online at home for 1 hour. Times available at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm between Jan 6th & Feb 9th 2025.

**CODINGNZ**  
codingnz.com

### **Dive into excellence with Fulton Swim School!**

Equip your child with the skills to become a confident and safe swimmer this Summer. Our expert Teachers nurture a love for swimming while focusing on essential techniques in a supportive environment. Join us and watch your child make waves towards a safer and brighter summer ahead!

Book now at [Patumahoe pool](#) or [Puni pool](#)



### **NZ Modern School of Music**

#### **In-school Guitar Lessons - Sign up for 2025**

NZMSM Guitar Teacher Leon Baker

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For details about our Music School go to

[nzmsmcounties.co.nz](https://nzmsmcounties.co.nz)

Weekly professional guitar tuition (acoustic or electric).

Recommended age - 8 years upwards

Engaging, creative and fun!