



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

Week 10 Term 4 2024

Monday 16 December 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members



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- ◆ *As the year comes to a close I would like to thank all parents and community members for the wonderful support Buckland School has received over the year. Staff and pupils have appreciated your involvement and support with the education of our children. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and a Happy New Year.*
- ◆ *To all our teaching and support staff, thank you for your efforts and commitment over another busy and rewarding year. To our Year 8 pupils: We thank you all for your contributions to the school and wish you all the very best in the future. May the lessons that you have learned at Buckland School help you as you start out on your new journey. We hope you leave with fond memories of the school and return often.*
- ◆ *With the leaving of the Year 8's we lose the following families who have been involved with the school for many years and have had their children at Buckland School until Year 8: Phillips, Tupaea, McNabb, Nel. To other children and their families who are also leaving us, thank you for the many contributions you have made over your time of association with the school. It has been a privilege to work with your children and the school has been enhanced by your involvement. All the best for your new schools and futures.*

- ◆ **Books**—If you still have any Library Books/Reading books—please drop these off at school. At this stage stocktakes have indicated a huge loss of books.
- ◆ **Bring Your Own Devices**—Year 3—8 are welcome to have their own chromebook at school again next year. If one of these are on your Christmas list for your children they will be set up on the school system next year.
- ◆ **Prizegivings—Today: 16 December. Year 0—2: 1 p.m. in Titipounamu. Yr 3—4 in school hall & 5—8: in Titipounamu both at 5.30p.m.** The weather did it to us again after a beautiful afternoon yesterday. We have done the best we can and to those who have been understanding our thanks.
- ◆ **Reports**—These came home last Thursday. I hope children gave them to you. For your information **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.
- ◆ **Classes for next year**—We have held transition meetings today for children so they will know which class they are in next year. Staff have spent considerable time in formulating these classes and have considered academic, social and friendship placings as well as a spread of numbers in each class. Changes will not be possible.
- ◆ **Board newsletter is attached**
- ◆ **Reading over the holidays**—Please encourage children to continue reading so gains will be sustained. Mathematics accounts will also still be available.

Thank you to:

- ◆ Firefighters from the Pukekohe Fire Station for visiting and working with our year 0-2 children.
- ◆ The Pukekohe Gymnastic Club instructors for the wonderful lessons they have provided for the Yr 0—2 children and to the Board who funded these.
- ◆ Our School Council for organising the Casual Dress day for Kids First and to all who donated gifts or money. Prefects will be presenting these later this week at the hospital.
- ◆ Kylie Thompson and Dewi Ramos for running the uniform shop over the year.
- ◆ The Board for your work over the year.
- ◆ The PTA for fundraising donations and for the ice blocks students enjoyed last week.
- ◆ All children for their efforts and achievements over the year.
- ◆ Staff, children, Nathan, Marcus, Troy, Darryl and Rick who assisted with a further shift on Friday. The final two classes; Weka and Kakapo will hopefully be ready by the beginning of next year.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break

*Mavis Glasgow
Principal*



Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who received awards at last week's assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Kade, Harvey C, Jackson, Madison, **Titipounamu:** Oliver H, Marco, Oliver M, Mase, Primrose, Micaela, Bonnie, **Ruru:** Kenzie, Jasper, Ollie, Jedaiah, **Tui:** Milly, Sam, Summer, Amelia, **Takahe:** Owen, Ella, Max, Talia, **Kakapo:** Freddy, Max, Baylee, Reece, **Karearea:** Roxy, Layla, Ellie, Brody, **Weka:** Ryan, Ella, Holly W, Holly S, **Kea:** Charley, Delphi, Dana, Armani, **Reading Recovery Award:** Jayden in Titipounamu **Principal's Award:** Sienna in Kakapo **Lion Award:** J.J. in Weka **School Values Awards:** Freddy in Kakapo, Cheryl & Parker in Tui
- ◆ The following students who received Athletics certificates at last week's assembly: **Kea:** Anders, **Weka:** Holly W, **Karearea:** Ronan, **Kakapo:** Austin, **Takahe:** Alby, **Tui:** Eli, **Ruru:** Max, **Titipounamu:** Mase & Elizabeth, **Piwakawaka:** Madison **Top Mathlete:** Paige in Ruru **Top Athletics Class:** Karearea
- ◆ The following students who showcased their talent before last week's assembly: Charley, Delilah, Aubree, Aria & Talia, Danika & Lucia, Hayley, Frankie & Gene, Marlee and Archer.
- ◆ **Care for School Over the Holidays**—If you notice any problems at the school please phone either the police, &/or Board Members. If your children are playing in the school grounds please ensure they are supervised. Our school is a SelectaDNA school and all electrical equipment has been marked. Police and security will also be making regular checks. If there are any vegetables in the garden that you can use please help yourself.



Events for This Week

- ◆ Mon 16 Dec—1.00 p.m. Prizegiving for Yr 0—2 children.
- ◆ Mon 16 Dec —5.30 p.m. Prizegiving for Yr 3—8 children.
- ◆ Tues 17 Dec —Final Day. Assembly at 1.15 p.m. **School finishes at 1.30 p.m.**

Prior Notices for 2025

- ◆ School begins again on **Monday 3 February 2025 at 8.55a.m.** and we hope to welcome all children back.
- ◆ Teachers will be involved in Teacher Only days and professional development prior to the start of school.
- ◆ **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 are now on the website under Back to School 2025.

PTA Iceblock Day



Community Notices



Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back.

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

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Trains can appear any time, from either direction.

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