



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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Monday 5 February 2024

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou. **Thank you** for assisting children to settle back into school routines with ease. They appear to be enjoying getting to know their teachers and classmates. If you have any problems with your child not wanting to come to school please contact their teacher or myself straight away and we will work through any issues they are having. We want high attendance from **all** children this year and will be using the Ministry Attendance Service for any children who are missing school regularly.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values.
- ◆ **Dates for 2024 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods where ever possible as we want children's attendance to be high so that educational progress will be steady.
 Term 1: Thursday 1 Feb—Friday 12 April. Waitangi Day—next Tuesday 6 Feb. Anzac day falls in the holidays but Easter doesn't this year—Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday—1st April, Easter Tuesday—2nd April.
 Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July. King's Birthday—3 June, TOD—4 June, Matariki—28 June
 Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September (Sat 28 Sept—Ag Day
 Term 4: Monday 14 October – Tues 17 Dec Labour Day—28 Oct.
 There will also be a further teacher only day through the year (as designated by the MOE for teacher professional development on the refreshed curriculum,) this date is yet to be 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: admin@buckland.school.nz if these are easier for you. **Do not send** absence notices to teachers through ClassDojo or emails as they will not be picked up.
- ◆ **Dates for school events for the Term**—I have placed these in this newsletter and on the website and Skool Loop App calendar. You will be notified if there are any changes after the Franklin Sports Meeting on the 15th.
- ◆ **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. No Chrome books are to be used prior to school starting. 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 marked as such. I was in a class this morning where four students were late. They missed the roll and instructions for the morning maths lesson and disrupted the teaching of the first group lesson! To help with traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish **at 2.55pm for Year 0—4 students and 3 p.m. for everyone else. Piwakawaka and Titipounamu** students will line up at the gate for pickup while other students will sit in front of Piwakawaka and Kea rooms until parents arrive. Two teachers will be on duty.
- ◆ Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. 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 11.35 a.m. Two teachers plus

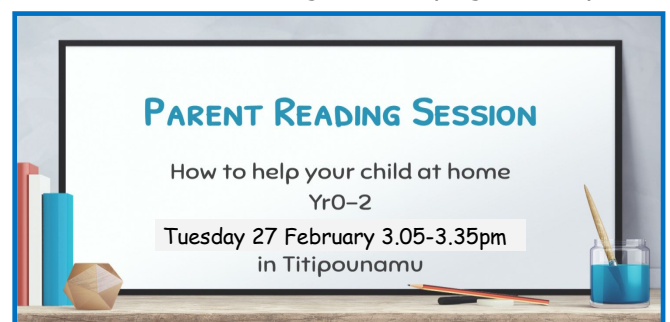
- teacher aides are on duty at interval while three teachers plus 5 teacher aides are on duty at lunchtime.
- ◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Daily class swimming lessons have begun. **All** children are expected to swim each day as part of the curriculum. Please ensure children have their togs daily. The wearing of rash shirts is compulsory while in the pool. Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs. If you have any old 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 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 is up and running with senior students running this. It is available on Tuesday and Friday mornings in the hall at 8.30a.m. 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. Paper copies are available on request. If we don't have your email address and you want the newsletter emailed please provide it.

Parent Meetings

We invite you to come along and meet with your child's teacher this Thursday 8 Feb, 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 expectations of children and answer any of your questions.

Houses

We have four whanau house groups named after native trees: Totara, Kauri, Kowhai and Rimu. All children are placed in one of these Houses and earn points each fortnight through class, and sports events. These go towards the House Trophy at school assembly. The winning House over the year is announced at the prizegiving. Our Year 8 students lead the Houses and ran the first House meeting last week to introduce themselves and began developing House spirit.



◆ **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. Ms Tannion or Mrs Goldsack 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 **voluntary** and all children will have access to school devices.

◆ **EzLunch School Scheme**— This will begin again on the 7 March.

◆ **Fire Drill**—We held a fire drill last Friday and children left rooms in an orderly fashion and assembled in the correct place.

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Tues 6 Feb—Waitangi Day—School Closed
- ⇒ Wed 7 & Thurs 8 Feb—St John First Aid lessons for all classes.
- ⇒ Wed 7 Feb—First Yr 7 & 8—Technology lesson at Pukekohe Intermediate (Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.)
- ⇒ Thurs 8 Feb—Parent Meetings (see info on page 1)
- ⇒ Fri 9 Feb—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Fri 9 Feb—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Mon 12 Feb—Junior Parent Literacy afternoon—3.10p.m.
- ⇒ Wed 14 Feb—Board meeting 6 p.m. in Board room
- ⇒ Fri 16 Feb—from 5 p.m. Board/PTA BBQ & Swim evening for families. Further details next week.

Prior Notice - EOTC / Camps

- ◇ Yr 1—2 EOTC—18—22 March
- ◇ Yr 3 & 4—20—21 June Lakewood Lodge
- ◇ Yr 5—20—22 Nov Camp Adair Hunua
- ◇ Yr 6—8—2—6 Sept Kawau Island

Staff List for 2024

- * Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal
- * DP—Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- * 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 1/2 —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 Sally Miles
- * Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Ms Simone Tannion
- * Room Kea Year 7/8—Mrs Lisa Goldsack
- * Reading Recovery/Specialist Grps -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
- * Miss Baillie Adams—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library
- * Mr William Lindgreen - Caretaker
- * Crest Clean—Cleaners

Dates For Term 1 2024

- Wed 7 Feb—First Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate (Fortnightly)
- Wed 7 & Thurs 8 Feb—St John First Aid lessons
- Thurs 8 Feb—Parent Meetings
- Frid 9 Feb—First School Assembly (fortnightly)
- Mon 12 Feb—Junior Literacy Meeting for parents
- Wed 14 Feb at 6 p.m.—Board meeting
- Thurs 15 Feb—Jump Jam starting
- Fri 16 Feb—Board/PTA Whanau BBQ & Swim evening
- Fri 16 Feb—First Yr 1 & 2 Team assembly. Fortnightly
- Mon 19 Feb—Senior Swimming—Yr 4—8 /Yr 3 & 4
- Tues 20 Feb—First School Council meeting
- Tues 20 Feb—Pukekohe East to use our pool.
- Fri 23 Feb—School Assembly
- Tues 27 Feb—PTA AGM & Monthly Meeting
- Wed 28 Feb—North Group Swimming Yr 6 & Below
- No date set yet for —North Group Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Fri 1 March—First Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly (fortnightly) & Yr 1—2 Team Assembly
- Thurs 7 March—Yr 1-2 Swimming Demonstration
- Fri 8 March—School Assembly
- Mon 11 March—Smash Cricket Lessons Seniors
- Thurs 14 March—Smash Cricket Lessons Juniors
- Thurs 14 March—Franklin Zone Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Fri 15 March—Franklin Zone Swimming Yr 4—6
- Sat 16 march—Franklin Multicultural Festival
- Mon 18—Fri 22—Yr 1 & 2 EOTC Week
- Tues 19 March—School Council meeting
- Wed 20 March—Auckland Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Fri 22 March—School Assembly
- Wed 27—Rippa Rugby—Yr 5 & 6
- Thurs 28 March Ultra Rippa rugby—Y7 & 8
- Fri 29 March—2nd April—Easter Break
- Fri 5 April—Cricket Festival
- Wed 10 April—Board meeting
- Thurs 11 April—Orienteering practice
- Fri 12 April—Final day of Term 1

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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



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Community Notices



Registration dates

Tuesday 20th Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 21st Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm
Monday 26th Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 28th Feb | 5.30pm-7.00pm

Contact Sam for more info
gdm@pukekoherugby.co.nz

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Pukekohe Rugby Club, 47 Reynolds Road, Pukekohe



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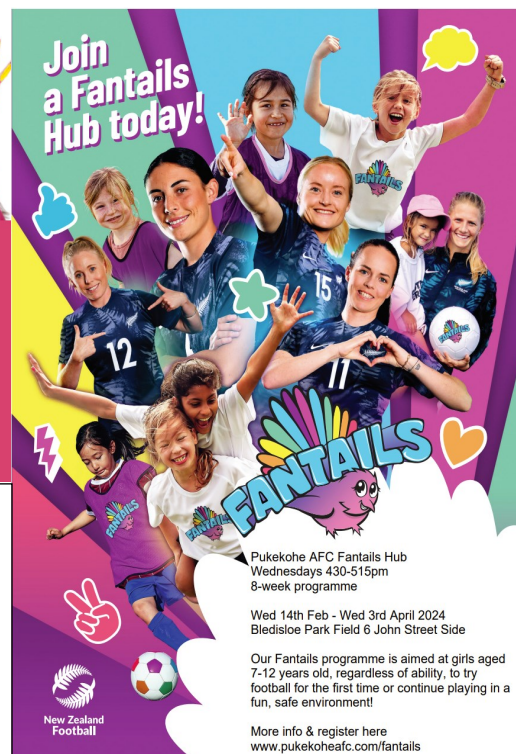
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Wed 14th Feb - Wed 3rd April 2024
Bledisloe Park Field 6 John Street Side

Our Fantails programme is aimed at girls aged
7-12 years old, regardless of ability, to try
football for the first time or continue playing in a
fun, safe environment!

More info & register here
www.pukekoheafc.com/fantails