



# 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 11 March 2024 Week 7 Term 1

Dear Parents and Community Members

## Events for This Week

### ◆ Tena Koutou.

### ◆ Junior (Year 1 & 2) Swimming Demonstration—

Thank you to parents and whanau who came along to support children with their swimming last Thursday.

- ◆ **Swim For Life Lessons**—We have been fortunate to get free lessons for all our children. These are going really well and it is lovely to see the growing confidence of children when their Fulton Swim School instructors are in the pool with them. If you would like to come and watch a lesson you are welcome. Timetable for this week: 9.00—Kea, (Mon/Tues) Kakapo (Wed), 9.30—Weka (Mon/Tues/Wed), 10.00—Karearea (Mon/Tues/Wed), 10.30—Kakapo (Mon/Tues) Kea (Wed), 11.00—Tui (Mon/Tues/Wed), 11.30—Takahe (Mon/Tues/Wed), 12.00—Ruru (Mon/Tues/Wed), 12.30—Titipounamu (Mon/Tues/Wed), 1.00—Piwakawaka (Mon/Tues/Wed.) Next week there will be changes due to EOTC week.

- ◆ **Launchpad / Values Groups**—These are beginning this Wednesday. Children have been placed in the group as indicated by parents on enrolment or when requested in 2022/23. There will be no changes to these groups once the programmes begin.

- ◆ **Dogs in our Playground**—We are happy for our school to be used and enjoyed by our community, however recently we have been left with cleaning up dog poo on the field and in our playgrounds, as well as off children's feet! If you are a dog owner who visits the school **please** be responsible and respectful of our facilities and carry a bag to collect any droppings.

- ◆ **Before and After School Requirements:** We are happy to assist parents with work commitments in the mornings from 8—8.30a.m. but please be mindful that this is a busy time for staff as well and therefore children who arrive early must behave themselves, sit in front of Kea & Piwakawaka and talk quietly. At this time computers and the playground are not to be used. Parents of children who can't abide by the rules will be contacted to drop children off after 8.30a.m. After school, children must also wait on the seats out front until parents arrive, preschoolers may use the playground but not school students. If you arrive and want children on the playground you are welcome to supervise them on the senior playground.

- ◆ **Teachers' Paid Union Meeting**—The NZEI union is holding paid meetings for their members on March 25th. The school will be open on that day but with fewer staff than usual for the afternoon session. To help reduce the number of children needing supervision, we encourage parents to pick up their children at 1.00 pm if possible. Thank you for your understanding.

## Thank you to:

- ◆ All who joined us for our School Assembly last week.
- ◆ All junior parents who have offered to assist during next week's Junior EOTC week.

## Good Luck to:

- ◆ Students who will take part in Franklin Swimming Events this week.
- ◆ Our Kapa Haka group who will perform at this Saturday's Multicultural Festival.

- ◆ Mon 11 March—Swim for Life lessons
- ◆ Mon 11 March—Smash Cricket lessons
- ◆ Tues 12 March—Swim for Life lessons
- ◆ Tues 12 March—Breakfast Club
- ◆ Wed 13 March—Swim for Life lessons
- ◆ Wed 13 March—Launchpad/Values lessons starting.
- ◆ Wed 13 March—Board Meeting—6 p.m.
- ◆ Thurs 14 March—Jump Jam
- ◆ Thurs 14 March—Sushi Lunches
- ◆ Thurs 14 March—Franklin Zone Yr 7 & 8 Swimming
- ◆ Thurs 14 March—Smash Cricket lessons—juniors
- ◆ Fri 15 March—Breakfast Club
- ◆ Fri 15 March—Franklin Zone Yr 6 & below swimming
- ◆ Fri 15 March—Year 1 & 2 Team Assembly—2.30p.m. in Titipounamu & Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly in hall.
- ◆ Sat 16 March—Franklin Multicultural Festival. Our students go on at 4.30p.m. at Pukekohe Indian Hall.

## Events for Next Week

- ◆ Mon—Fri—Junior EOTC Week
- ◆ Mon 18 March—Swim for Life lessons
- ◆ Mon 18/Tues 19 March—Puberty talks (as per note sent)
- ◆ Tues 19 March—Breakfast Club
- ◆ Tues 19 March—Swim for Life lessons
- ◆ Tues 19 March—Junior trip to Howick Village
- ◆ Tues 19 March—School Council meeting
- ◆ Wed 20 March—Year 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Int.
- ◆ Wed 20 March—Auckland Yr 7 & 8 Swimming
- ◆ Wed 20 March—Swim for Life final lessons
- ◆ Wed 20 March—I on Nature trip (selected chn)
- ◆ Thurs 21 March—Sushi Lunches
- ◆ Thurs 21 March—Jump Jam
- ◆ Thurs 21 March—Road Patroller refresh with police officer
- ◆ Thurs 21 March—Junior Whanau Dinner
- ◆ Fri 22 March—Breakfast Club
- ◆ Fri 22 March—Junior trip to Wave Pools
- ◆ Fri 22 March—Yr 3—8 Wheels Day
- ◆ Fri 22 March—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ All students who received awards at last week's school assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Mac, Dayna, Primrose, Ethan, **Titipounamu:** Oliver, Ronan, Frank, Charlie, Bodhi, **Ruru:** Zara, Olivia, Max, Heath, **Tui:** Cheryl, Amber, August, Sophie, **Takahe:** Aliyah-Anne, Hunter, Liam, Niamh, **Kakapo:** Ayaan, Sienna, Stella, Ollie, **Karearea:** Isla, Zoe, Indie, Alex, **Weka:** Colton, Otis, Ayla, Jak, **Kea:** Armand, Fletcher, Jae Suzzane, Cadence  
**Principal's Award:** Rayyan in Kea & Ellie in Karearea  
**Lion Award:** Ronan in Titipounamu  
**School Values Awards:** Hayley in Titipounamu, Kayley & Alby in Takahe
- ◆ The following students who received Athletics Certificates at last week's assembly: **Kea:** George, **Weka:** Stephanie, **Karearea:** Robert, **Kakapo:** Austin, **Takahe:** Carter, **Tui:** Milly, **Ruru:** Liam, **Titipounamu:** Gene & Jayden  
**Top Mathletes:** Carter in Takahe & Austin in Kakapo  
**Top Athletics Class:** Kakapo

# Board News

- ◆ **Yummy Stickers**—This promotion is continuing so please collect these and send them along to school.
- ◆ **Calling all Parents**—The Enviro Club needs your help. We are in the process of revamping our bush area for use as a wonderful natural resource for the school. Students have completed an audit and currently we have large amounts of privet and woolly nightshade that need removing and disposing of. Some of the privet will require a chainsaw and painting with Weed Weapon to remove it forever. Can you help?? Please contact Whaea Sally in Weka.
- ◆ **Coding Sessions**—Began last Friday in our hall from 3-4pm. Interested persons should contact Phillip on 09 815 0825 Option 5 or email [info.stonefields@scratchpad.co.nz](mailto:info.stonefields@scratchpad.co.nz) or refer to the newsletter email on 26 February.

## PTA News

We still require a President. (This position could be a shared role if two people are willing to work together.) The role may look different this year, allowing more focus on school activities rather than preparation for our annual Ag Day. So if that sounds a bit like you, please contact Julie on 021 522 106.

Our Easter Raffle is coming up! 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. The raffle tickets will go on sale on 25 March before and after school outside Kea Room.

Annual Ag Day—Yes, we start planning as soon as we can for our next Ag Day coming up in September. It becomes much easier if parents are able to lend a hand where possible. We are looking for stall holders to manage some stalls; Raffles/Auctions, signs, pony poo and Vege Stall. Contact Julie on 021 522 106 to find out more details or offer help at running a stall that suits you.

We have several boxes of soft drinks available—24 cans for \$15.00 each (Coca-Cola, L & P, Sprite) see Mavis or Kerry.

Next PTA Meeting—26 March 6.30p.m.

## BUCKLAND SCHOOL School Board Elections

Nominations are open for the election of three (3) parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on Tuesday 26 March 2024. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view. Voting closes at **4pm** on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Signed Glenis Mills  
Returning Officer

## Community Notices



### Sushi Lunches this Thursday

Details on how to order are on the school website under School Lunches.

Ctrl Click [here](#) to view the menu.



## Franklin Schools' Career Expo

Over 65 tertiary providers and local businesses

- ✓ Explore further study
- ✓ Training options
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Work opportunities

A Community Event  
All Welcome  
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PIA Events Centre  
Ward Street, Pukekohe  
Thursday 21st March, 2024  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

## 2024 GUITAR LESSONS

BUCKLAND SCHOOL  
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Learn to play your favourite songs.  
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## Onewhero Pukekohe Hockey Club JUNIOR CLUB MUSTER

(SCHOOL YEARS 0-6)  
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2-3PM  
Rosa Birch Park, Beresford Street, Pukekohe

Registration is now open for the 2024 season!  
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