



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.

Monday 10 February 2025

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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.
- ◆ **Welcome to** Te-Atawhai, Te-Ariki, Terena, Paisley, Tyler and Ezekiel. We hope your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect (Kia U), Responsibility (Kia Mau), and Resilience (Kia Manawanui). We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values.
- ◆ **Dates for 2025 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: Mon 3 Feb—Friday 11 April. Waitangi Day—last Thursday 6 Feb. Easter and Anzac day fall in the holidays.
Term 2: Monday 28 April—Friday 27 June. King's Birthday—2 June, TOD—3 June, Matariki—20 June
Term 3: Monday 14 July—Friday 19 September (Sat 20 Sept—Ag Day proposed)
Term 4: Monday 6 October—Tues 16 Dec Labour Day—Mon 27 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.
- ◆ **Attendance:** The Government have put measures in place to lift attendance of students. These include daily reporting on individual student absences. All class rolls will be sent to the Ministry daily. It is imperative that absences are coded correctly and therefore parents & caregivers must notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. If we are not given the reason for the absence students will need to be marked as truant. Holidays in school time are not an approved absence and the Principal must be notified or again students will be marked as truant. 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. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Where-ever possible please ensure you child attends each day so that their progress is not interrupted—EVERY DAY COUNTS. Guidance for when a child should not attend due to sickness from the Ministry of Health and Education is available on our website, please refer to this.

Parent Meetings

- ◆ We invite you to come along and meet with your child's teacher this **Tuesday 11 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. Class newsletters started being sent home last week.

- ◆ **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 this week.
- ◆ **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. 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.**
- ◆ **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 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. Thank you to the families who have donated old rash shirts for children who forget theirs.
- ◆ **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 Tuesdays and Friday mornings in the hall 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.

- ◆ **EzLunch School Scheme**— This will begin again this Thursday 13 February. See advertisement below.
- ◆ **Fire Drill**—We held a fire drill earlier today and children left rooms in an orderly fashion and assembled in the correct place.
- ◆ **Whanau Teams**—We have four whanau teams named after native trees: Totara—Blue, Kauri—Red, Kowhai—Yellow and Rimu—Green. All children are placed in one of these teams and earn points each fortnight through class and sports events. These go towards the Whanau team trophy at school assembly. The winning team over the year is announced at the prizegiving. Our Year 8 leaders lead the teams and ran the first Whanau team meeting last week to introduce themselves and began developing team spirit. Photos of leaders are on our website.

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Mon 10 Feb—Firedrill
- ⇒ Tues 11 Feb—Parent Meetings (see info on previous page)
- ⇒ Tues & Fri—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Thurs 13 Feb—Selected students to attend Ngaati Tamaoho training day
- ⇒ Thurs 13 Feb—Pukekohe East to use our pool
- ⇒ Thurs 13 Feb—Jump Jam begins for Yr 1—4
- ⇒ Thurs 13 Feb—EzLunch Sushi restarts
- ⇒ Fri 14 Feb—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Tues & Fri—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Wed 19 Feb—Yr 7 & 8—Technology lesson at Pukekohe Intermediate (Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.)
- ⇒ Wed 19 Feb—Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- ⇒ Thurs 20 Feb—Middle/Senior swimming sports (information next week)
- ⇒ Fri 21 Feb—Junior Assembly at 2.20pm in Titipounamu
- ⇒ Fri 21 Feb—Middle Assembly at 2.30pm in our hall
- ⇒ Fri 21 Feb—Board/PTA BBQ/Swim afternoon/ evening for families. Further details next week.

Dates For Term 1 2025

- Wed 5 Feb—First Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate (Fortnightly)
- Thurs 11 Feb—Parent Meetings
- Thurs 13 Feb—Jump Jam starting (weekly)
- Thurs 13 Feb—Ngaati Tamaoho day (selected chn)
- Fri 14 Feb—First School Assembly (fortnightly)
- Wed 19 Feb at 6 p.m.—Board meeting
- Thurs 20 Feb—Senior Swimming—Yr 4—8 /Yr 3 & 4
- Fri 21 Feb—First Yr 1 & 2 Team assembly. Fortnightly
- Fri 21 Feb—Board/PTA Whanau BBQ & Swim evening
- Mon 24 Feb—Swim for Life Lessons
- Mon 24—Immunisation talks (Yr 7 & 8)
- Wed 26 Feb—First School Council meeting
- Fri 28 Feb—School Assembly
- Tues 4 Mar—North Group Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Wed 5 Mar —North Group Swimming Yr 6 & Below
- Mon 10—Fri 14 Mar— Yr 1 & 2 EOTC Week
- Tues 11 Mar—Franklin Zone Swimming Yr 7 & 8
- Fri 14 Mar—Franklin Zone Swimming Yr 4—6
- Mon 17 Mar—Eye on Nature trip (selected students)
- Wed 19 Mar—Board Meeting
- Tues 25 Mar—School Council meeting
- Wed 26 Mar—Franklin Ultra Rippa rugby Yr 7 & 8
- Thurs 27 Mar—Franklin Rippa Rugby—Yr 6 & below
- Fri 28 Mar—School Assembly
- Sat 29 Mar—Franklin Multicultural Festival
- Wed 2nd Apr—Auckland Swimming (Yr 7 & 8)
- Fri 4 Apr—Photolife visit
- Fri 11 Apr—School Assembly and final day of term

Community Notices

If you haven't already joined the Skool Loop App below are the instructions.



Sushi Lunches restarting Thursday 13 February

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

Term 1 Rewards Campaign

- Every parent who orders an Ezlunch goes into a weekly draw to win **\$100 Kindo Credit** for themselves **AND** \$100 for their school.
- Every order also enters the **Grand Prize Draw** for a **\$1,000 JB Hi-Fi Voucher + \$500 for their school!**
- 🙌 **Thank you to JB Hi-Fi for making our Grand Prize rewards possible!**

Sunshine is just around the corner!



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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- Entertainment
- Food
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