



Term 4 Newsletter

Kia Ora whānau and welcome back to Term 4! Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their holiday break and recovered after our very busy Term 3 preparing for Ag Day! What a great Ag Day it was! Thank you all for your support and participation on the day. This term we have more fun and exciting learning experiences planned and the much-anticipated Year 5 camp for some of our learners in Kakapo.

This term we are also excited about the classroom refurbishments that are now underway starting with Takahe, Kerearea and Keruru. Tui and Takahe have temporarily relocated to the school hall as a Y3/4 Hub and are excited about collaborating with the teaching and learning this term.

School Values

RESPECT *** RESPONSIBILITY *** RESILIENCE

As we head into the final term of the year, our school values are more important than ever. We notice children start to get tired as they approach the end of the year and this is when tricky behaviours can arise. We will continue to focus on and discuss our school values daily and we appreciate you promoting them with your children also. This term, particular focus will be placed on **role-modeling** these school values as we prepare our older children to join the Senior Team next year, and our younger children to take over as leaders of the Middle Team in 2025.

As the saying goes... *"With great power, comes great responsibility!"*

Term 4 Learning

It may be the last term for the year but we do not slow down with our learning! Kakapo is starting the term with some exciting learning about Solar Energy and then developing their knowledge of Mātauranga Māori (all things Māori) by learning about Māori Pa, particularly those in our local area..

Tui and Takahe are putting their efforts into creating a fantastic learning space in their new home, the hall. They will be learning about a few short topics of interest that link to the creation of some awesome art to decorate the walls of the hall. We will also be learning more about Waitangi Day and its significance in New Zealand's history.

Our P.E focus this term will be athletics skills as we prepare for our school Athletics Day in Week 4 and later in the term we hope to resume our daily swimming lessons - this is weather dependent and will be confirmed later in the term. A reminder that when swimming, all children must wear a rash vest to stay safe in the sun.

Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm on the grass area outside the school hall (weather permitting) on the following weeks:

Week 4 - Kakapo hosting

Week 6 - Tui hosting

Week 8 - Takahe hosting



Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies!

Homework

The following homework continues in Term 4:

- Daily reading
- Mathletics: 10 mins of Course Work and 5 mins of 'Live'
- Spelling - StepsWeb practise at home

We appreciate your continued support ensuring homework is completed each night!

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will start to see more sun so please be aware of the following sun-smart practises:

- Hats are compulsory when outside in Term 4
- Sunblock your child/ren before school. There is sunblock in each class for top-ups during the day.
- Bring a named drink bottle everyday to stay hydrated.
- Wear layers as the temperature changes throughout the day.
- Please stay home if you are unwell to stop the spread of sickness.

** Please also remember to name all clothing and belongings that come to school!

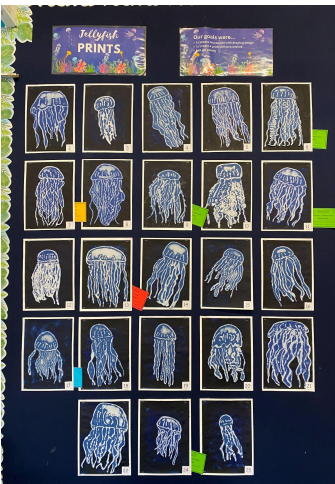
Athletics Day

The children have already started training hard to show off their athletic ability at our annual school Athletics Day. This will be held on Tuesday 5th November in Week 4. Families are invited to join us for the day. Watch out for more information to come in our school newsletters.

Agricultural Day 2024

On behalf of the Middle Team we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support of our Ag Day this year. We really appreciate all of the work you put in at home to contribute towards the children's indoor exhibitions and for all of your kind words of encouragement and support for us teachers. The children worked so hard to get all of their indoor exhibitions complete and we are very proud of them all. The classrooms looked amazing, the work was outstanding and the effort put in by the children over the past two terms is to be commended. Our school value of resilience was definitely tested at times but the children never gave up and the results were worth all of the hard work. Ka pai everyone!

Here are some highlights from our classrooms:



Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 children in Kakapo have been eagerly waiting for their camp and finally the time is here. They will be attending **Camp Adair** from Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd November (Week 6). Keep an eye out for forms that will be coming home shortly. If you have any questions regarding the Year 5 camp please see Mrs King in Kakapo or email sking@buckland.school.nz

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the tamariki!

Kind Regards,
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Kakapo, Takahe and Tui Teachers

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or **CLASS DOJO!**



What's Coming Up This Term?

- Day in Lieu/Labour Day/TOD - Oct: Fri 25th/Mon 28th/Tues 29th
- School Athletics Day - 5th Nov
- Y7/8 Shop Day - 15th Nov
- Y5 Camp Adair - 20th-22nd Nov
- Book Fair - 2nd-6th Dec
- Reports go home - 13th Dec
- End of Year Prizegiving - 16th Dec
- Last Day of School - 17th Dec

