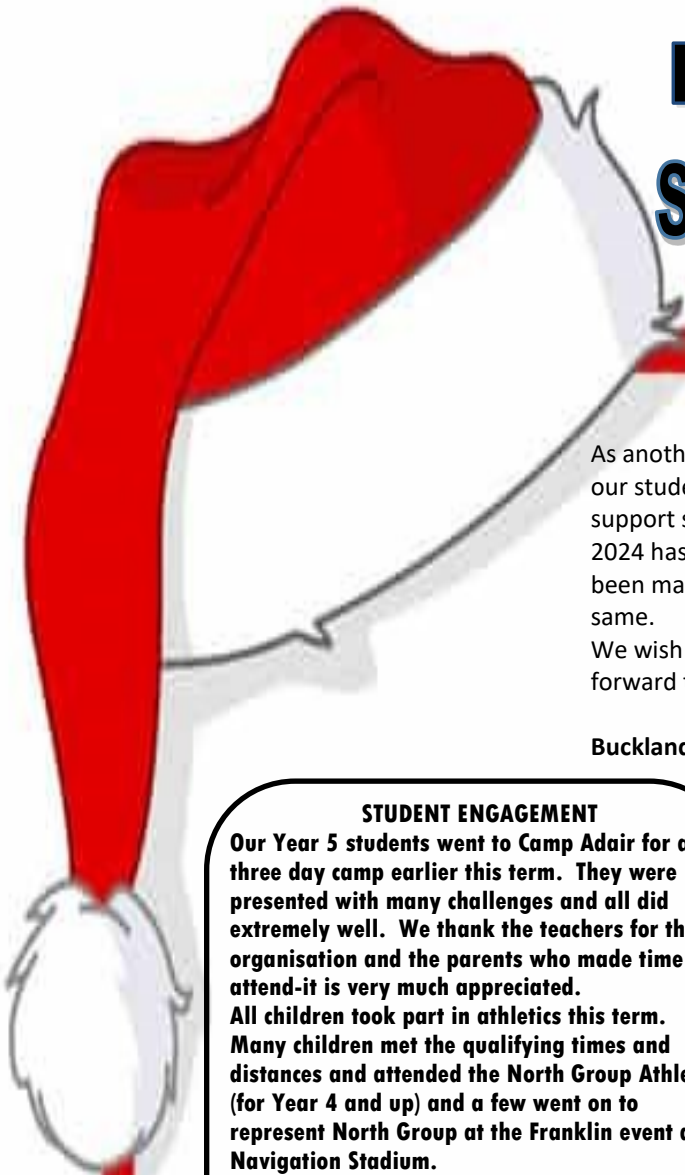


School Board Newsletter



Kia Ora Parents and Families

As another school year draws to a close the Board would like to congratulate all our students on another huge school year. We wish to thank the teaching and support staff for all their hard work during the year.

2024 has been a very busy year, as well as the usual class learning, there have been many sporting and cultural activities. 2025 promises to be more of the same.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.

Buckland School Board Members

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Our Year 5 students went to Camp Adair for a three day camp earlier this term. They were presented with many challenges and all did extremely well. We thank the teachers for their organisation and the parents who made time to attend-it is very much appreciated. All children took part in athletics this term. Many children met the qualifying times and distances and attended the North Group Athletics (for Year 4 and up) and a few went on to represent North Group at the Franklin event at Navigation Stadium. Our Year 0-2 students have enjoyed a six week gymnastics programme at Franklin Gym Sports this term. The teachers were very impressed with how the children met the new challenges they were presented with.



Community Survey

This term we conducted a community survey. The responses are presently being collated and we will report back to the school community early next year. Congratulations to Doug McMiken who won the draw for the \$50 grocery voucher.

SCHOOL POLICIES

A reminder that our school policies and procedures are hosted by SchoolDocs. These are available to our school community to view and we invite you to visit the site <https://buckland.schooldocs.co.nz>. Our username is "buckland" and password "george72".

AGRICULTURAL DAY

Once again we had another amazing Agricultural Day. Congratulations to the children on their classroom exhibits. The classrooms were stunning and a credit to the children and teachers. Congratulations also to the children who showed an animal and their commitment to raising their animal. Thank you to the PTA, stallholders and school community who did an awesome job organising the fundraising on the day. This day is only possible because of the countless hours put in by PTA members (and their families). We also thank the wider business community for their continued generosity. Work on our next Ag Day will start early next year. Please consider offering to help—many hands made light work.

Important Dates:

Junior Prizegiving 16 Dec at 1pm

Yr 3-8 Prizegivings 16 Dec at 5.30pm

Last day of Term 4 17 December (1.30pm finish)

Term 1 2025 begins Monday 3 Feb





PROPERTY UPDATE

The swimming pool upgrade was finished last term and the pool looks amazing. Thank you to Mr Lindgreen for his work in getting the pool ready for swimming. Class and lunchtime swims started in week 7.

Kereru, Takahe and Karearea renovations were completed mid November. Tui and Ruru were finished last week. Thank you to all the staff, parents and staff members' families who have helped with shifting furniture. It was certainly a challenge weather wise the day Ruru was moved!

Work on Kakapo and Weka begin this week. The refurbishment should be finished before Term 1 commences next year.

Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme

For the second year we chose to opt into the School Donation Scheme which has meant that we do not collect school donations and fees from our families. It has allowed us to cover the fees for Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Steps Web, Agility with Sound and Year 7 & 8 Technology. In addition we have covered the Year 8 Young Leaders Day, a visit from Life Education Trust, a visit from Read NZ, the Online Safety parent evening, Year 0-2 Gymnastics and heavily subsidised the Year 3 to 8 camps for children and parents.

At a recent board meeting it was decided to continue with the scheme in 2025.

CONTACTING YOUR BOARD

If you would like to contact the Board regarding any queries, you can email us at: Board@buckland.school.nz. It is important to remember that there are proper channels and procedures in place for concerns and complaints, and these can be found on the school website here: Home>BOT>Concerns and Complaints Policy & Procedures. If you need assistance and would like a board member to support you in following the correct processes, please do not hesitate to ask. Additionally, say hello and have a chat next time you see us at school!

BOARD MEETINGS

Your Board meets every month to discuss, review and plan governance related issues. Board meetings are open meetings and members of our school community are welcome to attend as an observer. If you would like to attend or learn more, please contact us via email (board@buckland.school.nz). Board meeting minutes are public documents and are available to view. Meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.

UP ON THE ROOFTOP... IT'S SAFETY SANTA!

