



BUCKLAND SCHOOL BOARD

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2021

KIA ORA PARENTS AND WHANAU!

Welcome to your Buckland School Board update for Term 4, 2021. The purpose of these newsletters is to communicate the work of the Board back to our school community. We want to share with you what we are doing, how and why we are doing it, and most importantly how our school is progressing.

WORD FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

As we come to the close of another school year, although we would like to acknowledge the difficulties and disappointments felt by many, we are immensely proud of the efforts and achievements of our students. Throughout this year you have shown commitment and resilience as you changed through the differing styles of learning. We would like to congratulate each and every one of you.

Our thanks also must go to Mavis and our staff, this year has not been easy as you juggled your family needs with home learning, but we would like to thank you for your efforts in maintaining the engagement and education of our students. To our support staff, thank you for your work throughout this year and especially your help towards our teaching staff over lockdown, I know this was very much appreciated.

And to all of our families we thank you for supporting the school through the year, for your understanding around decisions that had to be made and for your communication through our community survey.

Stay safe over the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Thanks,
Darryl Goldsack

COVID-19 DELTA OUTBREAK / HEALTH & SAFETY

The Board wishes to thank staff, teachers, students and families for their careful following of health and safety procedures over these last few weeks of the school year. It has been wonderful to welcome students back to school safely but it has only been possible thanks to everyone abiding by the correct guidelines. We know it has been challenging at times and really appreciate your efforts. We hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable Christmas!

POLICY UPDATE

We have been working with SchoolDocs to create a dedicated website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site will be live and available to our school community in the new year. We look forward to inviting you all to log in and view the website when school returns in 2022!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Our school financials remain in a healthy condition. The Board has continued to help invest in the improvement of the school this year, and we are looking forward to funding some exciting new projects in 2022. These include the purchase of a new senior playground, some additional seating for the new library deck, and other things still to be confirmed. The Board has also decided to fund an additional teacher for 2022 to maintain our current staff numbers. We are happy to be able to do this, and see it as an important investment into our students.

We also wish to thank the valuable contributions of our PTA in 2021. Having to cancel a second consecutive Agricultural Day, our largest fundraising event of the year, was a huge blow. We look forward to supporting the PTA with their fundraising efforts in 2022, and encourage anyone interested to get involved and help out too!

PRIZEGIVING 2021

Sadly a traditional prizegiving format is not possible this year, but modified versions will take place remotely using Google Meet. We are proud of all our students for showing resilience and adapting to new ways of learning this year. The following dates and times have been published in the school newsletter:

Monday 13 December: Prizegiving at 1:30pm for students with surnames A-J.

Tuesday 14 December: Prizegiving at 1:30pm for students with surnames K-Z and Bubble students.

Please refer to the school newsletter for the log in details.

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. In the event of lockdown, the meetings take place remotely, online. 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 available to view on our school website.



Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 23 February 6pm

The Board breaks over the Christmas holidays and returns in February 2022.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you to those of you who completed our most recent community survey. The Board is currently reviewing all of the results, and will use these to help shape future plans for our school. We look forward to sharing the findings with you all in the new year.



STUDENT REPORTS

It has not been a conventional school year and as such, end of year reports will look a little bit different. The Board supports the decision to modify reporting to focus more on student wellbeing, lockdown home learning and student voice. Thank you to our teachers who are working hard to prepare these and provide a valuable snapshot of your child's second half of the year.

IMPORTANT DATES!

- Monday 13th December: Final day for children surnames A – J with prizegiving at 1.30p.m
- Tuesday 14th December: final day for children surnames K – Z and Bubble children with prizegiving at 1.30p.m.
- Wednesday 15th December: Teacher only day
- Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th February: Uniform shop open 9am – 12pm.

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!

Your Buckland School Board members are
(left to right in photo):

- Sarah Herring (Secretary)
- Andrew Maunder
- Mavis Glasgow (Principal)
- Dave Honiss
- Brandon Foster
- Darryl Goldsack (Chairperson)
- Lisa Robertson (Staff Representative)



Merry Christmas

