



**BUCKLAND SCHOOL BOARD
NEWSLETTER
TERM 2, 2023**



KIA ORA PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Here we are halfway through the year already, and it's been as busy as ever. Staff have completed their 3-way Conferences, which were well attended, thank you to those families who took the opportunity to get involved.

Thank you also to those who have supported the various school activities, helping with transport, supervision etc. We know everyone's busy!

This term we have farewelled Marlene Fletcher after many years at Buckland School, and we welcome back Sally Miles in a permanent role.

We hope you all have the opportunity to take a break over the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you all back again in Term 3.

WORD FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

As we approach the end of term 2, we want to take a moment to thank you for your support so far this year. Your involvement in your child's education and your contributions to the school community have made a significant difference.

We appreciate your dedication to attending parent-teacher conferences, volunteering, and supporting school events. Your commitment to your child's education has helped create a nurturing environment at Buckland School.

With the holidays upon us, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable break. Take this time to relax, spend quality time with your loved ones, and recharge for the next term.

While you're enjoying the holidays, we encourage you to continue fostering a love for learning in your children. Engage them in conversations, encourage their curiosity, and explore educational activities that will help them grow academically and personally.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for Buckland School. Your continued support and collaboration are essential in helping us provide the best educational experience for our students.

Thank you once again for your support and dedication. We are proud to have you as part of the Buckland School family, and we look forward to the next term together.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Cold and flu season is here and Covid also hasn't gone away yet so, as always, please keep sick children at home to avoid any spread of infections, and remember to follow the new rules for any Covid cases.

Hand washing/sanitising is still a priority for everyone at school. The school will support anyone who still wishes to wear a mask in school buildings or grounds.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The majority of our students have been fully involved in their learning throughout the term and can be congratulated on their efforts. It has been wonderful to see the efforts and confidence of students to write and present their speeches to their class and to others. Thanks to parents for your support with developing these very valuable skills in your children.

A highlight of the term was the performance of our Kapa Haka group in the Franklin Multicultural festival in week 3. Sports highlights have been the representation of students in Franklin events: orienteering, football, and rugby.

Our year 5 - 8s have been involved in working on a science project involving Rocket design and our thanks go to our Wonder Ambassador Mr Andrew Gaul who has supported us. Classes throughout the school have also been involved in learning from our new social science strand; Aotearoa New Zealand History.

Events for our Year 7 & 8 students have included fortnightly technology classes at Pukekohe Intermediate and the opportunity to be involved in the Auckland Writers Festival and for our Year 8s attending the Young Leaders Day.

POLICY UPDATE

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".

FINANCE

Our 2022 Annual Financial Report was completed on 31 May and is available on our school website for the community to view.

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 available to view on our school website. Board meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 19th July at 6 p.m. in the Board room.

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!

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their activities so far this year. The recent disco was very well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by those that attended. Planning for our major Agricultural Day fundraiser is underway. Please continue to support them in their fundraising activities in any way that you can. Everything that they raise goes back into the school for the benefit of all our kids.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The renovated and larger staffroom is being enjoyed by staff. The playground and the flying fox are being used throughout the day by children who are finding the activities enjoyable, challenging and varied. The accessible toilet block is nearly finished and we are looking forward to having fences removed and this area being functional again after the holiday break.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30th June is the last day of Term 2, and Term 3 starts on Monday 17th July. Keep this date free: Agricultural Day – Saturday 23 September. More important dates will be notified in the weekly school newsletters.