



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.

Term 2 Week 7
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Kia Ora Buckland School
Whanau and Community Members

- ◆ **We had a wonderful week last week and children enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with their friends and teachers.** Thank you for the way you prepared your children for their return to school and for the way you are handling the drop offs and pickups. After Monday we were able to organise times for siblings to join younger children at the end of the day. Thanks to parents for the prompt pickups, this has definitely helped with the congestion at the school gate and also helped with the social distancing that adults are supposed to be doing.

- ◆ **Morning Drop offs** – Under Alert Level 2 we will continue with the drop offs being as close to 8.55 a.m. as possible and no earlier than 8.30a.m. (Unless arrangement has been made with principal. Children must enter at either of the two George Crescent gates. Parents, unfortunately you will not be able to enter the school except in extreme cases. Teachers will continue to be out the front to welcome your children. Children will make their way straight to their classrooms, sanitize hands, and will have activities to occupy them prior to the start of the school day.

- ◆ **Afternoon Staggered Pickups** – **2.30p.m.** for Piwakawaka plus older siblings., **2.40p.m.** for Titipounamu and Ruru and older siblings, **2.50p.m.** for Yr 3 & 4, (plus siblings) **3.00p.m.** for rest of children. We would like all children to have left by 3.15p.m. The patrolled crossing will operate. Please try to keep your distance from the staff who will be on duty. There will be no Walking School Bus until further notice.

- ◆ **Adult Visits to School**—If you absolutely need to visit the school you must do so through the office. We will only be allowing one person into the office at a time and you will be required to wait behind the red line until you are invited in. You will be required to sign in and record where you have come from and where you are going to. You will need to confirm that you are well and have no COVID -19 symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone who has the virus. This is a requirement under Alert Level 2.

- ◆ **School will be closed** on Monday 1 June to observe the Queen's Birthday.
- ◆ **Soap & Hand Sanitizer**—with the increase in use of these items some children's hands are getting sore. If this is the case for your child please do not hesitate to send their own soap or sanitizer with them to use at school.
- ◆ **Alert Level 2 Guidelines** for our school—these are on our website in the COVID-19 folder. If you have any queries/questions please phone me.
- ◆ **BOOK Amnesty**—Please return any Library or Reading books loaned out during the Lockdown.
- ◆ **Agricultural Day Notice**—This was on last week's newsletter. If you would like to comment on the BOT ideas for this day please contact a Board member with any feedback.
- ◆ **The 2020 Kiwi Competitions: for any Year 5—8 students who would like to participate in Mathematics, English or Science** have been postponed until the first three weeks of Term 3 this year. They will open from the **22nd July to 12th August**. The Kiwi Competition registration deadline has been extended to **Friday 5th June** therefore we will need to have any registrations in by next **Wed 3 June**. If your child is interested the cost for each paper is \$9.00. Please email principal@buckland.school.nz and I will give your child the entry form.

- ◆ **Well-being Resources**—I have placed three resources on our school website under the COVID-19 folder for parents. These have some great tips to assist adults with supporting children and young people.
- ◆ **Uniform Orders**— These must be emailed and paid for online until further notice. Please leave the tags on and try on for size. If you require a different size this can be arranged.

Thanks to:

- Parents and caregivers for the great support you have given your children with settling back into school.
- Mrs Nelson & Mrs Collins who have organised a uniform order. If you are waiting on any items you will be notified as soon as the order arrives.
- Parents for providing handtowels for children.
- Parents who are sending extra food for the third break.

Congratulations to:

- All students for the way you have settled back to school. I am very proud of you all.

Events This Week

- ◆ **Wed 27 May—BOT Meeting** This will be a Zoom Meeting held at 6p.m. If you want to join the Board for this meeting please contact the Chairperson on: board@buckland.school.nz
- ◆ **Support for families in our school community**—Times are difficult for a number of families in our school especially where jobs have been lost. If you are in a position to help and would like to donate food items, a box will be placed at the entrance gates each day for items to be placed in. I will collate and drop off to families. If you would like some help or know of anyone who needs help please let me know in confidence.

Kindest Regards
Kia Kaha
Mavis Glasgow Principal

Kelly Club After School Care is up and running again—If you need an after school programme for your children we recommend this. Kelly Club in our school is only for our children so tracking and tracing systems will be easy. (There are no children from other schools.) Ameila has worked with us and steps she has put in place align with our organisation so that our children will be in the groups that they are in during school hours. If you are interested in joining please contact her: kellyclub.co.nz/ Buckland

Some Key messages we have been asked to pass on to our school community by the Ministry of Education:

- Our schools are safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2
- The return to school has gone really smoothly and it has been brilliant to see how excited the children have been to get back to their learning and social routines
- We know some of our families are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children back to school, which is understandable given everything we have been through these past 2 months
- It's really important children do return to school, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing
- Instances of Covid-19 in New Zealand are very low

We're aware of concerns out there that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms.

Toby's Poem

My Dogman phase, my comic craze
My video game, my own name
My trampoline friction, my FNAF addiction
My kicking cones, my covid dome
My injured knee, my house in a tree
My what's the time, my bad as rhymes
My bad jokes, my pranking hokes
My *I can't swallow rice, my infestation of mice*
My not helping with chores, my slamming doors
My loving LEGO my ... nothing rhymes with LEGO!

