

Buckland School Newsletter

Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages students fully in a wide range of learning experiences that will assist them in preparing for the challenges of the future.

8 December 2014

Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Olympic Value for the term:** Balance of Body, Mind and Character
- ◆ **Swimming**—The pool is open for lunchtime swimming and if sufficient numbers in classes have togs a class swimming lesson will be held. Juniors require a polo fleece for after the swim.
- ◆ **Pukekohe Christmas Parade float** — Congratulations and thanks to all concerned with the Buckland School PTA float which won first prize. It looked stunning and obviously lots of hours of preparation went into this. Well done to children who were on the float and those who walked behind as well as our students who were on other floats.
- ◆ **Staffing 2015**—The Board of Trustees can now inform you that we will have two new staff members beginning in 2015; Miss Elizabeth O'Brien and Mrs Jocelyn Reilly. These teachers will replace Mrs Jude Betham who has a new position at Valley School and Miss Kate Mills who has been given a years leave by the Board to travel overseas. We thank Jude and Kate for their input over the year and wish them both well for the future. All other staff will return in 2015.
- ◆ **Mufti Day**—this Thursday 11 December. The school council has decided to assign this Mufti Day to providing gifts for children who are in hospital over the Christmas holiday period. Children are asked either for a gold coin donation or a new gift (unwrapped) that can be given to sick children. The senior students will wrap gifts and allocate to girls or boys and specific ages (if necessary)
- ◆ **Senior Camp Questionnaire**—This is coming home to parents who attended senior camps this year. Would you please give us feedback by this Wednesday. It should only take a few minutes.

Congratulations to:

- Lucia, Tarryn and Taylor who competed at the Auckland Athletics championship last week and represented Franklin.
 - To Zane (Rm 8) who won the Yard Art Wind Chime Challenge.
 - Children who received awards at last week's school assembly: Rm1A—Meg, Aidan, Miller, Rm 1B—Ella-Rose, Amalie, Rm 2—Wendy, Harrison, Jenna-Mei, Riley, Rm 3—Ella, Ava-Grace, Kaitlyn, Lauren, Rm 4—Kaih, Brooke, Emerson, George, Rm 5—Emerson, Anneliese, Leearna, Michelle, Rm 6—Logan, Jayden, Ella, Kody, Rm 7—Mereana, Ryan, Alissa, Grace, Rm 8—Sam, Celes, Rocel, Rm 9—Paige, Jack, Lily, Riley, Rm 10—Russell, Shawna, Taylor, Emily
- Principal's Award: Riley Nicholson
Lion Award: Paige MacPherson
School Value Awards: Tajt-Joy Rm 8, Kaija Rm 5
Super Mathlete: Robert Rm 5
Top Athletics Class—Room 4
Newsletter Draw: Ashley & Brown families

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Events This Week

- ◆ Mon 8 Dec—Choir visit to Pukekohe Hospital
- ◆ Tues 9 Dec—Franklin Duathlon—Good Luck to all involved.
- ◆ Tues 9 Dec—Junior Trip to Auckland Observatory
- ◆ Tues 9 Dec, 5.30 p.m.—2015 Yr 7/8 meeting for parents to discuss events for the year including AIMs, camp, BYOD (Invitations went home last week to those who have indicated that they will remain at Buckland.)
- ◆ Wed 10 Dec—League tournament at Buckland 9—12.00.
- ◆ Wed 10 Dec—BOT Meeting—6.30p.m. Final for the year.
- ◆ Thurs 11 Dec—School Council Mufti Day—gifts for children in hospital
- ◆ Thurs 11 Dec—final School Council meeting
- ◆ Fri 12 Dec—Kapa Haka performance—our Kapa Haka group are going to perform items at 1.30p.m. this Friday in the Buckland Hall, prior to a prizegiving practice. Parents are welcome but we ask that you do not stay for the prizegiving practice.
- ◆ Fri 12 Dec—Yr 8 Graduation Dinner
- ◆ Fri 12 Dec -Children's reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope with the eldest child.

Events Next Week

- ◆ Mon 15 Dec—Junior Prizegiving –1.30 p.m. (Years 1—3 in the Buckland Hall)
- ◆ Mon 15 Dec—Senior Prizegiving—6 p.m. in the Buckland Hall.
- ◆ Wed 17 Dec—Final Day of school (a short assembly will be held at 12.45p.m. with the school year ending at 1 p.m.)

Thank you

- ◆ To the students and staff of Pukekohe High School music department who treated us to a number of musical items last week. It was great to see the talent of so many of our local students.
- ◆ To parents who transported and supervised students at Rainbows End last Friday.
- ◆ To parents and community members who supported us at last week's mini school assembly.
- ◆ To parents who transported our choir to Pukekohe Hospital to perform earlier today.

Thought for the Week

"No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings." William Blake
Regards
Mavis Glasgow (Principal)

Congratulations to:

To the following children who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week's mini assembly: Rm 9—Summer, Rm 8—Tajt-Joy, Rm 6—Summer, Logan, Maddison, Rm 5—Brooke, Rm 4—Kaih, Blake, Brooke, Naomi, Keira, Angus, Rm 3—Connor, Kaitlyn

From the Organisers of Buckland School's Pukekohe Christmas Parade Float

We had huge success with our first Christmas Parade float. The students looked great and a lot of effort was put in to make Buckland School the winning entry. An extra special thank you to Matt, Bev and Alana from Pukekohe Carriers for the use of their beautiful truck and driver for the day. Also a huge thank you to Justin and Becs from Kitchen Inspirations for the amazing sign that they built especially for us. Also thanks to the parents and teachers that donated their time and also made some wonderful props for our float. We look forward to next year.

Your PTA Team

LOST SCHOOL HAT

Has a Merit Badge and named either Rocel or Junel. If found please return to Rocel in Room 8.

School Banking—Last Day this Year December 12

Community Notices

SEASONS GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAMME

Seasons is a Grief and Loss Programme for children, teens, and their parents, who are dealing with separation, divorce, death or major family change, either recent or some time ago. The after-school programme starts in Term 1 2015 on Thursday 5 February from 4-5pm at St Andrew's Church in Pukekohe. The programme will run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments for next year please phone or text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812 or Deb on 238 7375 or email seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz
www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons

CAN YOU HELP?

A family's (mum, dad and 15 year old girl) house burnt to the ground at the weekend. They only have what they are wearing. If you can help with any donation of household items please phone or text Kim on 027 660 8601.

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PUKEKOHE CHRISTMAS PARADE

