

# 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.

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Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Welcome** back to school for 2015. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year holiday break and that children are refreshed and enthusiastic about another busy year.
- ◆ **Welcome** back to our staff who have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the term. A special welcome to our new teachers: Miss Elizabeth O'Brien and Mrs Jocelyn Reilly. Staff are all looking forward to getting to know your children so that they can work closely with them.
- ◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Room 1—Mia, Lincoln, Samantha, Anika, Rm 2—Tyler, Rm 3—Torrán, Rm 5—Caitlin, Samara-Jane, Rm 6—Eknoor, Rm 10—Callum. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **Dates for 2015 Terms:**
  - Term 1: Monday 3 Feb – Thurs 2 April
  - Term 2: Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July
  - Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September  
AG Day—Saturday 26 September
  - Term 4: Monday 12 October – Wed 16 Dec
- ◆ **School Times:** School begins with a handbell at **8.55a.m.** and finishes at **3 p.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 9 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know.
- ◆ **Absences:** Please notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before an overseas trip. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.

**Thank you**

- ◆ **Thanks** to Ms Knights and Mrs McClennan for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work they have done in getting our new students organised with uniforms. Thanks also to Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the queues.
- \* **Thanks** to parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2014. It was great to receive so many positive comments.
- \* **Staff** would like to thank families who gave them lovely gifts at the end of last year.

## Events This Week

- ◆ **Swimming** — children need to bring togs and towels everyday as class programmes are organised for daily swimming. Junior students need a sweatshirt to put on after their swim please.
- ◆ **Wed 6 Feb**—Yr 7/8 Immunisation Talk
- ◆ **Fri 6 Feb**—School Closed for Waitangi Day.

## Events Next Week

- ◆ Wed 11 Feb—BOT Meeting—6.30p.m.
- ◆ Thurs 12 Feb—First Technology for Year 7 & 8 at Pukekohe Intermediate.
- ◆ Fri 13 Feb—First School Assembly 2.15p.m.. All Welcome

## Staff List for 2015

- ◆ *Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal*
- ◆ *Room 1 (hall)—N.E./Year 1.—Mrs Angela Lindgreen (D.P.) & Mrs Christina Reddish*
- ◆ *Room 2 — Year 1/2—Mrs Jocelyn Reilly*
- ◆ *Room 3—Year 1/2 —Miss Elizabeth (Liz) O'Brien*
- ◆ *Room 4—Year 2/3—Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs June Lockyer*
- ◆ *Room 5—Year 3—Mrs Sonja King*
- ◆ *Room 6—Year 3/4 — Mrs Lisa Goldsack*
- ◆ *Room 7—Year 4/5—Mrs Dale Machin*
- ◆ *Room 8—Year 5/6—Mr Matthew Taylor*
- ◆ *Room 9—Year 6 - Miss Erin Armstrong*
- ◆ *Room 10—Year 7/8—Mrs Marlene Fletcher (D.P.) & Mr Keith Gardner*
- ◆ *Mr Keith Gardner—Specialist Groups, Gifted & Talented, CRT release*
- ◆ *Mrs Lisa Robertson—Reading Recovery/ Specialist groups*
- ◆ *Mrs Glenis Mills - Executive Officer*
- ◆ *Mrs Barbara Hotson - Teacher Aide*
- ◆ *Mrs Kim Ngavavia—Teacher Aide*
- ◆ *Miss Ailsa Howard - Teacher Aide*
- ◆ *Mrs Shona Miln—Teacher Aide*
- ◆ *Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library*
- ◆ *Mr William Lindgreen - Caretaker*

**Congratulations** to Miss Post who was married over the holidays and is now Mrs Reddish.

## Hats

Children **must** wear a hat during all intervals throughout this term. Hats need to be clearly named (inside) so that they can be returned if lost. Children who have written on the outside of their hats will be asked to wash these or replace them if the writing can not be removed. Children not wearing hats will be expected to sit under the front umbrellas.

## Wanted By Room 1

Ice cream and large Chinese takeaway containers with lids  
All types of magazines such as fishing, car, sports for cutting up  
Any old clothes suitable for "dress ups".

- ◆ **Evaluation of 2014 Targets and school-wide National Standards results / Draft Charter & Strategic Plan**—these will be available for perusal and comment in the school foyer after next week's Board meeting. Please take the time to look over these and comment to Mrs Glasgow, a Board member or make comment on the slip near the draft documents. The final documents must be to the Ministry of Education by 1 March.
- ◆ **Cell phones** are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made by parents with Mrs Glasgow. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.
- ◆ **Staff Playground Duties**—During interval one staff member is on duty with others available should they be needed. Lunchtime duties include 2 staff on duty during the lunch eating time with 3 on duty for the playtime. Staff are also on duty afterschool. If you are interested in helping with organised sport during lunchtime please contact Mrs Fletcher.
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—these will be in next week's newsletter after the Franklin sports meeting which is to be held this week to confirm sports events.
- ◆ **Newsletters and Newsletter slips**—Newsletters come out on the first day of the week with the eldest in the family. They can also be emailed to you. Please let Mrs Mills know if you would like these to be emailed to you. There is a newsletter slip at the bottom of the second page and this can be signed and placed in the box in the foyer. A draw is had each school assembly. The newsletter is also uploaded onto our school website.
- ◆ **Safety at the School gate**—Children will assemble at the front of the school for pickup. Please come onto the grounds to collect your children. The patrolled crossings **must** be used to ensure the safety of all children. Walkers will be crossed over Buckland Road and the train crossing by a duty teacher in the afternoon and must wait near the front gate. Parents must take responsibility for these crossings in the mornings. Adults need to be good role models for children please. Also no parking over our neighbours' driveways and in the bus bay (until minibuses have left) please.

## Congratulations

To students who received awards at the prize-givings. A list of trophy winners is on the noticeboard for your perusal. Photos of the children with their trophies were taken and these are on the website if you would like to print one off.

### *Thought for the Week*

*"What we leave behind is not as important as how we have lived." Anon*

*All the best for a short first week. Don't forget Waitangi Day on Friday.*

*Regards*

*Mavis Glasgow (Principal)*

## Prior Notice - Class Parent Meetings Wednesday 17 Feb

We **invite** and encourage parents to attend class meetings where you can meet the teachers, discuss routines and expectations and ask questions of class programmes, etc. Teachers will repeat the sessions twice which will allow parents with more than one child to attend each class meeting. The first session will begin at 3.10 p.m., the second at 3.30 p.m. in each classroom. If you then require an individual meeting you can arrange this with the teacher concerned for later in the week.

## Stationery, Fees & Donations

Thank you to all the families who purchased stationery, paid Mathematics & Technology Fees and school donations yesterday and last Friday.

Letters detailing fees and donations will be sent home with the eldest child from each family. Technology (Year 7 & 8 only) and Mathematics fees are compulsory. Please arrange to pay these as soon as possible. Payments can be posted in the drawer in the school office. A receipt will be issued.

Families still wishing to purchase stationery from the school may do so by posting orders in the drawer in the school office. Stationery will be made up and be available for collection afterschool. A receipt will be issued.

### Junior EOTC Week

We will be going to Hamilton Zoo on 24 February and Mt Albert Wave Pools on 27 February with in-school activities on the other days, including a "W" Day on Wednesday and of course the sleep over on Thursday evening. More details with permission slips will be coming home next week so please look out for these. We would love lots of parent help so please note these dates in your diary.

#### WANTED

- ◆ Tents that sleep 4 or more for our sleep over. If you are able to lend us one of these please see Angela or Kerry as soon as possible.
- ◆ Dads (3 or 4) that would like to organise the BURMA Trail for the Year 3 children. We can supply ropes, pig tails, flour, goo etc ...but would like some dads to set this up, supervise and provide the "frights" and pack this away the next morning.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to all who gave money and donated gifts at the end of last year. Kids First hospital were very appreciative when our 2014 Prefects presented them with these. Thanks also to the prefects for doing this after they had finished at Buckland School.



## Community Notices

### BUCKLAND NETBALL CLUB—REGISTRATION

All players/coaches/umpires for 2015

New players welcome

Registration/muster will be on Tues 10 Feb from 3.15pm—4.15pm at Buckland School. If you are unable to make this date or would like a registration form prior to this, please email Wendy at wendv@hotmail.com or text 021446980. \$40 non-refundable fee is required at time of registration. Trials will be held on 18 Feb if required—to be advised.

### Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 1 T1 15

The ..... family received the newsletter this week.

(enter family name)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_