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.

16 February 2015

Dear Parents and Community Members Tena Koutou

- Value for the Term: Excellence
- ◆ Family BBQ/Sports/Swim Afternoon/Evening—
 The Board of Trustees invite you all to an evening at school to enjoy our facilities and get to know members of our school community—this Friday 20 Feb, 5 p.m. Bring along some food & drinks to share. BBQ will be available & the Board will be putting on a sausage sizzle. (Alcohol is not permitted)
- ◆ PTA Meeting—All parents are invited to the PTA meeting which will be held in the staffroom tomorrow Tuesday 17 Feb at 7 p.m.
- Thank you to all parents who are getting children to school prior to the handbell at 8.55a.m. To those who aren't, please do so as late arrival is a disruption to learning time.
- ◆ 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. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before an overseas trip during school time although this is to be avoided where-ever possible please.
- Franklin Primary Schools' Triathlon

Children who are planning to do this are training at lunchtimes. The date for this is Tuesday 3 March. Entries close on 27th Feb and must be done on-line this year by parents. Go to www.fultonswimschool.co.nz to register. After school practices will begin next week.

• Junior EOTC Week—Thank you to all parents who have returned forms, etc. If you haven't yet please do so as soon as possible. Any queries please see teachers.

Thank you

- To Board members for attending last week's meeting. The draft charter and strategic plan are in the office foyer for perusal and comment. Parents are welcome to take a copy but please drop it back when you are finished with it.
- To all family members who attended our first school assembly and to our Year 8 students; Ethan B and Jaxon L for running this.

School Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid their Mathletics and Technology Fees. A reminder that these are due for payment now.

Dates for Term 1 2015

These were in last week's newsletter and are also on our website in the newsletter section and the calendar section. Mrs Mills has also placed a list in the glass cabinet in the entrance to the school office.

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Events This Week

- ◆ **Swimming** children need to bring togs and towels <u>everyday</u> as class programmes are organised for daily swimming. Junior students need a sweatshirt to put on after their swim please.
- ◆ Tues 17 Feb—First School Council meeting
- ◆ Tues 17 Feb—Parent Meetings—see invitation over. Maori Consultation meeting.
- Tues 17 Feb—PTA Meeting—7p.m. All Welcome
- Thurs 19 Feb—Dinosaurs visit the Junior school between interval and lunchtime. Parents are welcome. Costs have been included in the EOTC costs.
- Fri 20 Feb—BOT Family BBQ & Swim

Events for Next Week

Junior EOTC week

- Mon 23 Feb—Mr Bird to work with Junior school on water safety
- Tues 24 Feb—Senior Swimming sports beginning at 9.30 a.m.
- ◆ Tues 24 Feb—Junior trip to Hamilton Zoo
- Wed 25 Feb—Junior "W' day (at school)
- Thurs 26 Feb—Yr 7/8 Technology
- ◆ Thurs 26 Feb—Water safety lessons for senior school with Mr Bird
- Thurs 26 Feb—Junior School Sleep Over
- Fri 27 Feb—Junior trip to Wave Pools

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week's assembly: Rm1—Nathan, Lincoln, Mia, Rm2—Aidan, Elle, Thomas, Taylor, Rm3—Riley, Jenna-Mei, Harper, Ella-Rose, Rm4—Ben, Zion, Ava-Grace, Ella, Rm5—Hunter, Grace, Riley, Cole, Rm6—Brooke, Trent, Eknoor, Michelle, Rm7—Kody, Alissa, Caitlin, Jayden, Rm8—Aidan, Maya, Ryan, Lucy, Rm9—Caitlin, Mackenzie, Troy, William, Rm10—Paige, Nathan, Kade, Keegan

School Values Awards: Grady Rm9 and Robert Rm7

Super Mathete: Seth Rm10 Top Mathletics Class: Room 4 Newsletter Draw: Perry family

Congratulations also to the following students who earned Gold Mathletics Certificates from 17 December 2014 to 2 February 2015: Seth Rm10, Jorja Rm8, William Rm6, Reegan Rm4, Jenna-Mei Rm 3

Thought for the Week

"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word—excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it. (Pearl S. Buck)

Have a great week

Regards

Mavis Glasgow (Principal)

Class Parent Meetings Tuesday 17 February

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. Room 10 will also be discussing the Wellington camp now that flight costs have been received.

Maori Consultation Meeting

There will be a consultation meeting after the class parent meetings this Tuesday 17 February at 3.45p.m. for parents of Maori students. Our 2014 results will be discussed and the draft charter/strategic plan and the target for 2015. **Please** try to make this meeting so that your views can be considered in the final document. If you are unable to make this meeting please contact the Principal and offer your views.

School Uniforms

PLEASE check that your child's uniform is <u>correctly</u> named. We are getting lots of "swaps" at swimming time and it is very difficult (and time consuming) to try and sort this out.

Please also check that your child has not accidentally taken home an incorrect piece of uniform.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8.30am. Families who order through the drawer system in the school office need to collect their new uniform from the school office so it can be named before it is worn.

Counselling Offer for Children at Buckland School

Hello, everyone. My name is Marguerite Cooke. I've now completed a degree in counselling at the Manukau Institute of Technology (phew!) and am working toward full registration with the NZAC (New Zealand Association of Counsellors). I have two grown-up children of my own.

I am privileged to be able to continue volunteering at Buckland Primary School one or two afternoons a week. I'm under professional supervision, and sometimes will ask if I can record sessions, so that I can learn to do a better job.

Everyone has times when things get us down and life seems unusually hard and it's good to have someone to share our concerns with. Children often don't know how to talk about things that are bothering them, and we might see only changes in behaviour. I provide a safe, confidential space where children can express what's going on for them. I listen and work alongside them and their families to help bring about change. I'm happy to talk to parents and for students to 'drop in' of their own accord. Some of the issues that come up are: anxiety, depression, grief and loss, trauma, anger, family changes, bullying, and sibling conflict.

I love working with children and use a variety of activities to engage them, including clay, painting and drawing, games, small figures, and sandtray.

I look forward to continuing my work at Buckland this year.

Contact me: 021 1669 218 marguerite.cooke@clear.net.nz

Swimming Pool Opening After School

Parents are welcome to supervise their children for a swim in our school pool after school from 3 p.m.—5 p.m. starting tomorrow afternoon. Arrangements must be made with parents if you are going to supervise other children. The key must be collected from Mrs Glasgow or Mrs Mills, with its return at the end of the swim. The last family in the pool are asked to carefully put on the pool covers to keep the pool warm for the next day. Any problems Mrs Glasgow will be on site.



Good Luck to:

Nathan in Room 10 who will be competing at the National Swimming Championship in Wellington this weekend.

Community Notices

BOMBAY 150th CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations are to be held in Bombay during the weekend of the 13—15th March. Registration forms and further information are available on the Bombay School Website under links. A book: "Bombay the next 50 Years" has also been printed and is available. Enquiries can be made to Mrs Glasgow.

KITTENS FOR SALE

3 x Tabby & White kittens—1 male, 2 females \$20 each to help cover cost of feeding Phone Marie on 021 259 9801

BUCKLAND NETBALL CLUB NOTICE

Yrs 3&4 who haven't already registered please get in touch. Games are on Friday night—\$65pp. Season 8 May to 4 Sept.

Yrs 1&2—intro to junior programme (must be 5 before 1/5/2014)

Fridays 4.30pm at Pukekohe Courts—term 2

Register online at www.pukekohenetball.co.nz

Yr 5&6—anyone interested please get in touch.

Wanted—coaches and umpires (paid)

Contact Aimee Irvine: chris_aimee@hotmail.com or 0274540390

PUKEKOHE SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Mon 16 Feb & Wed 18 Feb 6pm to 8 pm Sat 21 Feb 9am to 11am

At Pukekohe AFC Clubrooms, John St, Pukekohe www.pukekoheafc.com / email secretary@pukekoheafc.com

TUAKAU SOCCER CLUB MUSTER DAY

Sunday 22 Feb 11am-1pm at the Lightbody Reserve For registration info email Robert.keenan@dexion.co.nz



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