

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.

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Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Welcome** back to school for 2016. 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: Mrs Sarah Hughes, Mrs Ann Cottle, Ms Sam Gallaher, Mrs Sigrid McMillan. Staff are all looking forward to getting to know your children and you, so that they can work in partnership with you to educate your children.
- ◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Rm 1—Raymond, Aiyana, Bella, Connor, Zara, Jayda, Dylan, Leo, Rhea, Rosie, Kayla, Rm3—Cleo, Rm6—Bailey, Rm 8—Logan, Olivia, Rm 9—Hannah, Rm 10—Emma. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **Dates for 2016 Terms:**
 - Term 1: Tuesday 2 Feb – Friday 15 April
 - Easter Break—Friday 25 March—Tuesday 29 March
 - Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July
 - Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 23 September
 - AG Day—Saturday 24 September
 - Term 4: Monday 10 October – Friday 16 Dec
- ◆ **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. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before an overseas trip. Children will be marked as absent. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Thanks** to Ms Knights, Mrs McClennan and Mrs McCarthy 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.
- ◆ **Building**—As most will now know our building project is underway. This will cause some disruptions but hopefully the result will be pleasing.

Thank you

- ◆ **Thanks** to parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2015. 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 every day as class programmes are organised for daily swimming. Junior students need a sweatshirt to put on after their swim please.
- ◆ **Wed 3 Feb**—BOT Meeting—All Welcome
- ◆ **Fri 5 Feb**—First School Assembly—2.15p.m. All Welcome
- ◆ **Mon 8 Feb**—School Closed for Waitangi Day

Staff List for 2016

- ◆ *Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal*
- ◆ *Room 1 (hall)—N.E./Year 1.—Mrs Angela Lindgreen (D.P.) & Mrs Sigrid McMillan*
- ◆ *Room 2 —Year 1—Miss Elizabeth (Liz) O'Brien*
- ◆ *Room 3—Year 2 —Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs June Lockyer (old room 4)*
- ◆ *Room 4—Year 2/3—Mrs Sonja King (old room 5)*
- ◆ *Room 5—Year 3—Mrs Sarah Hughes (old Room 2)*
- ◆ *Room 6—Year 4 — Mrs Lisa Goldsack*
- ◆ *Room 7—Year 4/5—Mrs Dale Machin*
- ◆ *Room 8—Year 5/6—Mr Matthew Taylor*
- ◆ *Room 9—Year 6/7 - Ms Sam Gallaher*
- ◆ *Room 10—Year 7/8—Mrs Marlene Fletcher (D.P.) & Mrs Ann Cottle*
- ◆ *DP Release & CRT—Mrs Ann Cottle*
- ◆ *Reading Recovery/Specialist groups -Mrs Lisa Robertson*
- ◆ *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 Mrs Reddish and Miss Armstrong on the birth of their baby boys over the holidays.

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.

Lunchtime Swims and Playground Use

Due to the removal and not yet reinstatement of the junior playground, juniors will be able to use the senior playground (under adult supervision) on a Wednesday and Thursday. Lunchtime swim timetable—children in these rooms have priority: Mondays—Rms 3 & 4, Tues—Rms 5 & 6, Wed—Rms 7 & 8, Thurs—Rms 9 & 10, Frid—Rms 1 & 2

- ◆ **Evaluation of 2015 Targets and school-wide National Standards results / Draft Charter & Strategic Plan**—these will be available for perusal and comment in the school foyer after this 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 and website after the Franklin sports meeting which is to be held this Thursday 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 are also posted on our website. 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.
- ◆ **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. We run a Walking School Bus thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers. If you would like your child/ren to use this please contact Mrs Fletcher. Any walkers who cross over Buckland Road and the train crossing must join our walking school bus and 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.

Community Notices

Uniform for sale:

Size 4 Shorts x2 \$2 each
 Size 4 Shell Jacket x1 (not worn) \$15
 Size 4 Shell Trackpants x1 (almost brand new) \$15
 Size 10 TShirt x1 \$2
 Size 10 Fleece x1 \$5
 Size 10 Shorts x1 \$1

Ph Sarah: 021 442 340

Prior Notice - Class Parent Meetings Tuesday 16 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.

Stationery

We have been busy selling stationery packs prior to the start of school. We still have packs available from the office for families who have not yet purchased their stationery. Cash, cheques or internet banking—the school **does not** have EFTPOS.

Fees

Fees for Mathletics (\$15.00 per child) and Technology (\$55.00 for each Year 7/8 child) are now payable. These can be paid either at the school office or via the internet. If you have not already done so, please make payment as soon as possible.

Congratulations

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

This year instead of the thought for the week we will be having a 'Did You Know?' section which may help to inform parents further on what the school offers it's students

Did you Know?

Did you know

There is a difference between donations and fees?

Each year the Board of Trustees sets the amount for the school donation (it is \$50.00 per child or \$130 for a family of 3 again this year). The donation is voluntary and can be paid anytime during the school year. As the donation is tax deductible, receipts are issued at the time of payment.

Fees are costs incurred by the school on behalf of your child and payment is compulsory. This year our fees are Mathletics \$15.00 per child and Technology (for Yr 7 & 8 only) \$55.00 per child. Fees should be paid as early in the first term as possible as the school will be expected to make payment on your behalf during February.

All the best for a short first week. Don't forget Waitangi Day Mondayisation next week.

*Regards
 Mavis Glasgow (Principal)*

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 1 T 1 16

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)