

Events This Week—Week 1

- ♦ **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.

Events Next Week—Week 2

- ♦ **Mon 6 Feb**—School Closed to observe Waitangi Day
- ♦ **Wed 8 Feb**—125th Meeting 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Fri 10 Feb**—First School Assembly—2.15p.m. All Welcome
- ♦ **Fri 10 Feb**—BOT—BBQ/Sports afternoon/Swim

Room Names and Staff List for 2017

- ♦ *Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal*
- ♦ *Rifleman—Room 1 —N.E./Year 1.— Christina Reddish, (fulltime) Mrs Angela Lindgreen (D.P.) & Mrs Mrs Brenda Bennett (part time)*
- ♦ *Fantail—Room 2 —Year 1/2—Mrs Genevieve Layzell*
- ♦ *Bellbird—Room 3—Year 2/3 —Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs June Lockyer*
- ♦ *Tui—Room 4—Year 2/3—Miss Liz O'Brien*
- ♦ *Morepork—Room 5—Year 3/4—Mrs Sonja King*
- ♦ *Wood Pigeon—Room 6—Year 4 — Mrs Lisa Goldsack*
- ♦ *Takahe—Room 7—Year 5—Mrs Dale Machin*
- ♦ *NZ Falcon—Room 8—Year 5/6—Mr Matthew Taylor*
- ♦ *Weka—Room 9—Year 6/7 - Mrs Sam McPherson & Ms Erin Armstrong*
- ♦ *Kakapo—Room 10—Year 7/8—Mrs Marlene Fletcher (D.P.) & 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 Karen Adams—Teacher Aide*
- ♦ *Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library*
- ♦ *Mr William Lindgreen - Caretaker*

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

Kindest Regards

Mavis Glasgow

Principal

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 1 T 1 17

The family received the newsletter this week. Signed: _____
(enter family name)



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 1 Week 1

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1 February 2017

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ♦ Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school for the 2017 year. 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 teacher: Mrs Genevieve Layzell and a welcome back to Mrs Reddish & Ms Armstrong. Staff are all looking forward to getting to know your children and you, so that they can work in partnership with you to facilitate a wonderful and rewarding education for your children.
- ♦ **School Values for the Term:** Respect & Excellence
- ♦ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Room 1—Emily, Trinity, Alex, Connor, Charlotte, Lee, Olivia, Room 3—Kiani, Room 5—Saige, Lachlan, Room 7—Victoria, Janu. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ♦ **Dates for 2017 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 13 April
Easter Break & First Holiday — Friday 14 April —30 April
Term 2: Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July
Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
Ag Day—Saturday 30 September
Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 Dec

- ♦ **Public Health Notice—Pukekohe Intermediate Dental Clinic**—Parents and caregivers of children who attended the Pukekohe Intermediate Dental Clinic between 13 September 2016 and 23 January 2017 will be contacted by the Public Health Nurses and have an appointment scheduled to take their children to specialist clinics which have been established. There is a very small risk of exposure to a blood borne infection as a result of an equipment failure. If you have any concerns contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 or seek advice from your GP.

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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**—A Free Lunchtime swim will be available. The timetable is as follows—children in these rooms have priority: Mondays—Rms 3 & 4, Tues—Rms 5 & 6, Wed—Rms 7 & 8, Thurs—Rms 9 & 10, Fri—Rms 1 & 2. If there is sufficient safe numbers other children will be invited by the duty teacher.
- ♦ **After School Swims**—Parents are welcome to supervise their children for a swim in our school pool after school from 3—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/families in the pool are asked to put on the pool covers carefully to keep the pool warm for the next day. Any problems Mrs Glasgow will be on site. If you know that you are going to use the pool, a phone call or a message from your child earlier in the day will allow us to leave covers off at 3 p.m.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Stationery, Fees & Donations**—We have been busy selling stationery packs before the start of school. Packs are still available from the office—cash, cheques or internet banking, the school does not have EFTPOS. Fees for Athletics \$15.00 per child and Technology \$50.00 (Yr 7 & 8 only) can be paid at the school office or via the internet. If you haven't done so please make payment as soon as possible. School donations can also be paid at the office or via the internet—a tax receipt will be issued.

Thank you to:

- ♦ Ms Knights, Mrs McCarthy 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 hassle of shopping for these items.
- ♦ Parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2016. 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.