BOT News - Term 2, 2017



Kia ora kātou Buckland School community,

Can you believe it's July already?!

To our community and whānau, thank you all for your on-going support of the amazing team we have here at school.

To *all* our wonderful staff and contractors, thank you for your commitment to our children's academic and social success; the long hours before and after the "bell" preparing, assessing and writing reports; the behind-the-scenes support to make the teachers and children's days run smoothly; and for making the school itself look great and function safely and efficiently!

And 'Way to go kids!' - a fantastic term of achievements; great reports, success on the field, cool new dance moves!

We wish everyone a happy, stress-free and safe mid-year holidays.

Ngā mihi nui, Buckland School Board of Trustees (Hannah McCarthy, Mavis Glasgow, Darryl Goldsack, Andrew Tautari, Andrew Foote, Ann Cottle and Liz Roozendaal)

Thank you

To some amazing teachers who have left / are leaving us:

- Brenda Bennett
- Ann Cottle
- Erin Armstrong

Your contributions to our school and our kids

have been invaluable. The BOT, our parents, kids and staff will miss you.

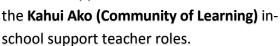
We wish you all the best!

And welcome Tony Wisnewski who will join Rooms 9 and 10 next term.

We look forward to a productive remainder of the year in these classes.

Well done

Lisa Goldsack and Lisa Robertson - our successful applicants for



Pukekohe Kahui Ako is a coalition of 17 primary and secondary schools set up to help all kids in our community develop their full potential. Te Huarahi Ako Kia Ora Tōnu - Learning Pathway for Life.

The Kahui Ako's focus is on raising writing and mathematics achievement. For more info: educationcounts.govt.nz

You're doing great work!



Community Engagement - communication is key!

We've now got a Buckland School App - go to the App Store/Play Store and search

Parent Teacher Calendar App. To enable push notifications for school activities and events make sure you turn on the notifications in your devices' 'Notification

Manager'. Many thanks to our local sponsors who help fund this - please support them!

- BOT Meeting Minutes once approved and signed, will be put on the website and on the noticeboard in the office.
- We'll be sending out our bi-annual school community survey in Term 3.
- We're investigating a digital sign for out the front of the school.

"Clients do not come first. Employees come first. If you take care of your employees, they will take care of the clients." Richard Branson, Virgin Group

As a responsible employer we're taking a leaf out of Richard's book! We all want a workplace we are proud of, is a supportive, nurturing environment, where we all feel valued - school staff are no different! We're starting with a Climate Survey asking staff what's great and what could be better?

Building and Property

We have some exciting projects in the pipeline:

- Refurbishment of the Junior block (Rooms 2 and 3), plus a covered outdoor learning space.
- We are upgrading the toilet block in Room 5 to provide unisex and disabled toilets.
- ◆ The pool area will get more storage and shade

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DID YOU KNOW... your school fees and a donation from the PTA funds

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subsidised the brilliant dance lessons students enjoyed this term?

In 2017 for the first time in 10 years the donations we suggest of each family increased. We're pleased that to date we've received 40% of anticipated monies.

It's not too late to contribute...

\$75 – one child,

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\$150 – two children

\$180 - three or more children

And don't forget you can claim 33% of it back! Either direct through IRD or use one of the providers such as:



PTA & Ag Day Committee



We've got a wonderful team who are looking forward to:

- Making Ag Day 2017 the best yet!
- Letting our kids practice their new moves at the school disco this Friday 7th July!

Please help them out if you possibly can - many helpers make BIG jobs small!

We thank them for the PTA donation which was put towards the new drinking fountain by the field and a fancy new BBQ!

Belated thank you... to the Year 6-8 families who completed our survey on the senior school in Term 4 last year. Your feedback is helping shape our programme.

