

# 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 the **Kahui Ako (Community of Learning)** in-school support teacher roles.



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](http://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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## School donations



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,
- \$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:



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**DID YOU KNOW...** your school fees and a donation from the PTA funds subsidised the brilliant dance lessons students enjoyed this term?

## 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.

