



Buckland School Newsletter

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31 January 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members

◆ Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school for the 2018 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 teachers: Mrs Sally Miles, Miss Neena Hari, Mrs Kathy Travers, Mrs Joh Twomey and our new teacher aide: Mrs Lisa Murphy. 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:** Excellence and Respect.

◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families. Room 1—Keira, Braxton, Alexia, Kiriana, Devon, Amber, Emily, Cadence, Mason, Toby, Trilese, Zara, Grayson, Room 2b—McKenna, Room 4—Danielle, Room 5—Leah, Yuvraj, Room 8—Sienna, Hunter, Room 10—Seerat and Fedora. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.

◆ **Dates for 2018 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
Term 1: Wed 31 Jan – Thurs 13 April
Easter Break —Fri 30 March to Tues 3 April
Term 2: Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July
Term 3: Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
AG Day—Saturday 29 September
Term 4: Monday 15 October – Friday 14 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. You can also email Mrs Mills at GMills@buckland.school.nz 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 a holiday during term time. 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Dates for the Term**—these will be in next week's newsletter and placed on the website.

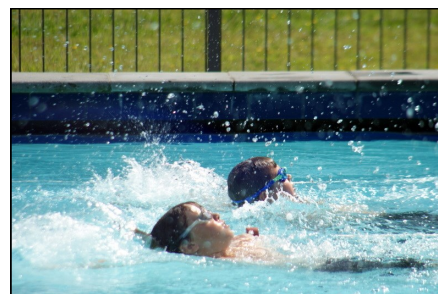
◆ **School Times:** School begins with a handbell at **8.55a.m.** and finishes at **3 p.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 9 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. The 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.

◆ **Building Project—Remodelling of front rooms**—Unfortunately due to some unforeseen issues our remodelling project has not been completed. It will be started this weekend therefore the school

grounds are out of bounds for all people due to safety issues. Hopefully it will only take several weeks to complete and classes will be able to move into the rooms. Many thanks to staff and students from Kea and Piwakawaka who have had to shift into the hall and combine with room Titipounamu.

◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Starting next week we will be having swimming lessons for all children from professional instructors from Kelly Sports. We have been very fortunate to obtain a grant from the Grassroots Trust towards these lessons. The school has also budgeted to cover some of the shortfall. Due to the large output at the present time for stationery, etc, we will be asking parents later in the term for a donation also towards the cost of running these. These lessons will be held on Thursdays for the following rooms: Karearea, Takahe, Kereru, Ruru, Tui, and Friday for: Kea, Weka, Kakapo, Titipounamu, Piwakawaka.

◆ **Rash shirts** —we would like all children to wear these while in the pool. Please name these.



Staff List for 2018

- ◆ Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal
- ◆ DPs—Mrs Angela Lindgreen & Mrs Marlene Fletcher
- ◆ Room Piwakawaka —N.E./Year 1.—Mrs Sigrid McMillan & Mrs Kathy Travers
- ◆ Room Titipounamu —Year 1/2—Mrs Sally Miles & Miss Neena Hari
- ◆ Room Ruru—Year 2 —Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs June Lockyer
- ◆ Room Tui—Year 3/4—Miss Liz O'Brien
- ◆ Room Kakapo —Year 3/4—Mrs Lauren Matchitt
- ◆ Room Kereru—Year 3/4 — Mrs Sonja King
- ◆ Room Takahe—Year 5/6—Mrs Dale Machin & Mrs Joh Twomey
- ◆ Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Mr Matthew Taylor
- ◆ Room Weka—Year 5/6 - Mr Tony Wisniewski
- ◆ Room Kea Year 7/8—Mrs Lisa Goldsack
- ◆ Reading Recovery/Specialist groups -Mrs Lisa Robertson
- ◆ Mrs Glenis Mills – Executive Officer
- ◆ Mrs Barbara Hotson – Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Lisa Murphy—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Miss Ailsa Howard - Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Shona Miln—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Karen Adams—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Ms Nikki Taylor—Teacher Aide
- ◆ Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library
- ◆ Mr William Lindgreen - Caretaker
- ◆ Crest Clean—Cleaners
- ◆ We thank Mrs Ngavavia for her contributions to the school and wish her well in her new job.
- ◆ **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**—Will be available. The timetable is as follows—children in these rooms have priority:
Mondays—Karearea/Weka/Ruru
Tues—Tui/Takahe/Titipounamu,
Wed—Kea/Kakapo/Piwakawaka,
Thurs—Weka/Kakapo/Kea,
Fri—Kereru/Ruru/Karearea. If there is sufficient safe numbers other children will be invited by the duty teacher. (This timetable allows for all students to have a swim once our swimming lessons start.)

Thank You to:

- ◆ Mrs McCarthy, Ms Taylor, Mrs Clooney and Anna and Mrs Thompson for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work they have done in getting our new students organised with uniforms.
- ◆ Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the hassle of shopping for these items. Packs are still available from the office
- ◆ Parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2017.
- ◆ **Staff** would like to thank families who gave them lovely gifts at the end of last year.
- ◆ **Middlemore Foundation**—Would like to thank all families who donated gifts and money for gifts to the children who were in hospital over Christmas. (We received a lovely thank you letter from them which is on the noticeboard in the foyer.
- ◆ **Newsletters**—Newsletters come home on the first school day of the week and are also posted on our website and our school App. 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 held 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.
- ◆ **School App**—you may have noticed the Parent Teacher Calendar App is now called The Skool Loop App. It is the same app with a smart new look.

Events for This Week

- Friday 2 Feb—House Meetings
- Saturday & Sunday—School Grounds closed

Events for Next Week

- Mon 5 Feb—School open
- Tues 6 Feb—Waitangi Day—School Closed
- Wed 7 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate. Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
- Fri 9 Feb—First School Assembly 2.15p.m. All Welcome
- Fri 9 Feb—BOT BBQ, Swim and Sports get together—5 p.m.

Community Notices

PUKEKOHE SOCCER CLUB 2018—

Registrations are opening shortly for the 2018 playing season for Pukekohe Soccer Club. I would like to invite you to register to play football for Pukekohe AFC this upcoming season. You can register now by accessing the online link on the Pukekohe AFC website www.pukekoheafc.com

Alternatively you may register in person on the Registration Day at the Bledisloe Park Sports Centre building (John Street, Pukekohe) on: Monday 12 February 2018, 5.30pm -7.30pm.

Any queries please contact: secretary@pukekoheafc.com

YOUNG AT ART will be running our children's art classes 'Art Adventures', 'Crafty Cats', 'Dynamic Drawing' and Clay classes in Pukekohe and Pokeno this term. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/after-school/>, email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 0297 712 923

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