



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.

Week 6 Term 1

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Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

◆ **School Values for the Term:**

Excellence and Respect..

◆ **FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON**—Changes—hopefully all those who are attending this have been notified that due to water quality there will not be a swim leg. This will be replaced by another run. Further information on: www.fultonswimschool.co.nz.

◆ **HEADLICE**—The little critters are in our school! Please check your children's heads regularly and treat if necessary. Children have been given a pamphlet to give you more information on these.

◆ **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**—We have just received our emergency management plan that we have had designed for the school. The senior leadership team and Mrs Mills have been trained in procedures. The staff and students will be trained next week and a simulated emergency will be conducted next Wednesday, this will involve a lockdown and an evacuation. Our local police will be asked to be involved also. Notification will be through email and our School Website.

◆ **School Photos**—Photo forms were given out to every child last week. Please ensure forms and payments are returned to the drawer in the officer foyer by Thursday 15 March. Envelopes for sibling photos (school students only) are available from the school noticeboard.

◆ **Emergency Contact Information**—Envelopes containing details of contact numbers were sent home with the eldest child in each family last Monday. So far just over

half have been returned. As we need to print up to date contact books, we ask that all forms be returned by the end of this week.

◆ **WORLD MATHS DAY**—Our school is taking part in World Maths Day which takes place on 7 March. 4 million students from 200 countries and territories will register for the event in 2018. This is an exciting online challenge open to all our school's students who will be going up against students from all around the world. Medals and certificates will be awarded for the top students in each year group in the world. Students will be allocated 20 Live Athletics games according to their year group. These games form their entry to the Challenge. Keep a watch on the Hall of Fame leader board!

Thank you to:

- Parents and staff who attended last week's PTA meeting.
- The wonderful parents who supported children at the North Group Swimming sports and for all your help with organising students, timekeeping and recording.
- All parents and family members who supported children at last week's team assemblies.

Congratulations to:

- To all our Year 6 and Below students who participated in the North Group swimming sports. You all competed very well! A special congratulations to the following students who will now represent the group at the Franklin event: Ella from Weka Room, Ben from Karearea Room, Jimmy, Josh and Ruben from Takahe Room, Jorja from Kakapo Room and Ellie from Tui Room.

- All students who received awards at their team assemblies last week.

Events for This Week

- ◆ Tues 6 March—North Group Yr 7 & 8 Swimming—selected children
- ◆ Wed 7 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ◆ Wed 7 March—World Maths Day
- ◆ Thurs/Fri—Kelly Sports Swimming lessons
- ◆ Fri 9 March—Franklin Yr 6 & Below Swimming
- ◆ Fri 9 March 2.15p.m.— School Assembly. ALL WELCOME

Events for Next Week

- ◆ Walking School Bus Week
- ◆ Tues 13 March—Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Swimming
- ◆ Wed 14 March—Emergency Simulation at school
- ◆ Wed 14 March—BOT Meeting
- ◆ Thurs 15 March—Franklin Triathlon
- ◆ Fri 16 March—Team Assemblies

Did You Know?

- ◆ PTA will hold an Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets will be on sale on 26/27 and 28th March. Anyone who can spare half an hour before or after school on these days to sell raffle tickets should phone Debbie on 0272445916.
- ◆ PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on 10 April
- ◆ New school assembly certificates are on their way!!

Community Notices

MISSING TOGS—

Earlier this term Josh from Takahe Room lost his bag of swimming gear-togs, towel and goggles, all named. They have still not turned up. If they have come home by mistake, please return them to school.

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 6 T 1 18

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)

LETTER TO PARENTS BEFORE LOCKDOWN EXERCISE

Dear Parents

Buckland School have engaged the services of an independent company, Harrison Tew[®], who specialise in emergency management planning for schools. The procedures developed allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

As a component of the implementation of the emergency procedures into our school, specialised training is being conducted with senior management and our staff. The students will also receive training directed at their respective age groups from Harrison Tew[®].

The training consists of a low key but detailed approach to potential threats, and has been successfully implemented in a large number of schools throughout New Zealand.

After the training, we will be conducting a lock down exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew[®].

The exercise will be as real-life as possible, and will occur on **Wednesday the 14th of March** which will mean that parents/families will receive notification by way of text and/or email. The information passed will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

Prior to this occurring, can I please remind all parents and caregivers to ensure your contact details (mobile phone numbers and email addresses) are current as this will be our communication with you, should an emergency occur at the school.

In a genuine incident, should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be in a position to respond. Your presence at, or contact with the school may make it more difficult for us to manage the situation and could potentially place your children and in fact yourselves at risk.

We thank you for your support.

Mavis Glasgow

Principal