



# 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 8 Term 1

19 March 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **School Values for the Term:**  
Excellence and Respect.
- ◆ **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—**  
Your children and staff did a fantastic job during our simulated emergency. Mr Harrison was amazed at the way they all behaved and complimented the school. Hopefully we never have to Lockdown but it is great to know that everyone knows what to do to keep each other safe. Thank you also to Constable Daniel who attended the simulation as well.
- ◆ **TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING—** Next Monday 26th March in the afternoon teachers have a NZEI Union Meeting. We ask that parents support us with this and pick children up at 1 p.m. Our profession is at a critical point; with reduced numbers of teachers available to fill teaching positions, less people training to be teachers, increasing workloads and stress levels and an aging teaching population. Now is the time for action and change!
- ◆ **University of Canterbury—2018 Great Kiwi English, Science and Mathematics Competitions—**are happening again this year for the second year. These are on-line tests for Year 5—10 students and are entirely voluntary. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. There are costs involved which parents will need to meet. If you would like to enrol your child, forms are available on the noticeboard. Entries close 11 April.
- ◆ **CHANGE OF CLOTHES—**To help protect your child's uniform please send them to school with a change of clothes if they are planning to play on the field. This is compulsory during Term 2 & 3.

- ◆ **PTA AGM—**This will be held on Tuesday 10 April. Nomination forms for President, Secretary and Treasurer must be received by Monday 9 April. A nomination form is on the back of this newsletter.
- ◆ **FEES—**Invoices for fees were sent out recently. If you haven't paid for Athletics or Technology (Yr 7 & 8 only) please do so. The school has already paid for these on your child's behalf.
- ◆ **WALKING SCHOOL BUS—Thank you** to our Walking School Bus team who promoted the national week and came out with some great costumes.



- ◆ **SKOOL LOOP APP—**Skool Loop have made some changes to the App. When you next take a look at our school app it will ask you to download the new version.

## Did You Know?

Our Homework policy is on our website for you to read. Although we encourage children to do some homework in basic learning areas to reinforce and support learning done at school, homework is at the discretion of parents. If you do not want your child/ren to complete exercises teachers set please see your child's teacher and inform them of this. If your child has a particularly busy week and is unable to complete the tasks please indicate this in their homework book and sign.

[www.buckland.school.nz](http://www.buckland.school.nz)

## Thank you to:

- ◆ Parents who supported children at the triathlon. A special thanks to Mr Islip who took on a marshal role.
- ◆ Parents and staff who attended the Year 8 camp meeting.
- ◆ Parents who supported children at the Franklin Yr 7 & 8 swimming sports.
- ◆ Parents who attended the Team assemblies last Friday. It is super to see so many parents able to attend and celebrate the achievements of all our students.
- ◆ To parents who filled out the Year 1 & 2 EOTC survey. Your comments will be considered during the planning for 2019.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ **FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON—**Congratulations to all our students who took part in this and represented our school admirably.
- ◆ Kullen from Kea Room who came 2nd in the 100m Backstroke, 2nd in the 200m Freestyle and 3rd in the 100m Freestyle at the Zone Swimming Competition last week. Kullen will now compete at the Auckland Championships in April. A fabulous effort!
- ◆ Harrison in Takahe Room who came 32nd in the NZ National Nitro Buggy Competition.

**Enviro-Group Working Bee**  
**On the school back field**

**Saturday 24 March 9.30am to 2.30pm**  
**The goal is to rebuild and cover the growing tunnel**

**If you have any suitable topsoil, garden mix or vegetable seedlings that you would like to donate please see Mrs King**  
**RSVP to [sking@buckland.school.nz](mailto:sking@buckland.school.nz)**  
**Sausage Sizzle Lunch!**

## Events for This Week

- ◆ Mon 19 March—Photo Life photos
- ◆ Tues 20 March—Franklin Rippa Rugby
- ◆ Wed 21/Thurs 22 March—Yr 3 up Orienteering lessons
- ◆ Wed 21 March—Bible in Schools begins. This year students whose parents have requested that they do not attend Bible in Schools sessions will be supervised in the library. They will be expected to enjoy our books for the time the school is officially closed for Bible.
- ◆ Thurs 22 March/Fri 23 March—Kelly Sports Swimming Lessons
- ◆ Thurs 22 March—Year 8 Fundraising meeting in staffroom—6 p.m. All welcome. Come along and share your ideas. (See note that came home last Friday.)
- ◆ Fri 23 March—School Assembly—2.15 p.m. All Welcome
- ◆ Saturday 24 March—Enviro Group working bee from 9.30am to 2.30pm. If you can help, please see Mrs King.

## Events for Next Week

- ◆ PTA Easter Raffle on sale—before and after school.
- ◆ Mon 26 March—Teachers Union Meeting—pick up 1 p.m. please
- ◆ Tues 27 March—Extra Kelly Sports lesson for Kereru, Tui, Kakapo, Ruru, Piwakawaka and Titipounamu
- ◆ Tues 27 March—Travel-wise team course
- ◆ Wed 28 March—Bible in Schools
- ◆ Wed 28 March—School Council Meeting
- ◆ Thurs 29 March—2.45 p.m. Easter Raffle Draw
- ◆ Fri 30 March—Good Friday
- ◆ Mon 2 April & Tues 3 April—school Closed for Easter

## Community Notices

**PUKEKOHE FOOTBALL CLUB**—Are you interested in playing football this season? Our club requires 2-3 more 10 yr old players to fill a team. If you are interested or would like more information please email the Club Secretary [secretary@pukekoheafc.com](mailto:secretary@pukekoheafc.com)

### UNIFORM FOR SALE

2 x size 8 skorts \$5 each  
1 x size 10 skort \$5  
3 x size 12 skorts \$5 each  
1 x size 10 polar fleece \$10  
1 x size 12 t-shirt \$5  
1 x size 8 shorts \$5  
1 x size 6 shorts \$10  
2 x size 6 polar fleece \$5 each  
1 x size 6 t-shirt \$5  
1 x size 8 polar fleece \$5  
Please enquire at the school office

### UNIFORM FOR SALE

Skorts 3 x size 12 \$5 each  
Skort 1 x size S (approx size 14) \$5  
Polar fleece size 14 – good condition \$10  
Ph/text 021 2774444

**KIDS AFTER SCHOOL**—April School Holiday Programme—We have just what you need to keep the kids entertained! Get your holiday care sorted with exciting trips and awesome activities. Butterfly Creek, Movies, KAS Family Feud, ANZAC Celebrations, Harry Potter fun & so much more! To view our brochure and to book now visit us at: [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz) If you haven't already, you will need to create a parent profile on our online booking system. Any questions please call our office on 09 236 4078. Secure your place today, spaces are limited! MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation. WINZ subsidies available for eligible families.

**FRANKLIN HOME & LIFESTYLE EXPO**—7-8 April at the PIA Event Centre, Ward Street, Pukekohe. \$1000 cash door prize. For more info visit [franklinexpo.co.nz](http://franklinexpo.co.nz)

**ANZAC SERVICE**—Wednesday 25 April at 9.45am at the Buckland Cenotaph. Coffee/tea at the Buckland Hall after the service. All Welcome.

## Franklin Triathlon Competitors



### PTA NOMINATION FORM

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer (circle one)

Signed by Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the drawer in the school office

### Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 8 T 1 18

The ..... family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter family name)