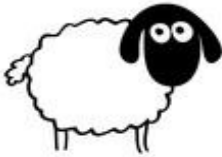


## ***Agricultural Day***

Don't forget that Ag Day is fast approaching – **Saturday 29th September**. Thank you so much to all those families who have helped out with rearing animals, donating giveaways and selling raffle tickets. This is always a big event in our school year and the PTA and parents who take a lead in the stalls, do a great job organising it.



## ***New Classrooms!***

*Our classrooms are finally open!!*

*As you have probably seen Piwakawaka & Kea have shifted into their refurbished rooms. We hope that these spaces can now be used and enjoyed by all. This has been a long and frustrating process for all involved but we would like to say a huge thank you to the children, staff and the school community for their patience while this has been going on.*

*A special mention for Darryl Goldsack from the BOT, who managed this ever-changing project from start to finish, and who has also organised and installed our new digital sign at the front of the school.*

*Also a big thanks to the PTA for contributing towards the new shade awning to the front of the school, this is a wonderful addition and provides plenty of weather protection.*

## **Writing Workshop**

Thank you to our staff for putting on a very informative presentation on the Writing curriculum process at Buckland School on Tuesday 21 August. There were lots of helpful tips for parents and a good insight into how the lessons are structured. The Board appreciate the school staff's commitment to this engagement with the community. For those that missed it, a copy of the presentation is now available on our website.

**Use of the School Pool**

Following our last Community Survey the Board initiated a review into the practicalities of extending the use of our school pool to our community outside of school hours.

A lot of research was compiled into the benefits and challenges of this, particularly in regards to the Health and Safety in Employment Act and costs of compliance for water testing.

At our August meeting a vote was cast regarding extending the use of the pool. The outcome of the vote meant the Board’s decision was to keep with the current arrangement. The school will continue to allow after-school swimming during the warmer months till 5pm, and we will look to host more community pool-side events like our “Welcome back to school BBQ” in February.

**Who are the BOT?**

Your parent representatives on the Board of Trustees are Hannah McCarthy (Chairperson), Darryl Goldsack, Andrew Tautari, Liz Roozendaal and Dave Honiss, together with Mavis Glasgow (Principal) and Lisa Robertson (Staff rep).

If you have any queries on Board matters please let us know, our email is [board@buckland.school.nz](mailto:board@buckland.school.nz)

**Reminders**

- \* School donations can still be paid – any amount is greatly appreciated
- \* Board of Trustee meeting minutes are available on the school Website
- \* Ag Day is 29 September. See You There!