



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 4 2018

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Monday 3 December 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou.
- ◆ **Olympic Value for this term: Joy of Effort**
- ◆ **Classes for 2019** - Teachers have begun working on placement of children for next year. We will be operating a similar school structure to that we have had this year. There will be a reception class, three Yr 1/2 classes (2 in Room Titipounamu), three Yr 3/4 classes, three year 5/6 classes and one Yr 7/8 class (with two teachers) All classes will be of mixed ability as we have found this to be beneficial both academically and socially for children. We are planning to have a transition morning again in the last week of term to allow children to know which classes they have been placed in and get to know their teacher(s).
- ◆ **Farewell for Mrs Machin** - Mrs Machin has decided that it is time for her to retire from her position so we will be holding a farewell morning tea for her this Friday 7 December starting at 10.10a.m. in our school hall. We invite all Mrs Machin's past students and parents and present parents to join us to celebrate and thank Mrs Machin for her wonderful contributions to the school over many years. Please bring a plate.
- ◆ **Year 5 Willow Park camp** - Our Year 5s had a wonderful three days on camp last week. This included a visit to the Auckland Museum, a range of activities at the camp and a trip to Extreme

Edge rock climbing. We thank Mrs Machin for her organisation and Mr Wisnewski and the great parents for their support: Leanne Spick, Yvonne Walker, Donna Hiestand, Rosemary Price, Ana Singhal, Lynda Morrice, Nikki McCulloch, Joanna Biggs, Neal Ashley, Philip Clark, Sam Glasgow, Wayne Scott.

- ◆ **Book Week—Monday 3 to Friday 7 December**—We have a range of fun activities planned to support our annual book week.
 - Teacher play (Tuesday morning)
 - Wacky Wednesday Dress Up and Parade
 - Teacher's reading to other classes (Monday and Friday)
 - Buddy reading (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
 - Bookmark making competition
 - Write your own book competition
 - Sidewalk chalk illustrations
- ◆ We also have a week-long **Scholastic Book Fair** running in the school library. Classes will visit this during the day on Monday and have the opportunity to make a wishlist to bring home. The Book Fair will be open to Year 3 -8 students to make small purchases (less than \$20) from Tuesday to Friday at lunchtime from 1pm - 1.30pm. Year 0 - 2 students must shop before or after school with adult supervision. If you wish to allow your Year 3 - 8 child to spend more than \$20, please shop with them before or after school (eftpos available), or complete an order form with credit card payment options (available to download from the 'classrooms' section of the School Website). Please do not allow your child to bring more than \$20 in cash to spend. Students are also not allowed to buy things for their friends.

- ◆ **Readers and Library Books**—can we please have all readers and library books returned as soon as possible as we need to start the end of year stocktake shortly.
- ◆ **Garden Prizes and Agricultural Day Badges**—Prizes for the Garden Competition will be given out at the 0, 1 & 2 Prizegiving on Wednesday 12 December starting at 1.30pm with the exception of the Champion and Reserve Champion Gardens which will be given out at the Senior Prizegiving later that evening. (Junior children's parents will be advised if they need to attend). Merit, Honour and Distinction Badges for Agricultural Day will also be given out at the afternoon Prizegiving.
- ◆ **Hot Dog Day**—tomorrow—Hot Dogs \$2 each, iceblocks \$1 each. Money to your classroom teacher before school please.
- ◆ **Swimming**—Children are loving being able to swim again. Class swimming and lunchtime swimming is taking place. Please ensure children have a Rash shirt and a warm sweatshirt to put on after they have swum. Items to be named please.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Our Bible Teachers for the input into our children over the year.
- ◆ Families that donated flowers for our Bible Teachers and to our wonderful support staff for doing up the bouquets.
- ◆ All who joined us for the Year 8 Graduation Dinner last Friday night. Thanks to staff who helped Mrs G with the set up and clean up Friday and Saturday.

Events this Week

- ◆ Mon - Friday - BOOK WEEK
- ◆ Tues 4 Dec - Hot Dog Day
- ◆ Tues 4 Dec - School Council meeting
- ◆ Tues 4 Dec - Yr 3 & 4 Franklin Touch Tournament
- ◆ Wed 5 Dec - BOT Meeting
- ◆ Fri 7 Dec - 10.10a.m. - Farewell Morning Tea for Mrs Machin
- ◆ Fri 7 Dec - School Assembly 2.15p.m. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- ◆ Wed 12 Dec - 1.30p.m. Yr 1 & 2 Prizegiving plus Agricultural Day Awards
- ◆ Wed 12 Dec - 6 p.m. - Yr 3 - 8 Prizegiving
- ◆ Fri 14 Dec - Final Day of school for 2018. School finishes at 1pm.

Regards
Mavis Glasgow
Principal

Community Notices

MESSAGE FROM COUNTIES MANUKAU HEALTH BOARD

There has been an outbreak of meningococcal bacteria in Northland. Meningococcal disease can cause serious illness of the brain called meningitis and illness of the blood called septicemia. Meningococcal bacteria can pass from one person to another through:

- Coughing or sneezing
- Sharing eating or drinking utensils such as water bottles, toothbrushes or pacifiers

Signs of meningitis can develop suddenly and can include:

- A high fever
- Headache
- Sleepiness
- Joint and muscle pains
- A stiff neck
- Dislike of bright lights
- A rash consisting of reddish – purple pin-prick spots or bruises

If you or your child are showing any signs of meningitis please contact your doctor straight away or dial 111. You can also call Healthline free on 0800 611 116.

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KIDS AFTER SCHOOL December 2018 / January 2019 School Holiday Programme—Summer holidays are fast approaching! We have your holiday care sorted at KAS! There is something for everyone this summer from festive activities to water fun, icy treats and summertime sports!

As schools have different finish dates this December, please check out our other local programmes to assist with care. To view our brochure, parent information sheets and to book in visit us at: www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Any questions please call our office on 09 236 4078. Secure your place today, spaces are limited!

TO RENT 2 BEDROOM BRICK UNIT BUCKLAND

Available early December.
Tidy insulated brick unit with fenced back yard and lockup single garage. Would suit older couple or single person. Long term to the right tenant.

No pets, References required.
Rent Negotiable.

Phone or text Sue: 0210459499

Year 5 Camp



Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 8 T 4 2018

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)