Dear Buckland School Families and Whanau,

We hope everyone had a wonderful break over Christmas/ New Year period and that you have all settled in well to the 2019 school year.

We would like to extend a huge warm welcome to all the new parents and families who have joined Buckland School this year.

2018 was a fantastic year for the PTA, we have been able to donate money towards a range of things for our school and families such as reduced Mathletics fees, camp fees including EOTC week, the year 8 graduation dinner, personalised aims games hoodies, classroom consumables, young leaders day, senior school production seating...the list goes on!

Our Ag Day was a huge success thanks to the many, many helpers who worked behind the scenes leading up to and on the day to pull it all together – Thank you so much we really do appreciate your help!! The money we raised from Ag day 2018 has been donated towards a defibrillator outside the front of the school, we also have a few more exciting things to be announced soon.

This year the PTA are looking to 'get back to basics' within the wider school community, while making the amount of money we do is amazing, we are at serious risk of losing our PTA this year – that will mean no Ag day, no subsidies towards 2020 fees and no donations towards the school.

Sadly with the end of another school year we say goodbye to children who go off to high school, along with their families and their PTA/Ag day experience. For others circumstances have changed, we have been in the same positions for two years and while we still love being involved with the PTA we feel it's time to let others have a go in the 'driver's seat'.

Whether you have a lot of time to spare or only a little, we will never push you to commit more than you are able to. Everyone is welcome to join, there are no 'outsiders' we are all parents, grandparents, families and teachers who have all come together to work towards the same common goals. By volunteering your time with us you will be able to get to know more families within our school, you will understand how and why we do some of the things we do. Everyone has different talents and skills they can bring to the school, parents are a great interface between the school and the 'outside world', which can be very handy with things like raffles and sponsorship. Most importantly by joining the PTA, you will be role models for your children and you will get great satisfaction from helping the school community.

Our AGM meeting this year will take place on the 4^{th} April at 3.15pm in the school staff room. There will be a brief rundown of the achievements of the PTA over the past year, a summary of what fundraising money was spent on as well as PTA committee elections. Your (school aged) children will be supervised by a teacher and the meeting will not take any longer than one hour. Please come along, nominate your friends and see what our meetings are like. Be on the look out for nomination slips in the March school newsletters.

Our children grow up way too fast! School days will soon be over, let's create amazing memories so we can look back and be proud of ourselves for being involved in this time of their school lives.





Can't make it to our meetings? Join our PTA Support Group

Email bucklandschoolpta@outlook.com to be added to our contact list. You will be sent PTA meeting minutes and we will keep you in the loop about upcoming events.

Searching for



Easter raffle ticket

stall holders:

-Lucky Duck -Groceries Raffle

-Devonshire Tea 3-4 helpers

<u>Guidance will be given to all jobs.</u>

For more info email:

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This year when you volunteer your time to either a PTA meeting or help at any PTA event your name will go into a draw to win a PTA helpers raffle!

Winner will be drawn at Ag day—28th Sep 2019



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