



# 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.

Term 2 Week 3  
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Whanau and Community  
Members

- ◆ I trust that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. A huge thank you to parents who on receiving the newsletter last week, informed me immediately of their decision about children returning or not under Level 3. I really appreciated this as there has had to be a great deal of planning behind the scenes to make returning to school for some children possible.
- ◆ **Adult Visits to School**—If you absolutely need to visit the school for some reason I ask that you phone first to organise a time. We will only be allowing one person into the office at a time and you will be required to wait behind the red line until you are invited in. You will be required to sign in and record where you have come from and where you are going to. You will need to confirm that you are well and have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone who has the virus. This is a requirement under Alert Level 3.
- ◆ Parents of children who are at school must drop children at the front gate.
- ◆ Congratulations to our students for the great efforts with using Google Classrooms and online learning and activity boards. Thanks to parents for your support especially or the younger students who this learning platform is new to them. We have continued to receive positive feedback and teachers have appreciated this. I do acknowledge that in many cases, especially where parents are having to work at home as well, learning at home is difficult. Where school-based work is not a priority please keep it realistic and manageable as everyone's well-being is important.
- ◆ Our nation is now in Level 3 and this will continue until a further government decision is made on 11 May. Under this level school is physically open for those who are unable to stay at home. Thank you

to all who are able to keep your children at home.

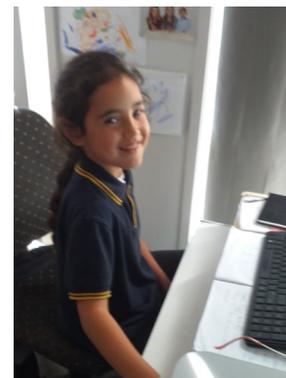
- ◆ As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have. They are available through their emails from 9—3 p.m. Those children who need to attend onsite will be completing the same work as those at home are being given.
- ◆ There will be **no** after school care during Alert 3 to reduce the risk of mixing between different groups of children.
- ◆ **Don't forget the Home learning television**—Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ, is running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on TVNZ2+1 and Sky channel 502. through an integrated approach to curriculum.
- ◆ A further resource is the new website called '**Learning from Home.**'
- ◆ **Support for our local businesses** As we move into Alert 3 more businesses are able to operate. As a community we need to support our local businesses particularly those who are owned and operated by our school families and those who have always been wonderful supporters of our school. Please go onto our Ag Day folder on the school website for the list of those who supported us last year and support them where you can.
- ◆ **Free internet safety filter for parents** -While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, the following has been launched [www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz) - a free way to block the worst of the web for students.
- ◆ **Board of Trustee April meeting**—this will be held tomorrow evening: Wednesday 29 April at 6 p.m. An on-line Zoom meeting will be held. If you want to join the Board for this meeting please contact the Chairperson on: [board@buckland.school.nz](mailto:board@buckland.school.nz)



Just a few samples of the lovely Anzac work completed by our students.

Our country can be proud of what we have achieved together under level 4 but as our Prime Minister has told us Level 3 still has a lot of restrictions and we must continue to be vigilant. We do not want to lose the gains we have made. Be kind to yourselves and others.

Together we will get through this!  
Kia Kaha  
Kindest Regards  
Mavis Glasgow  
Principal



Commitment to Learning  
this morning.  
Well done Eliana