



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 6

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Kia Ora Buckland School

Whanau and Community Members

◆ **It is wonderful to be back!** Thank you for the way you have prepared your children for their return to school. We know that there are anxieties all around but please be reassured that we will take care of your children as if they were ours. The next couple of weeks will be all about wellbeing, reconnecting, establishing routines and a new normal. We have all learnt a great deal about ourselves, our families and our country through this time and we will build on the lessons and learning we have had. Please keep communication channels open with your child/children's teachers so that we can all support each other.

◆ **Our deepest sympathies** to Amanda, Leah, Coby and the wider Green Whanau on the loss of Roy. Roy and Amanda have been wonderful supporters of the school and he will be sadly missed by us all.

◆ **Adult Visits to School**—If you absolutely need to visit the school you must do so through the office. 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 2.

◆ **Alert Level 2 Guidelines** for our school—these are on our website in the COVID-19 folder. If you have any queries/questions please phone me.

◆ **BOOK Amnesty**—Please return any Library or Reading books loaned out during the Lockdown.

◆ **Agricultural Day Notice**—From your BOT is attached.

◆ **Well-being Resources**—I have placed three resources on our school website under the COVID-19 folder for parents. These have some great tips to assist adults with supporting children and young people.

◆ **Uniform Orders**—These must be emailed and paid for online until further notice. Please leave the tags on and try on for size. If you require a different size this can be arranged.

◆ The following information was sent last Friday via an email but I have repeated it here in case you missed it:

● **Morning Drop offs** – As close to 8.55 a.m. as possible please, but no earlier than 8.30a.m. Children to enter at either of the two George Crescent gates. Parents, unfortunately you will not be able to enter the school except in extreme cases. Teachers will be out the front to welcome your children. Children will make their way straight to their classrooms, sanitize hands, and will have activities to occupy them prior to the start of the school day.

● **Afternoon Pickups** – We are going to try the following but may need to review this as we go. We will stagger pickups so that you will be able to keep a safe distance from each other so: 2.30p.m. for Piwakawaka, 2.45p.m. for Titipounamu and Ruru, 2.55p.m. for Yr 3 & 4, 3.05p.m. for rest of children. We would like all children to have left by 3.15p.m. The patrolled crossing will operate. Please try to keep your distance from the staff who will be on duty. There will be no Walking School Bus until further notice.

● **Breaktimes** – Children will have three break times and we will be staggering these and the areas children will be in (see the Alert Level 2 notes on the website if you want to go over these with your children.) Teachers have a chart in their rooms and will be going over this. For littlies you may like to package two snack packs and one lunch pack.

● **Hand towels** – Please send a named hand towel for each of your children. Hand towels will be sent home at the end of the week for washing.

◆ All who have returned the loaned devices. If you haven't yet please do so tomorrow so that they can go back into classrooms.

Thanks to:

- ◆ Parents and caregivers for the great support you have given your children with home learning.
- ◆ Teachers for the dedication to providing learning experiences for children and the way you have

prepared your classrooms, resources, etc for the return.

- ◆ Parents for the lovely feedback you have given your teachers.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who have received Gold Athletics Certificates over the last few weeks: **Kea:** Jo, Riley, Chase, **Weka:** Sam, Leo, Andrew, Max, Georgia, **Karearea:** Briar, Meg, Samantha, Hari, Mia, **Takahe:** Hunter, Jack, **Kereru:** Lexi, Illa, April, Valentina, **Kakapo:** Rory, Miakoda, Sienna, McKenna, **Tui:** Eden, Janco, Dougie, Delphi, Emily, Charley, Keira, Zavier, **Ruru:** Ella, Indy, Archer, **Titipounamu:** Eden, Holly

- ◆ **Kelly Club After School Care is up and running again**—If you need an after school programme for your children we recommend this. Kelly Club in our school is only for our children so tracking and tracing systems will be easy. (There are no children from other schools.) Ameila has worked with us and steps she has put in place align with our organisation so that our children will be in the groups that they are in during school hours. If you are interested in joining please contact her: kellyclub.co.nz/Buckland

- ◆ **Support for our local businesses** 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.

Kindest Regards

Kia Kaha

Mavis Glasgow, Principal