



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.

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Thursday 4 February 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members

◆ Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school for a busy (and hopefully settled) 2021 year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and enjoyed the wonderful weather. We hope that children are refreshed and enthusiastic about getting back to school.

◆ **Welcome** back to our staff who have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the term and attending professional development. A special welcome back to Christina Reddish. Staff are all looking forward to getting to know your children and you, so that they can work in partnership with you to facilitate a wonderful and rewarding education for your children.

◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values. See our new values logo on the top corner.

◆ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Gabe & Armani, Toby, Owen, Oliver, Caleb, Hamish, Amelia, Isla, Karaya, Charlie & Harry, Harris, Liam, Milly, Alby, Ella, Austin, Abigail, Chrystal, Liam & Isaac. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.

◆ **Dates for 2021 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
Term 1: Thursday 4 Feb—Friday 16 April. Easter Break: Friday 2 April—Tuesday 6 April.

Term 2: Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July Anzac day will fall in the holidays this year)

Term 3: Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October (Sat 2 October—Ag Day)

Term 4: Monday 18 October – Wednesday 15 Dec

There will also be 2 teacher only days through the year (as part of the new teacher contract.) Dates will be advertised as soon as these are confirmed.

◆ **Absences:** Please notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. You can also use the Skool App or

administration email:

GMills@buckland.school.nz if these are easier for you. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before a holiday during term time. Children will be marked as absent. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.

◆ **Cell phones** are not permitted at school unless prior arrangements have been made by parents with Mrs Glasgow. Children's cellphones must be handed in to Mrs Glasgow for safe keeping if they are at school. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.

◆ **Dates for the Term**—these will be in next week's newsletter and placed on the website and Skool Loop App calendar once sports dates are confirmed.

◆ **School Times:** Children should be at school as close to 8.30 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8 a.m. Those who arrive from 8—8.30 a.m. will be required to sit out the front of the school and will be supervised by a staff member. School begins with a handbell at **8.50 a.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 8.55 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. If your child is late to school please send them to the office first so they can be marked as present. To help with traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish at **2.55pm for Year 0—2 students and 3 p.m. for everyone else. This year siblings of Year 0—2 students will not be released early.** Younger children will be supervised by teachers for the 5 mins before 3p.m.

◆ Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.00—12.45. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you

notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know. A short brain break will be held at 1.45p.m.

◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Each class will have daily swimming lessons with teachers. Please ensure children have their togs each day. The wearing of rash shirts is compulsory while in the pool. Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs.

◆ **Lunchtime swims**—Will be available. Classes have been rostered on each day and those classes will have priority. If there is sufficient safe numbers, other children will be invited by the duty teacher.

◆ **Hats**—Children **must** wear a hat during all intervals throughout this term. Hats need to be clearly named (inside) so that they can be returned if lost. Children who have written on the outside of their hats will be asked to wash these or replace them if the writing can not be removed. Children not wearing hats will be expected to sit under the front umbrellas.

◆ **Uniform Expectations** - These must be worn correctly. If there is a problem with an item of uniform, a uniform pass must be obtained from a teacher. The only jewellery to be worn are watches and stud earrings. Necklaces with cultural significance may be worn at the discretion of the principal. Fingernail polish should not be worn and we are expecting long hair to be tied up.

◆ **Water Only**—We are a water only school. Please do not send your child with cordial or soft drinks for intervals. Our drinking fountains have bottle fillers and we will be encouraging children to drink water frequently.

◆ **Breakfast Club**— Our Breakfast Club will be up and running on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the school hall. If any parents would like to help with this or provide fruit your assistance will be appreciated.

◆ **Weekly Newsletters**— A weekly newsletter (that comes out on the first school day of each week) will be placed on our website, emailed to those who have given us email addresses and also placed on our

Skool Loop App. If you do however require a paper copy please contact the office and one will be arranged for you. We will place a few copies on the school noticeboard in the office each week as well. If we don't have your email address and you want the newsletter emailed please provide it.

- ◆ **Lollies and Birthday Cakes**—It is a lovely thought to want to share these with class members however we ask that **no lollies or birthday cakes** are sent to school. We have a number of children unable to eat certain foods and this practice also puts pressure on families who can not afford to do this. Any birthday treats brought to school will be returned home.
- ◆ **COVID APP**—If you are entering the school grounds please scan the Covid App which is displayed at the entrance ways. If you are going into buildings you must come through the office and fill in the declaration on our Vistab.
- ◆ **Toys Needed**—If you have any toys that are in good condition and are no longer needed by your children we would love to have them for use in the sandpit and Discovery Time. Please hand in to Titipounamu. Small helmets are also needed for scooters.
- ◆ **Brass Plate stolen from monument near the new tiger turf**—It is with sadness that I inform you that the brass plate dedicated to a respected past teacher of the school Audrey de Berry, was stolen over the holidays. If anyone has any information please phone the principal or a Board Member.
- ◆ **Voluntary—Bring Your Own Chromebooks**—As advertised last year children are now welcome to bring their own chromebooks to school for use during class time. In order for them to do this their chromebooks must be set up on our system and a contract signed and procedures followed. Mr Taylor will be available next Tuesday to set chromebooks up. Contracts are able to be obtained from the office or downloaded from our website. These must be signed before children use chrome books at school. This scheme is entirely **voluntary** at this stage and all children will have access to school devices.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Mrs Collins for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work she did in getting our new students organised with uniforms.
- ◆ Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the hassle of shopping for these items.
- ◆ Grant Mills for assisting with the stationery sales on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- ◆ PTA and Board for the new tiger turf and goalposts. A special thanks to Mr Goldsack for managing these projects.
- ◆ Parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2020.
- ◆ **Staff** would like to thank families who gave them lovely gifts at the end of last year. Not necessary as it is a privilege to teach your children, but appreciated.

Events for This Week

- Thurs 4 Feb—8.55 a.m. School Welcome assembly
- Class Swimming Lessons begin.

Events for Next Week

- Mon 8 Feb—Waitangi Day observed. School is **closed**
- Wed 10 Feb—House Meetings
- Fri 12 Feb—First School Assembly—8.55 a.m. All Welcome

Community Notices

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or big family changes. The next after-school programme starts in Term 1 2021 on Thursday 11 February, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme is also running at the same time. The Programmes run for 1 hour over 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

FEIJOA PICKERS NEEDED FOR MARCH/ APRIL 2021 SEASON

Orchard close to Buckland School and picker would be required after the morning school drop off until approx. 2pm Monday to Friday. Enquiries please phone Prue on 021 525 162.

Staff List for 2021

- * Mrs Mavis Glasgow - Principal
- * DPs—Mrs Angela Lindgreen & Mrs Marlene Fletcher
- * Room Titipounamu —N.E./Year 1/Year 2 — Mrs Kathy Travers, Mrs Sue Brady, Mrs Tamsyn Gerritsen & Mrs Christina Reddish
- * Room Piwakawaka—Year 1/2—Mrs Sally Miles
- * Room Ruru—Year 1/2 —Mrs Kerry Bartlett & Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- * Room Tui—Year 3/4—Miss Neena Hari
- * Room Kakapo —Year 3/4/5—Mrs Sonja King
- * Room Takahe—Year 3/4 — Miss Sophie Pyne
- * Room Weka—Year 5/6—Mrs Marlene Fletcher & Mrs Joh Twomey
- * Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Mr Matthew Taylor
- * Room Kea Year 7/8—Mrs Lisa Goldsack
- * Reading Recovery/Specialist Groups -Mrs Lisa Robertson
- * Mrs Glenis Mills – Executive Officer
- * Mrs Charlotte Tildesley—Learning Support Co-ordinator (Buckland & Pukekohe East Schools)
- * Mrs Lisa Murphy—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Shona Miln—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Karen Adams—Teacher Aide
- * Mr Tony O'Halloran—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Tracey van Gessel
- * Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library
- * Mr William Lindgreen - Caretaker
- * Crest Clean—Cleaners

Community Notices

Sunshine is just around the corner!



Dry out your boots, hang up your coat and get your school app ready to read all the school events happening in term four

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



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