



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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Monday 14 February 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ **Tena Koutou. I hope you all survived the wild weekend weather?**
- ◆ **What a wonderful start we have had to the year!** Children seemed very pleased to be back reconnecting with their friends and getting to know their teachers. Teachers and support staff were also thrilled to be back working with the children. Unfortunately we were unable to have our welcome assembly but new students have received their welcome certificates and we have moved each of our year level ketes up a level. These are hanging in the office entrance and have each of our children's names in them.



- ◆ **Thank you** to all parents (especially our new parents) who have been understanding about not coming into the school grounds and to those who are dropping off and picking up children at the correct times. PLEASE do not drop children off before 8.30a.m. Teachers are cooling rooms with air cons prior to school and during intervals and must not have children in rooms. As we are trying to keep groups of children separate this is impossible if they are congregating prior to school. I realise this is difficult for those who need to get to work. KAS is available for Before School care and will drop children off at Buckland School. **Contact: Caroline on 236 4078 for more information.**
- ◆ **The full Buckland School Health and Safety plan** is on our website in the Covid folder. Parents/Visitors must not enter the school grounds, however if it is vital that you enter the school you must come through the office, sign in on our Vistab and scan the Covid App which is displayed throughout the school. Please wait at the door until you are invited in.
- ◆ **Managing COVID-19: A Public toolkit for schools and kura**—I have placed this document along with other information the school has been provided by the Ministry of Education and Health onto our website as a guide for parents as to the procedures we will follow should we have a positive case in the school. In the first instance we need to establish whether the case is a student or staff member, then identify close contacts and casual contacts. Letters will then be sent to families of these students/staff with information of what to do and what to watch out for. A further letter will go out to the rest of the school community. Contacts that are required to self-isolate and get tested will also be contacted by public health. Thank you to those families who have members who have already been identified as positive, close or casual contacts and have notified us and kept their children home for the required time and until negative test results have been received. With everyone acting responsibly we can help to minimise the risk of a case in our school.
- ◆ **Thank you to students who are wearing masks correctly indoors and to those who have been vaccinated.** These actions have been identified as reducing the risk along with handwashing, good hygiene and ventilation.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values. We have four signs in both Maori and English around the school.
- ◆ **Dates for 2022 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
 - Term 1: Tuesday 8 Feb—Thursday 14 April. (Easter and ANZAC day are in the holiday break)
 - Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July (Queen's Birthday—6 June, Matariki—24 June)
 - Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September (Sat 1 October—Ag Day)
 - Term 4: Monday 17 October – Friday 16 DecemberPlease 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 please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.
- ◆ **Absences:** Sick children or those isolating or awaiting Covid test results **must stay at home.** Please notify the school early each morning that your child is 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.
- ◆ **Parent Contact Information**—it is **vital** that we have up-to-date contact information for parents and caregivers. Please email our Executive Officer Mrs Mills on GMills@buckland.school.nz with this information if you have had any changes. Thanks to those who have done this over the last week.

- ◆ **School Times:** During **Red** children should be at school as close to 8.50 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8.30 a.m. School begins at **8.55 a.m.** **Please try to ensure your child isn't late.** At present late children will not be sent to the office, teachers will email a message to the office so they can be marked as present. To help with social distancing and traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish **at 2.55pm for Year 0—4 students.** **Siblings of Year 0—4 students will not be released early.** Younger children will be supervised by teachers for the 5 mins before 3 p.m. Please leave the grounds straight away—don't linger and chat!
- ◆ **Interval** is 10.10—10.30 with **lunch break** at 12.00—12.45. The first 10 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 teachers discretion in the afternoon. Groups of children will have areas assigned to them to help with contact tracing. As all year 4—8 students **must wear masks** while indoors, teachers will be planning for outdoor learning activities and outdoor breaks frequently.
- ◆ **Drink Bottles**—All children should have a drink bottle filled with water at school everyday please. Last week was unbearably hot and a number of children had to be provided with water. It is important that we keep children hydrated.
- ◆ **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**—These will be available for Year 3—8s. Year levels have been rostered on each day. No children from other year levels will be able to swim. Children have been notified of their days.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 the office for safe keeping if they are at school. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.
- ◆ **Weekly Newsletters**— A weekly newsletter (that comes out on the first school day of each week) and 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. 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.
- ◆ **Voluntary—Bring Your Own Chromebooks**—Thank you to all who have purchased these for children. Those that have come to school have been set up by our IT person; Grant or teachers; Mrs Shore or Mrs Goldsack. Don't forget we must have a contract signed and on file please.
- ◆ **Kawau Camp**—Thank you to parents of Year 6—8 students who have indicated that they and/or their children will attend camp this year. On Friday Health and permission forms were sent home. Please get these back to school as soon as possible.

Thank You to:

- All parents who have made payments for stationery and fees and made a donation to the school. If you are struggling to pay any of these please don't hesitate to contact principal to discuss.

Community Notices

Kelly Club Buckland

Your Board of Trustees supports the reinstatement of the Kelly Club After School Care programme.

Below is Kelly Club's Advertisement:

Welcome back to a new year at Kelly Club Buckland. We can't wait to see you all again in Term 1. You can make casual bookings also as you wish. Just a few reminders; You need to re-enrol into the [2022 After school event](#) Remember to bring hats and drink bottles. Please do not bring any toys or sweets with you to the programme. We are always a phone call, text or email away if you need to talk to us or have any questions.

Kind Regards, Amila Wijesuriya, Programme Coordinator

Phone 021 087 49579, email buckland@kellyclub.co.nz

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Found at the School Gate:
Gold chain bracelet. Please contact the school office to claim.

Tots to Teens Digi Magazine
Your school community's link to the first 2022 **Tots to Teens digi-magazine** is <https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>

Events for This Week

- Wed 16th—Yr 7 & 8 Technology – Pukekohe Intermediate
- Wed 16th—Fire Drill
- Thurs 17th & Fri 18th—Swimming lessons will be supported by Instructor from Swimming NZ.

Events for Next Week

- Wed 23rd—BOT Meeting 6 p.m.
- Thurs 24—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation talks