



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 28 February 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ **Tena Koutou.**
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect—Kia U, Responsibility—Kia Mau and Resilience—Kia Manawanui
- ◆ **Parent Contact Information**—Has your phone number, email or address changed? If so please contact Mrs Mills to update these.
- ◆ **COVID-19:** As you will be aware we had our first case in the school last week. Fortunately parents had kept their children at home when they were unwell and therefore they had limited contact with others in the classes. Thank you! Thanks also to those who got children tested and reported back to us negative results. As we have moved to Phase 3 of the Covid Protection Framework, the definition of a close contact now changes to those in families of a positive case only, therefore there will be no school close contacts now. We will however do our best to keep you informed of cases in our school community that might have an effect on others. We are taking every step we can to minimise the risk to students, staff and our parents: good ventilation (we are testing CO2 levels daily in classes and I can report levels are well below the minimum level), hygiene actions, cleaning of surfaces, mask wearing and getting students outside as much as possible. Thank you for the actions you are taking to support children and staff, these are important as we have a number of staff and students who are themselves or who have family members, who are immune compromised.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Learning from Home** — Teachers will not be expected to provide specific learning experiences or zoom meetings with students whose parents choose to keep them at home. If children are required to isolate due to being a close contact teachers will do their best to support children to continue learning via Google Classrooms—Yrs 3—8, use of Mathletics, StepsWeb, Epic Reading. For Yrs 1—2 students teachers will put together a hardpack of work that their class is doing. For those who have contracted Covid they will be classed as sick. Trial home learning units of work from the Ministry of Education are also available on www.education.govt.nz
- ◆ **Absences:** Sick children or those isolating because they are a close contact (in a home situation) or awaiting Covid test results **must** stay at home. It really helps if you 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.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Drink Bottles**—All children should have a drink bottle filled with water at school everyday please. It is important that children keep hydrated.
- ◆ **Kawau Camp**—At this stage the camp is going ahead, however a final decision will be made tonight after the parent meeting. If you need to pull your child out please let me know before 6.30p.m. Thank you to parents of Year 6—8 students who have sent back Health and permission forms. Accounts were sent home last week. Parents who are attending camp were sent a Google Meet invitation yesterday (Sunday). The meeting is tonight: Monday at 6.30p.m. A third camp newsletter went home with children today. There will be a final one with last minute reminders sent home on Friday.
- ◆ **Inter-school sports**— All interschool sport: Group and Zone events have been cancelled for this term. This means there will be not be any Group or Zone Swimming, or Rippa Rugby events.
- ◆ **School Swimming Sports Yrs 3—8—Tomorrow;** Tuesday 1 March we will be holding a school swimming sports for Years 3—8. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. Each of the groups will be staggered starting with the Year 7 & 8s. and staff will manage the timekeeping and organisation. Please ensure children have towels, togs, sunscreen and a warm sweatshirt for between swims and after the event.
- ◆ **Missing Books**—Please return any school books to school as soon as possible, we are still missing library books and readers from last year.



2022 School Prefects-



Buckland School Charter & Strategic Plan

This was approved at last week's Board meeting and is available on our website.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Board members for attending the Board meeting last week.
- ◆ Staff who are doing extra cleaning throughout the day.

Congratulations to:

The following students who have received Gold Mathletics Certificates: **Weka:** Dougie, Isaac, **Karearea:** Eden, Oliver, Jason, Miakoda, **Takahe:** Damien, Alex, **Ruru:** Riley, Malcolm, **Top Mathletics Class:** Weka

Our New Deck and Seating at the back of the Library

Thank you to Goldsack Properties for erecting this deck and seating. It is already being well used by our students.

Events for This Week

- Mon 28 Feb—Kawau Camp meeting for parents 6.30p.m. Google Meet
- Tues 1 March—Yr 3—8 School Swimming

Events for Next Week

- Year 6—8 Kawau Camp



Community Notices

Don't Get Left Behind This Year!

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

Simple free download:
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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HOUSE FOR SALE

3 bedroom house for sale in
Tonkin Place, Buckland
Price by negotiation
Suit small family
Phone: 022 3839082

WE WANT YOU!

to be part of our team!

Come and join our Family Friendly Club

REGISTRATION DATES 2022

Thurs 3rd March 5-7pm
Tues 8th March 5-7pm
Thurs 10th March 5-7pm

30 Papanato Rd, Bombay

to Register head to
www.sporty.co.nz/bombayrugby/registrations-1/junior-registration-form
or
For more information email Army on registrarbifrc@gmail.com

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering
The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

PARENTING COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRaise VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR GROUPS
INDIVIDUALS OR
A BUNCH OF FRIENDS

Via **zoom**

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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

SIGN UP FOR JUNIOR RUGBY FOR 2022!

REGISTRATION/WEIGH-INS:
Wednesday 2nd March 5.30-6.30pm
Sunday 6th March 3.00-4.00pm

Pukekohe Rugby Clubrooms
Colin Lawrie Fields, Reynolds Rd, Pukekohe

TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 YEARS OLD, INCLUDING A GIRLS ONLY RIPPA GRADE (PLAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT) - YR 3/4, YR 5/6, YR 7/8 & YR 9/10

Registration fees \$75 per player - includes free training t-shirt!