



Kea Term 1, 2026

Welcome to Kea, a happy, fun and hardworking group of Year 2 & 3 learners. I am looking forward to getting to know your whaanau this year.

Term 1 Learning

We are enjoying starting the year off with a focus on whakawhanaungatanga which is the process of making and maintaining relationships. Kea is learning about our School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, and what this looks like. Later in the Term we will be looking at our new topic called, 'Pest and Predator Free Aotearoa' and this will be incorporated in our EOTC week for our Year 2s also.



iPads and Chromebooks

iPads and Chromebooks are available in Kea for classroom use this year.

From Year 3 up, we use chromebooks as part of our daily learning for programmes such as Google Classroom, Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Children from Year 3 are allowed to bring their own chromebooks to school for use if they have one.

This is optional as each class does have a set of shared class chromebooks for Year 3s. Personal chromebooks go home each day and it is the child's responsibility to charge them overnight ready for use. Teachers will send home a BYOD user agreement for families to sign for those who need one.

A number of the programmes we use on the iPads and Chromebooks require the children to be able to listen carefully, so a headset is required to use these most effectively. We ask that all children please provide a set of headphones from home. Please name your child's headphones and send them to school in a named bag. These headphones will remain at school until the end of the year for use in your child's day to day learning.

Bookbags

All students will require a bookbag daily to take home readers, library books, and our boomerang book. Thank you for your support to help readers get back to school safely and promptly.



Homework

Homework will start in Week 3 and include:

Daily Reading (Library books, Phonics Plus books, and Poems) - Please may you set aside 5-10 minutes for reading and fill in their reading log.

Mathletics & Reading Eggs (Log in details will be located in the front of Reading Logs and Boomerang Books.)

Library

Kea's library day is on Friday's and we ask for your support in returning books so that students can get a new one at our next visit.

Swimming

Swimming takes place daily in Term 1 and the end of Term 4. Please make sure your child comes to school with their named togs, rash shirt, towel and bag everyday. We are also excited to have Fulton Swim School teachers for the Swim for Life programme starting on Monday 16th February. They will be with us Mon-Wed, Week 3, 4, & 5.



Hats

Hats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4 and are essential sun protection during break times and other outdoor activities. We have a 'No Hat, No Play' policy at our school.

Team Assemblies

Year 2 Team Assemblies are at 2:30pm every second Friday starting in Week 3.

Year 3 Team Assemblies Friday afternoons at 2.30pm in Weeks 3, 5 and 7.

Keep an eye out on Class Dojo for reminders of these events and information on which classes are hosting!



Year 2 Information: EOTC Week

Our Learning Pathways topic this term is 'Pest & Predator free Aotearoa'. This will link to our Education Outside The Classroom (E.O.T.C Week) where students will be involved in many fun activities throughout the week. EOTC Week is on Week 6- Monday 9th March through to Friday 13th March. Please look out for notices with more EOTC information in the upcoming weeks.

Year 3 Information: Camp

We are excited to go to Lakewood Lodge with our Year 3 and 4 students in Term 2, Week 4, Monday 11th May - Tuesday 12th May. This is an action packed two day camp that provides an amazing range of learning opportunities which the children love. We will be sending further information home about camp later in the term. Exact cost is yet to be confirmed but we encourage families to start putting money aside now.

Upcoming School Events:

Parent Meetings: 17 Feb 3:15pm, 3:30pm

Fulton Swim School Lessons: Starting 16 Feb

BBQ BOT & Swim: 20 Feb

Year 3&4 Swimming Demonstration: Week 4

Year 2 EOTC Week: Week 6

Year 3&4 Wheels Day: 13 March

Year 3&4 Rippa Rugby: 25 March

Last Day of Term: 25 April



Class Dojo

Buckland School uses ClassDojo for sharing and communicating with whanau. If you have not already, please accept the invite that has been sent out so you can join our class page.

Please feel free to contact me by using the message function on ClassDojo or you can also email me at nhari@buckland.school.nz

(Reminder: Please use Skool Loop App or call the office directly for all absences. Thank you!)



We are looking forward to a fun year of learning and growing with your child.
Kind Regards,

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