



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.

Week 3 Term 2

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Monday 12 May 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

- ♦ **School Values:** Respect—Kia U, Resilience—Kia Manawanui, Responsibility—Kia Mau
- ♦ **Welcome** to Izzy, Frankie & Lydia and their family. We hope your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ♦ **Contact details**—If your address, phone number, email address, or emergency numbers, have changed, please notify Mrs Mills our executive officer as it is important that we have up-to-date contact details should we need to contact you. Contact can be through a phone call or an email; admin@buckland.school.nz
- ♦ **Change of Clothes to play on the field**—please send along a change of clothes if your child wants to play on any of our fields. They may keep these at school for the week and bring them home for washing at the end of the week if this helps. Our fields get muddy over the winter terms and having a change protects our uniforms and our carpets & furniture.
- ♦ **PTA Meeting—this Thursday at 6.30p.m. All Welcome**
- ♦ **Yr 3 & 4 Lakewood Lodge camp—Monday and Tuesday this week.** We wish all students, parents and staff attending an enjoyable and challenging two days.
- ♦ **School Assembly—Unfortunately due to weather** our first school assembly for Term 2 was unable to take place on Friday. Certificates and awards were given out in classes.
- ♦ **Agricultural Day Chickens**—if you would like to order a chicken to rear for this year's Agricultural Day please use the order form in this newsletter. **All chickens must be ordered through our school for uniformity of judging.** It is best to order more than one chicken to allow for mishaps. Information on rearing chickens from one day old can be found on the school website under Agricultural Day. The cost of each chicken is \$5.50. Orders and money need to be placed in the drawer in the office **by Tuesday 20 May**. Collection date will be during the last week of term—the date will be emailed once confirmed. **Once chickens are ordered you are committed to taking them.**
- ♦ **School Photo Codes**—each child was given a flyer from Photolife Studios last week which contains a unique code for ordering school photos. Free delivery expires on Sunday 25 May. Following this the photos will be printed and sent to school for those who order.
- ♦ **Three Way Conferences**—We will hold Three Way Conferences on Monday 26 May from 2-5pm and Thursday 29 May from 3.15 to 8pm. Please make an appointment on the Skool Loop App or fill in the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you to:

- ♦ Parents who supported students at the Orienteering event last week.
- ♦ The Footsteps instructor who provided great lessons for the children last week.

Congratulations to:

- ♦ The following children who received awards for school assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Elijah, Elaura-May, Oscar, Mylo, **Titipounamu:** Quincy, Piper, Ian, Kade, Charlotte, Adeline, **Ruru:** Oliver, Ronan, Frankie, Mia, **Kereru:** Nathan, Brooke, Destiny, Niamh, **Takahe:** Hamish, Amelie, Ryan, Max, **Kakapo:** Sui I Moana, Max B, Max D, Milly, **Karearea:** Trinity, Otis, Charlie, Eva, **Weka:** Dante, Bridie, Isla, Chloe, **Kea:** Karaya, Joshua, George, Skyla-Rose, Willow, Jak, Ryan, Milly
Principal's Award: Te-Ariki in Karearea
Lion Award: Frankie in Ruru
- ♦ The following children who received Athletics awards for school assembly: **Kea:** Anders, **Weka:** Mason, **Karearea:** Liam, **Kakapo:** Siu I Moana, **Takahe:** Max, **Kereru:** Logan, **Ruru:** Mase, **Titipounamu:** Cooper and Holly.
- ♦ Our Yr 7 & 8 Orienteering teams. All students did very well with our Year 7 boys team coming 1st and our Year 8 girls team coming 3rd. The Year 7 boys team will now take part in the Auckland Championship event this week. Good Luck!



Attendance Rates for our school for Term 1

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

87%

Compared to 78% in Term 1, 2024

Irregular Absence 11%

Compared to 14% in Term 1, 2024

Moderate Absence 1%

Compared to 5% in Term 1, 2024

Chronic Absence 0%

Compared to 4% in Term 1, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1. (M) Illness / Medical Absence 63%
2. (G) Holiday 17%
3. (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 14%
4. (J) Explained and Approved 4%
5. (T) Unexplained / Trivial 2%

How many students were on time to class?

86% of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

Which category did your child fall into?

Every day counts!

Regular Attendance—missing fewer than 5 days per term (214 of our students)

Irregular Absence—absent between 5 & 9 days per term (28 of our students)

Moderate Absence—absent 10—14.5 days (3 of our students)

Chronic Absence—absent 15 or more days. (0)



Events for This Week

- ⇒ Road Safety Week
- ⇒ Mon 12 & Tues 13—Year 3 & 4 Lakewood Lodge Camp
- ⇒ Tues 13 & Fri 16 May—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Tues 13 May—Writers Festival (Auckland) selected Yr 7 & 8 students
- ⇒ Wed 14 May—Launchpad/Values programmes.
- ⇒ Wed 14 May—Yr 7 & 8 Technology (fortnightly)
- ⇒ Wed 14 May—Auckland Orienteering (selected students)
- ⇒ Thurs 15 May—Jump Jam
- ⇒ Thurs 15 May—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Thurs 15 May—PTA meeting—6.30p.m. All Welcome
- ⇒ Fri 16 May—Pink Shirt Day—wear a pink shirt in support of No Bullying.
- ⇒ Fri 16 May—Pukekohe High School visit (Yr 8s)
- ⇒ Fri 16 May—Kapa Haka practices
- ⇒ Fri 16 May—Team Assemblies

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Tues 20 May & Fri 23 May—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Tues 20 May—Kapa Haka leaders to Papakura Int
- ⇒ Wed 21 May—Launchpad & Values lessons
- ⇒ Wed 21 May—Board Meeting—6 p.m.
- ⇒ Thurs 22 May—Jump Jam / Fitness
- ⇒ Thurs 22 May—Enviro Group
- ⇒ Thurs 22 May—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Fri 23 May—School Assembly 2.30 p.m. All Welcome (weather permitting). If assemblies have to be cancelled due to weather, notification will be on the front page of our website by 1.00p.m.
- ⇒ Fri 23 May—PTA Disco (See notice next page)

PTA

URGENT! Buckland School PTA Needs a New President!

Love being involved in your child's school? Want to help make a real difference for our students? The Buckland School PTA is looking for a new President — and it could be you!

The PTA runs some of the most exciting and rewarding parts of the school year: Ag Day, raffles, disco nights, and ice block days! Last year, Ag Day alone raised over \$30,000—a huge boost for the school, and something to be proud of.

Most of the year the role involves just a couple of hours a month, with a bit more in Term 3 as we gear up for Ag Day. You'll be supported by a great team and have the option to **share the role with a friend** if that works better for you.

It's a great way to develop leadership skills, build friendships, and be closely involved in your child's school journey.

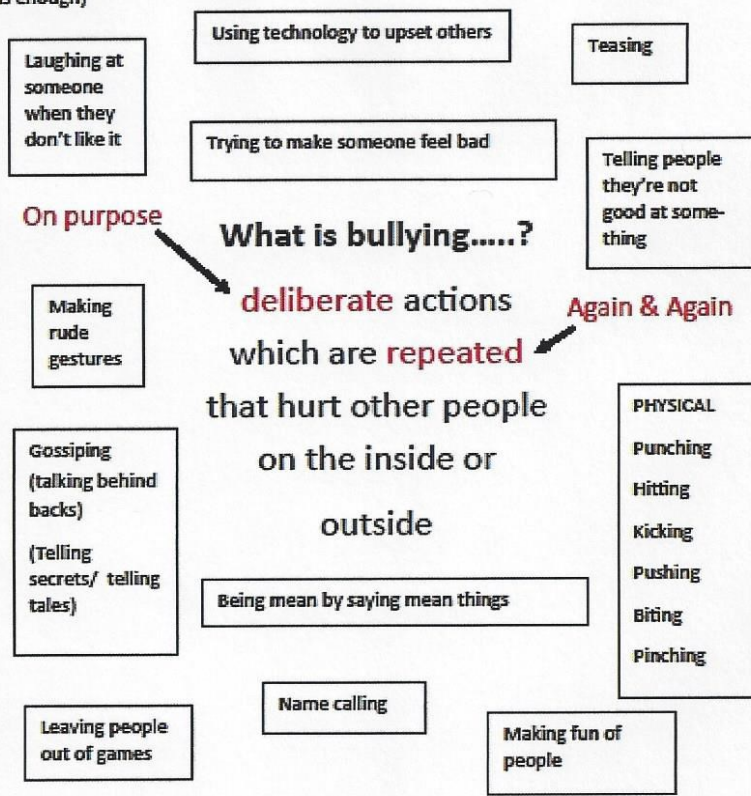
Interested? Email bucklandpta@outlook.com or message PTA Secretary Alicia on 027 415 2161 before **Wednesday 14 May**.

Excited students ready to leave for camp this morning



Bully-Free NZ Week

Buckland School is committed to having a school environment that is Bully Free. As part of this the staff have put together a definition of Bullying and identified behaviours that are classed as bullying behaviours if done deliberately and repeatedly. Your Board of Trustees has approved this and indicated their commitment to this also. Children will be discussing this chart during this week and will be doing some activities around helping our school to be bully free. On Friday we will hold a Pink Shirt day to show our commitment to Speaking Up, Standing Together and Stopping Bullying. (there is no need to buy anything pink if children don't own a pink shirt. A pink ribbon, wrist band, hat, etc is enough)



AGRICULTURAL DAY CHICKENS ORDER FORM

(Orders to be in by Friday 31 May 2024)

Please supply me with _____ hens at \$5.50 each

Total \$ _____ enclosed

Chickens must be collected on the date to be emailed which will be during the last week of this term. (23-27 June)

Name _____ Room _____

Signed _____ (Parent Signature)



Three Way Conferences - Student / Parent / Teacher

Monday 26 May & Thursday 29 May

Conferences can be booked on the school loop app or by completing this form and returning to the drawer in the office by **Friday 23 May**.

Conference requests will be allocated as they are received. **Please provide 3 preferred times—number 1 to 3**

Child's name:

Room No.

Child's name

Room No.

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Email Address:

Monday 26 May 2pm—5 pm

2.00—2.15	2.15—2.30	2.30—2.45	2.45—3.00
3.00—3.15	3.15—3.30	3.30—3.45	3.45—4.00
4.00—4.15	4.15—4.30	4.30—4.45	4.45—5.00

Thursday 29 May 3.15pm—8pm

	3.15—3.30	3.30—3.45	3.45—4.00
4.00—4.15	4.15—4.30	4.30—4.45	4.45—5.00
			5.45—6.00
6.00—6.15	6.15—6.30	6.30—6.45	6.45—7.00
7.00—7.15	7.15—7.30	7.30—7.45	7.45—8.00

Community Notices



ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING

Saturday 17th May

10.30am - 2pm
Parking available

Join us for a complimentary electric blanket testing at the

Pukekohe Fire Station - 88 Harris Street, Pukekohe

It's absolutely free!

Thanks to Lecsaf, we are taking steps to prevent fires and injuries. Just bring your electric blanket, and the Lecsaf technicians will handle the rest.

This simple check could protect you from a house fire this winter. While you're there, Fire and Emergency personnel will provide you with home fire safety advice, ensuring you and your family stay safe during the winter season.

BUCKLAND SCHOOL PTA

DISCO

FRIDAY 23 MAY

6PM TO 8PM

BUCKLAND SCHOOL HALL

NO THEME - COME AS YOU ARE

SNACKS, WATER AND GLOW STICKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE - PLEASE BRING SMALL CHANGE

Entry is donation of confectionery, stationery or a beauty product for Ag Day hampers

Students in Year 5 and under must have adult supervision. Younger siblings (pre-schoolers) are able to attend with adult supervision.

Keep your home and family fire safe this winter

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