



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 2 Term 3 2025

www.buckland.school.nz

21 July 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ♦ **Buckland School Values:** Respect, Resilience, Responsibility
- ♦ **DATES FOR THE TERM**—These were in last week's newsletter and are also on our school website. Please be aware that any changes will be communicated through the weekly newsletter in the Events for this week and Events next week sections.
- ♦ **Attendance Report for Term 2 2025**—We have received the report for Term 2 from the Ministry of Education. Only **72%** of our students had **regular attendance**—90% or more—missing fewer than 5 days across the term. **21% had irregular absence** 80-89% - absent for between 5 & 9 days. **6% moderate absence**—70—79% - absent between 10 & 14.5 days, while **1% had chronic absence**—70% or less—15 days or more. We all need to be responsible for lifting this attendance rate! As well, only 81% of students were on time to class. Our rolls are picked up daily by the Ministry through our Student Management System and they are tracking individual and group absences. Please see the Ministry of Education information following on attendance.
- ♦ **NZ Curriculum Changes** - Check out the new PARENT PORTAL that has been created by the Ministry of Education to help inform parents and guardians about the changes to the NZ Curriculum and outline what children are learning at each year level of the school:
<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>
- ♦ **Cross Country Training**—please send along a change of clothes and suitable shoes for daily cross country training—NO crocs please as these are not suitable for running in. Our cross country will take place next Monday beginning at **11.15a.m** Event order: Yr 3 & 4, Yr 7 & 8, Yr 5 & 6. Afternoon—beginning at **1.30p.m.** Yr 0—2. ALL WELCOME.
- ♦ **Class Agricultural Day Notices**—We have taken into account comments made in last year's community survey and have made changes to our Ag Day activities. As in the past all art will be completed at school as well as some baking in some classrooms. As we do not expect parents to buy flowers many of the arrangements involve plants and weeds. The project for students who are not having animals in Year 4—8 (& Year 3s who would like to do this) involves children painting/etching or carving a picket fence palling. These are available from Mrs G for \$5.00. Please see instructions on the website in the Ag folder or the printed copy sent home. Any queries please ask!
- ♦ **Road Safety—Care needed**—Please use the crossing at the end of the day. Our road patrollers (& Mrs G) are committed to keeping everyone safe, even during cold and wet weather. Every day last week a parent/or grandparent took children across the road 10—20m from the crossing.
- ♦ **Plastic Bottle Tops**—Thanks to those who have brought some in for Mrs Robertson and her art group. More are needed —any colours except blue please.

- ♦ **Junior Literacy Meeting/ BSLA**—See information following re Junior Literacy session on Monday 28 July at 2.45pm to 3.30pm in the school library. All welcome.
- ♦ **Free Parental Evening**—This highly recommended event is on Thursday 28 August at 6.30pm with Nigel Latta in the Pukekohe Indian Hall. See Community Notices for how to book.

Thank you to:

- ♦ All whanau who joined us for school assembly last Friday.

Congratulations to:

- ♦ The following students who received awards at school assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Oscar, Brian, Damian, Micaela, **Titipounamu:** Harvey B, Khadeen, Dayna, Harvey C, Amelia, Ava, **Ruru:** Maia, Karen, Jason, Oliver, **Kereru:** Olivia, Niamh, Morrison, Jayden, **Takahe:** Astin, Max, Kenzie, Liam, **Kakapo:** Lucia, William, Marlee, Danika, **Karearea:** Ella, Jessica, Otis, Aania, **Weka:** Addy, Holly, Annabelle, Frankie, **Kea:** Jak, Cruze, Damien, Te-Atawhai, Milly, Indeanna, Cruz, Ryan
Principal's Award: Ollie in Karearea
Lion Award: Manjaap in Ruru
School Values Awards: Ryan in Kea, Manjaap & Ronan in Ruru
Winning House: Kowhai
- ♦ The following students who received Athletics awards at school assembly: **Weka:** Kayley & Cameron, **Karearea:** Reece, **Kakapo:** Jacx, **Takahe:** Jaxson, **Kereru:** Esmae, **Ruru:** Mila
Top Mathlete: Mila in Ruru
Top Mathetics Class: Ruru

Have a Super week.

Kindest Regards, Mavis Glasgow (Principal)

From the PTA

PTA MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT—TUESDAY 22 JULY AT 6.30pm
in the staffroom—All welcome to attend

BOOKS, GAMES, PUZZLES WANTED!

We need **GOOD QUALITY** books (kids, adult, fiction & non-fiction) & games (board games/family games) to sell at the Ag Day book stall.

Please feel free to drop at the School office or message Louise 021 1147 133 to sort a collection point.

Please NO books with missing pages.

Wanted for Ag Day Stall

Good condition washed stuffed toys

Please drop to the office

or contact Lauren 027 4273197

or Steph 021 845 631

Thanks!

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Tues 22 July & Fri 25 July—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Tues 22 July—6.30p.m.—PTA Meeting. All welcome
- ⇒ Wed 23 July—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Int
- ⇒ Wed 23 July—Launchpad/Values programme
- ⇒ Thurs 24 July — Jump Jam/Fitness circuit (weather permitting)
- ⇒ Thurs 24 July—Sushi lunch orders
- ⇒ Thurs 24 July—Otago Maths Challenge (selected students)
- ⇒ Fri 25 July - Yr 0—2 Team Assembly 2.20p.m. In Titipounamu. Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly—2.30p.m. in school hall. **All Welcome**

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Mon 28 July—Cross Country—see start times
- ⇒ Mon 28 July—Junior Literacy meeting at 2.45pm-3.30pm
- ⇒ Tues 29 July & Fri 1 Aug—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Tues 29 July—Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Netball
- ⇒ Wed 30 July—Yr 5 & 6 Franklin Netball
- ⇒ Wed 30 July—Launchpad/Values programme
- ⇒ Wed 30 July—Board Meeting—6p.m. All Welcome
- ⇒ Thurs 31 July—Yr 3 & 4 Franklin Netball
- ⇒ Thurs 31 July — Jump Jam/Fitness circuit begins, outside. (weather permitting)
- ⇒ Thurs 31 July—Sushi lunch orders
- ⇒ Fri 1 Aug—PTA Casual Dress Mystery Bottle for Adults
- ⇒ Fri 1 Aug - School Assembly 2.30p.m. All Welcome

Ministry of Education—Template for Schools Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. Health guidance to support you to decide is available on our Buckland School Website. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your learner.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

Kind Regards

Mavis Glasgow (Principal)

BUCKLAND SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations are open for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the School Board.

All eligible voters will receive a cover letter calling for nominations and a nomination form. More nomination forms are available from the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **6 August 2025**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. A list of candidates' names and the electoral roll can be viewed at the school office up until election day during normal school hours. Voting closes at **4pm** on **10 September 2025**.

Signed Glenis Mills, Returning Officer

Buckland School Parent Reading Workshop



Dear Whānau

Our junior classes are using a newly available, research based, way of teaching reading and spelling.

It is called the Better Start Literacy Approach. www.betterstartapproach.com

You are invited to come and hear about this Approach and learn about how you can support the reading journey for your child at home.

Day and Time: Monday 28th July (after Cross Country) 2:45-3:30

Place: Library, Buckland School

We can look after your children in Titipounamu during the presentation.

The Better Start Literacy Approach was developed by Professors Gail Gillon, Brigid McNeill and their team from the Child Well-being Research Institute and School of Teacher Education at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch.

The Approach has been piloted and tested with over 1000 tamariki, their teachers and whānau in Christchurch and Auckland communities. The results showed that the Better Start Literacy Approach is very effective in advancing the reading and spelling abilities in 5 – 6 year old tamariki.

The Ministry of Education is supporting the Better Start Literacy Approach which has been specially designed for our New Zealand educational context. It includes the new Ready to Read Phonics Plus readers for young children that are being distributed to all schools.

We are really excited to have the opportunity to use the Better Start Literacy Approach in our classroom. We would love to have you come along to learn more about this Approach and find out how to use the new reading books with your child at home.



Community Notices






THRIVING TAMARIKI PUKEKOHE

Free EVENT FOR PARENTS

Highlights



Guest Speaker
Nigel Latta
Clinical Psychologist & Author

Free sausage sizzle ◀
Food Trucks on site for kai purchase
Local service stalls ◀
Explore support services available
Free Childcare available ◀
Provided by Kids After School
Book your space (09) 236 4078

About Our Event!
An evening focused on parenting, building resilience, and awhi. Supporting strong, thriving tamariki in our community!

Thursday, 28 August 2025

Event starts: 6.30 pm
Doors open from 5:45 pm
Pukekohe Indian Hall

Register Here >
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YCA>

Our Community Providers:
Pātaiti/Questions? KiaOraAke@tewhare.org.nz






INCREDIBLE YEARS

PARENTING PROGRAMME

205 King Street
Pukekohe

Thursdays
9.30am - 12.00pm or
6.00pm - 8.30pm

7th August - 20th November

For whānau of children aged 3-8 years

Contact Hepi
09 238 6233
parenting@mailighthouse.org.nz



Mai Lighthouse

TEENAGE TOOLBOX

PARENTING PROGRAMME

For whānau of teenagers aged 12-18 years

205 King Street, Pukekohe

Mondays
6pm - 8.30pm
4th August - 15th September

Contact Hepi
09 238 6233
parenting@mailighthouse.org.nz




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1 hour of hands on experiments that each child completes. Fizzing, popping and foaming fun!

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JUNIOR CLUB LEAGUE

GRADES: U10 / U12 / U14



TERM 3 REGOS

OPEN NOW

Please get in contact with your nearest club.



FRANKLIN BASKETBALL PRESENTS


GIRLS GOT GAME

Anyone aged 8-15 years.

This is a perfect place to start basketball. Our FREE* beginner program covers the basic as well as play lots of fun and engaging games and activities focusing on skill development, connection and exploration of the sport with other girls!

STARTING - WEDNESDAY 30th JULY


REGISTER HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
www.fbb.nz/girlsgotgame

HOOPSTERS



UNDER 8 BEGINNER BASKETBALL PROGRAM

TERM 3 REGOS - OPEN NOW



STARTING MONDAY 21st JULY

REGISTER HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
www.fbb.nz/hoopsters

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children 6-12yrs dealing with changes and challenges in their lives e.g separation, death, or other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next week on Thursday 24th of July 4-5pm, is held in Pukekohe and runs once a week for 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Mencarelli-Skilton on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons