



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 1 Term 4 2025

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Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou


- ♦ **Welcome back to school for Term 4.** I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and that children are healthy, relaxed and ready for a very busy final term of 2025. A special welcome to Pranshi our new student and her family. We hope your association with the school and the school community will be a rewarding and enjoyable one.

- ♦ **School Values:** Respect—Kia u, Responsibility—Kia mau, Resilience—Kia manawanui.

- ♦ **Our Agricultural Day**—What a super day we had and weren't we lucky with the weather? **Ag Day was a wonderful opportunity to highlight our school and the work of our students to the wider community.**

A **HUGE** thank you to all parents, community members, local businesses for the **fantastic** support with sponsorship, contributions to raffles, the silent auction, stalls, produce and cakes, etc. The day was only possible because of the commitment of our school community and the **countless hours put in by our children, staff, PTA members, the wonderful stall holders (and their families,) those who organised animal rings, tents, chairs and tables, prizes/gifts etc.**

- ♦ Thanks also to the great team who worked tirelessly on Friday getting produce and stalls ready, assisting with children and preparing classrooms. Thanks also to those who stayed for the clean-up on Saturday and to past families and students who offered their help and stepped in to fill roster gaps for us.
- ♦ A special thanks to the children, their parents and staff for the way they prepared their animals and participated in the indoor activities. Classrooms looked stunning and children and staff should be very proud of the achievements.
- ♦ Thanks to Mrs Mills and Ryan Mills, for the efficient organisation of the animal side: organising the programme, judges, roster, ribbons, points, trophies, etc.
- ♦ Thanks to our indoor and animal judges for their input into our day and to those who were involved as stewards.
- ♦ A prior notice of a teacher strike has been notified for Thursday 23 October. This may or may not go ahead—the NZEI must confirm this three days prior. Our school **will remain open for instruction** either way. Monday 27 October is Labour day and Tuesday 28 October is an approved Teacher Only Day for Mathematics Professional Development.

- ♦ **Safety Reminders**—All crossing of George Crescent must be done at the patrolled crossing. (Parents you need to be good role models for this!) Parents have the responsibility of ensuring the safety of children crossing the main road. If children are riding their bike to school they should be at least 10 years old (recommendation from NZ Police, Bike Wise and LTNZ) and must wear an approved helmet. Any younger children must be supervised by a parent.
- ♦ **Term 3 Attendance results: Only 73% of our students attended regularly (90% or more, which is less than 5 days absence) over the term. We are aware that there was a lot of sickness over the term and also a lot of students absent for holidays in term time, but this was still a disappointing statistic for our school.** The Ministry have a target of 80% of students attending regularly—we exceeded this in Term 1 but not in Term 2 or 3. Let us hope that we can make (or exceed the target) in Term 4. Every Day Counts!!!
- ♦ **School Begins at 8.55a.m.** Parents are asked to say their final farewells at the handbell and depart from rooms so that teaching can begin promptly. Last term only 80% of our students were on time for class! Late children interrupt the class so please ensure your children are at school prior to the handbell at 8.50a.m. Our rolls are marked at 8.55a.m. so our maths and literacy programmes can begin at 9 a.m.
- ♦ **Dates for the Term**—These are on the back, please put them in a safe place. They are also available on our Website calendar.
- ♦ **Hats**—these are to be worn this term. There are supplies available from the uniform shop that is open on Monday mornings from 8.30a.m to 9.15am. Thanks to Mrs Thompson for running this for us. Please name all items of clothing so they can be handed back if lost. 
- ♦ **Dates for 2026**—The Board has approved the following dates for 2026: **Term 1**—Tuesday 3 February—Thursday 2 April. **Term 2**—Mon 20 April—Friday 3 July. **Term 3**—Monday 20 July—Friday 25 September. **Term 4**—Monday 12 October—Tuesday 15 Dec. **Please** make holiday arrangements during holiday times so school attendance is not disrupted. Ag Day is planned for 26 September. (TBC) Waitangi Day is Fri 6 Feb. Easter falls in the Term 1 holiday break. Anzac Day is Sat 25 April with Mon 27 observed. King's Birthday is 1 June, Matariki—is in the Term 2 holiday break, Labour Day—Mon 26 October.

- ◆ **School Council Casual Dress Day**—Last term made \$230.30 for St John. Thanks to all who made donations to this cause. Reminder: a defibrillator is available at school on the wall outside the office.
- ◆ **Ag Day Cups & Trophies**—please return all cups and trophies won at Ag Day to the office this week so they can be taken for engraving.
- ◆ **Franklin Group Day**—This is taking place at the A & P Showgrounds on **Wednesday 15 October (please note change of date)**. Entry forms are available on the school website or from the office. **Entries close this Thursday 9 October**. The cost to enter is \$7.50. Entry is open to any child who showed a calf, lamb or goat at our Ag Day.
- ◆ **Lost Property from Term 3**—This is available in the entrance of the hall.
- ◆ **Measles information**—Attached to the email is information for parents on the Measles cases and what you should do to protect your children.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ **Ag Day Results**—will be placed on our website (in the Ag Day folder) along with photos of the day. The powerpoint of our wonderful sponsors is already on the website in this folder, please support the businesses who supported us.
- ◆ All 104 students who received attendance certificates for having excellent attendance (perfect or only one day) for Term 3.

Events for This Week

Tues 7 Oct—Parent Camp Meeting for Kauaeranga Valley Yr 5 & 6 Camp at 5.30pm. It is important that all parents attending endeavour to be at the meeting.

Wed 8 Oct—Enrolment Ballot

Wed 8 Oct—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate

Wed 8 Oct—Launchpad & Values groups begin again.

Thurs 9 Oct—Jump Jam & Fitness Circuit

Thurs 9 Oct—Ezi Lunch—Sushi begins again

Fri 10 Oct—School Assembly—2.30p.m. ALL WELCOME. If weather prevents this, a message will be on our website at 1 p.m.

Events for Next Week

Wed 15 Oct—Board Meeting—6 p.m.

Wed 15—17 Oct—Yr 5 & 6 Kauaeranga Valley camp

Thurs 16 Oct—NZ Shake Out 9.30a.m.

Thurs 16 Oct—Otago Maths Final challenge (selected children)

Fri 17 Oct— Junior/Middle Team Assemblies

PTA RAFFLE RESULTS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE

Dates for Term 4

Following are a list of dates (excluding those for first two weeks above) that have already been set for the term. You may like to enter these into your diaries. They are also available on our website. Any changes and additions will be notified in Events for this week, or Events for Next week.

- ◆ Wed 22 Oct—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ◆ Fri 24 Oct—School Assembly
- ◆ Mon 27 Oct—Labour Day
- ◆ Tues 28 Oct—Teacher Only Day
- ◆ Wed 29 Oct—School Athletics
- ◆ Thurs 30 Oct—Kids Can Handball competition
- ◆ Fri 31 Oct—Dance Lessons
- ◆ Tues 4 Nov—North Group Athletics
- ◆ Tues 4 Nov—PTA Meeting
- ◆ Thurs 6 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Trip to Rangiriri
- ◆ Fri 7 Nov—School Assembly
- ◆ Wed 12 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ◆ Wed 12 Nov—Board Meeting
- ◆ Thurs 13 Nov—Franklin Athletics
- ◆ Fri 14 Nov—PTA Disco
- ◆ Tues 18 Nov—2026 Road Patroller training
- ◆ Fri 21 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Shop Day
- ◆ Fri 21 Nov—School Assembly
- ◆ Wed 26 Nov—Final Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ◆ Wed 26 Nov—School Council meeting
- ◆ Thurs 27 Nov—Auckland Athletics (Yr 7 & 8 only)
- ◆ Mon 1—5 Dec—Book Week
- ◆ Thurs 4 Dec—Possible Rainbows End visit (selected students)
- ◆ Fri 5 Dec—School Talent Quest
- ◆ Fri 5 Dec—Year 8 Graduation
- ◆ Fri 5 Dec—School assembly
- ◆ Tues 9 Dec—Music Al visits (all classes)
- ◆ Wed 11 Dec—Board Meeting
- ◆ Fri 12 Dec—School Council casual dress day
- ◆ Mon 15 Dec—Prizegivings—these will be during the day
- ◆ Tues 16 Dec—Final day of term/final assembly

Community Notices



**SUSHI LUNCHES
EVERY THURSDAY**



Details on how to order and the menu are on the school website under School Lunches



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**Thank you to all who supported our many Raffles by donating goods,
selling & buying tickets prior to and on the day.**

Silent Auction Winners:

#1 Wheelbarrow & Tools—G. Parker
#2 Rug—K. Edwards
#3 Blanket—J. Anderson
#4 Scrap Eater—J. Doyle
#5 BFT 1—D. Anderson
#6 BFT 2—B. Capper
#7 BFT 3—C. Brock
#8 BFT 4—K. Thompson
#9 F45—B. Capper
#10 F45—G. Parker
#11 Toyota—K. Chitty
#12 Planter Bed—T. Botica
#13 Planter—T. Botica
#14 Chilly—T. Botica
\$15 Pilates Room—C. Brock

Grocery Raffle Winners:

1st—Anne Newport
2nd—Scout Foster
3rd—John Borland
4th—Ayu Ramos
5th—Allie Crenfeldt
6th—Pete Kimber
7th—Michelle Wheeler
8th—Ayu Ramos

Pony Poo: Harper Holgate

Raffle Winners:

1	Simone	14	Z. Doritich
2	C. Goodwin	15	J. Beresford
3	K. Foster	16	S. Brock
4	G. Henderson	17	R. Adam
5	L. Daniels	18	Kane
6	Shane	19	L. Wymer
7	S. Brock	20	V. Roose
8	C. Jones	21	J. Stevens
9	L. Botica	22	J. Perkins
10	Lanie	23	J. Robson
11	T. Botica	24	Sam
12	S. Dunn	25	Bennett
13	N. Hartwell		