



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 4 2025

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13 October 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Kouto

- ♦ **School Values:** Respect—Kia u, Responsibility—Kia mau Resilience— Kia manawanui.
- ♦ 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!)
- ♦ **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. 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. and our maths programmes begin at 9 a.m.
- ♦ **Dates for the Term—To help parents and family members to join in school events, the dates for the term are given at the beginning of each term.** These were on last week's newsletter and this week's newsletter. Please refer to this and diary dates. They are also available on our Website calendar.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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. Thanks to Mrs Thompson for running this for us. Please name all items of clothing so they can be handed back if lost.
- ♦ **Calendars, Cards etc**—Every child was given an order form today to order calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch books. Order forms should be placed in the locked drawer in the office foyer. If paying online please reference family name and "calendars". Last day for ordering is Friday 24 October.
- ♦ **Garden Competition**—Entries for our Garden Competition are now open. Forms and information are available from the school website under Agricultural Day. Entries should be placed in the drawer in the office foyer by Friday 7 November



- ♦ **Student Book Club**—Flyers for the latest book club have been sent home. Last day for ordering is Tuesday 21 October.
- ♦ **Measles information**—Attached to last week's email was information for parents on the Measles cases and what you should do to protect your children.
- ♦ **Year 5/6 Camp**—Please bring everything on the check list and ensure all items being taken are named clearly. Medication is to be given to Mrs King prior to leaving for camp. It must be in a plastic bag, named, dosage noted and time to be given.
- ♦ **School Athletics**—This will take place on Wednesday 29 October. The programme for the day is as follows:
 - 10.30a.m. Year 0-4 Field Rotation
 - 11.45a.m. Year 0-2 Sprints
 - 1.30p.m. Year 3-8 SprintsYear 5-8 are completing their field events prior to the day.

Congratulations to:

- ♦ Students for the way they settled back into school routines.
- ♦ The following students who received certificates at our first assembly for Term 4 last Friday: **Piwakawaka:** Nell, Michaela, Brady, Leo, **Titipounamu:** Ian, Charlotte, Chloe, Harvey B, Harvey C, Khadeen, **Ruru:** Bodhi, Oliver, Frankie, Elizabeth, **Kereru:** Olivia, Keanu, Luke Niamh, **Takahe:** Astin, Ryan, Marco, Zara, **Kakapo:** Alby, Evelyn, Avei, Talia, **Karearea:** Hunter, Zoe, Ollie T, Liam, **Weka:** Dante, Max, Aleya, Laurienne, **Kea:** J.J., Skyla-Rose, Holly, Karaya, Malan, Joshua, Indeanna, William
- Principal's Award:** Ezekiel in Takahe
- Lion Award:** Austin in Weka
- School Values Awards:** Liam in Kereru, Conrad in Karearea, Frankie in Weka & Karaya in Kea
- ♦ The following students who received Mathletics certificates at last week's assembly: **Kea:** Jae Suzzane & Karaya, **Weka:** Amelia, **Karearea:** Marcus, **Kakapo:** Alby, **Takahe:** Hunter, **Kereru:** Chloe, **Ruru:** Gene, **Titipounamu:** Jack & Oli
- Top Mathlete:** Isla in Weka
- Top Mathletics Class:** Ruru

Thank you to:

- ♦ Parents and whanau who attended our school assembly last week.
- ♦ Parents who attended the Year 5 & 6 Camp Meeting last Tuesday.

Good Luck to:

- ♦ The students who are taking their animals to the Franklin Group day on Wednesday.

Events for This Week

Tues 14 & Fri 17 Oct—Breakfast Club
 Wed 15 Oct—Franklin Group Day
 Wed 15—17 Oct—Yr 5 & 6 Kaueranga Valley Camp Have a GREAT three days of challenging activities!
 Wed 15 Oct—Board Meeting—6 p.m. ALL WELCOME
 Wed 15 Oct—Launchpad/Values lessons
 Thurs 16 Oct—Jump Jam /Fitness exercises
 Thurs 16 Oct—Sushi Lunches
 Thurs 16 Oct—NZ Shake Out 9.30a.m.
 Thurs 16 Oct—Otago Maths Final Challenge (selected chn)
 Fri 17 Oct—Junior Team Assembly at 2.20pm in Titipounamu
 Fri 17 Oct—Yr 3/4 Team Assembly at 2.30pm in school hall

Events for Next Week

Mon 20 Oct—School Council Meeting
 Tues 21/22 Oct—ERO visit
 Wed 22 Oct—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate
 Wed 22 Oct—Launchpad & Values groups
 Thurs 23 Oct—Possible Teacher Strike—our school will remain OPEN
 Thurs 23 Oct—Jump Jam & Fitness Circuit
 Thurs 23 Oct—Ezi Lunch—Sushi
 Fri 24 Oct—School Assembly—2.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Community Notices



Explore by Bike Scavenger Hunt
 Sunday, October 19, 2025, 1 – 4 p.m. Colin Lawrie Fields, Pukekohe
 Family fun | Spot prizes | Ice cream | Obstacle course | Helmet Decorating & more
 Franklin Local Board
 Auckland Council



Quiz Night
FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER @ 7PM
 Buckland Hall | 18 Logan Road | Buckland
 More Info & Bookings
www.bucklandhall.nz/quiz

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—cancelled
- ♦ 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



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THRIVING WITH ADHD 2025!
 Join us at this in-person event where we'll hear from our panelists & guests, tips, and stories to help you navigate life with ADHD. Whether you have ADHD yourself or support someone who does, this event is for you. Come connect with others, share experiences, and learn how to make the most of your unique strengths.
 (Suggested age group 10yrs + and adults)

DATE: TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
TIME: DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7PM START
LOCATION: UPLIFT CENTRE: 52 FRANKLIN ROAD, PUKEKOHE, AUCKLAND
 REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 AND BE IN TO WIN \$200 PAK N SAVE VOUCHER
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SQUASH JUNIOR COACHING
 TERM 4 LESSONS: 4 OCT - 8 DEC
 ON ALL MONDAYS DURING THE TERM EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
 GEAR PROVIDED AT THE CLUB
 2 FREE TRIAL SESSIONS - \$100 FOR THE YEAR

CONTACT MARK TO JOIN CAN START MID TERM 027-478-5021 OR EMAIL ADMIN@FRANKLINSQUASH.ORG.NZ

CLASSES TIME (MONDAY)
 LITTLE HITTERS 3.45-4.20pm
 JUNIOR BRONZE 4.20-5.00pm
 JUNIOR SILVER 5.00-6.00pm
 JUNIOR GOLD 6.00-6.45pm

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