



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 4 2025

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Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

- ♦ **Welcome to: our new students:** Emelia, Sebastian and George. 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.
- ♦ The NZEI has notified your Board that the **Teacher Strike** for this Thursday 23 October will go ahead. A note to parents went home last Thursday. Thank you to those who have indicated that they will have their children at school for **Supervision only**. If you require this (and haven't done so already) please send the form back by Wednesday afternoon so we can be prepared for numbers. Friday is a normal school day!
- ♦ **Monday 27 October is Labour Day**—School closed.
- ♦ **Tuesday 28 October** is an approved Teacher Only Day for Mathematics Professional Development so the school will be closed.
- ♦ **Safety Reminders**—All crossing of George Crescent must be done at the patrolled crossing. (If grandparents or friends are picking children up please ask them to be good role models and use the crossing.)
- ♦ **School Begins at 8.55a.m.** We are still having too many students arriving late. Please get children organised for the morning, the night before, so that they can arrive on time for roll call and lessons.
- ♦ **Year 5 & 6 Camp to Kaueranga Valley**—Our students had a wonderful time during their camp and were buzzing when they returned on Friday afternoon. A HUGE thank you to staff and the following parents who supported the students during the three days, we hope you too enjoyed the activities and the time with your children's peers: Mr Kumar, Mrs Fensom, Mr Eggleton, Miss Brock, Mr McDowell, Ms Blake, Mr McMiken, Mrs Foster, Ms Ashby, Mr Wright, Ms Cooper, Mr Angus, Mrs Brooker-Holt, Mrs Adams, Mr Coombes, Mr Wilson & Mrs Brock and Mr Dickson for providing transport. Photos on next page.
- ♦ **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**—Thanks to students who are being responsible for wearing hats during intervals and when outside.
- ♦ **New Zealand Shake Out**—Children took this exercise last Thursday seriously and know what to do in the event of an earthquake—Well Done!
- ♦ **Calendars, Cards etc**—Every child has been given an order form 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 **this Friday 24 October**.

- ♦ **Scholastic Book Club**—closes tomorrow. Please place orders in the locked drawer in the office foyer.
- ♦ **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

Congratulations to:

- ♦ Our students who competed at Group Day last Wednesday. Results were as follows: Lucia—1st Rearing, 1st Leading, 1st Type, Adeline—1st Leading, 1st Rearing, 2nd Type, Champion Junior Child Effort, Zoe—2nd Leading, 1st Calling, Holly—2nd Rearing
- ♦ All students who received team awards last week at their assemblies.
- ♦ Our Year 5 & 6 students for being confident to participate in all the challenging activities on camp.

Thank you to:

- ♦ Parents and whanau who attended our team assemblies last week.
- ♦ Board members who attended last week's Board meeting.

Events for This Week

Mon 20 Oct—School Council Meeting
Tues 21/22 Oct—ERO visit
Tues 14 & Fri 17 Oct—Breakfast Club
Wed 22 Oct—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate—bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
Wed 22 Oct—Launchpad & Values groups
Thurs 23 Oct—Teacher Strike—Our school is now only offering **Supervision**.
Fri 24 Oct—School Assembly—2.30p.m. **ALL WELCOME**.

Events for Next Week

Mon 27 Oct—Labour Day—School Closed
Tues 28 Oct—Teacher Only Day—School Closed for students
Wed 29 Oct—School Athletics
10.30am—Yr 0-4 Field Rotation
11.45am—Yr 0-2 Sprints
1.30pm—Yr 3-8 Sprints
Thurs 30 Oct—Jump Jam /Fitness exercises
Thurs 30 Oct—Sushi Lunches
Fri 31 Oct—Dance Lessons—further info next week.
Fri 31 Oct—Junior Team Assembly 2.20pm in Titipounamu
Fri 31 Oct—Year 3/4 Team Assembly 2.30pm in school hall



Year 5 & 6 Camp



Group Day

