



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 5 Term 4 2025

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Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Welcome to our new students:** Lily and Brodie. 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.
- ◆ **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.)
- ◆ **Prior Notice**—This year we will be having both our school prize givings during the day. These will be held on Monday 15 December. Year 0—2 will begin at 12 noon while the Year 3—8 prizegiving will begin at 1.30 p.m.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 Frid 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.
- ◆ **School Athletics**—Both the junior and senior events were held last Wednesday. We thank parents and whanau who were able to come and support students. A special thanks to those who assisted juniors with their field events. Due to the time it takes to work out winners for the senior students, qualifying for North Group took place during lunch times and class sports times. Mrs Miles sent requests for help with transport home on Friday for those who have been selected.
- ◆ **Dance Lessons with Dance Curriculum**—Students were treated to a 40 minute dance lesson by Manny from Dance Curriculum on Friday. Lots of fun was had and it was great to come together in the afternoon and show each other what they had learned. More photos are on the next page.



- ◆ **ERO Visit**—Our ERO partners; Polly and Suzanne were very complementary of the school. They enjoyed meeting students, staff and the Board. Together we identified strengths and next steps for the school. It will be several weeks before we have a report we can share with the school community.
- ◆ **Garden Competition**—Entries for our Garden Competition close this Friday 7 November. Forms and information are available from the school website under Agricultural Day. Entries should be placed in the drawer in the office foyer.



Thank you to:

- ◆ Parents and whanau who attended our school athletics events.
- ◆ Staff thank parents for your support during the Strike day on 23 October. We hope providing supervision helped some families.
- ◆ Parents for the support of our Teacher Only Day. You will be aware that we have had further changes to the Mathematics and Statistics curriculum. We unpacked these changes and how they will affect Mathematics programmes in our school.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Jasper in Ruru competed in Sprocket 7 Boys at the 2025 BMXNZ North Island Titles over Labour weekend.



Events for This Week

- Tues 4 & Fri 7 Nov —Breakfast Club
- Tues 4 Nov—North Group Athletics (selected students)
- Tues 4 Nov—PTA Meeting at 6.30pm
- Wed 5 Nov—**NO** Yr 7 & 8 Technology due to Pukekohe Int camp week.
- Wed 5 Nov—Launchpad & Values groups
- Thurs 6 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Rangiriri trip—Bus leaves at 8.45am
- Thurs 6 Nov—Sushi Lunches
- Thurs 6 Nov—Jump Jam & Fitness
- Fri 7 Nov—School Assembly—2.30p.m. **ALL WELCOME.**

Events for Next Week

- Wed 12 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Int
- Wed 12 Nov—Board Meeting—6 p.m.
- Thurs 13 Nov—Jump Jam /Fitness exercises
- Thurs 13 Nov—Sushi Lunches
- Thurs 13 Nov—Franklin Athletics (chn selected from North Group event)
- Fri 14 Nov—Counties Energy Nature Day (separate note will come home)
- Fri 14 Nov—Team Assemblies
- Fri 14 Nov—PTA Disco—more info next week

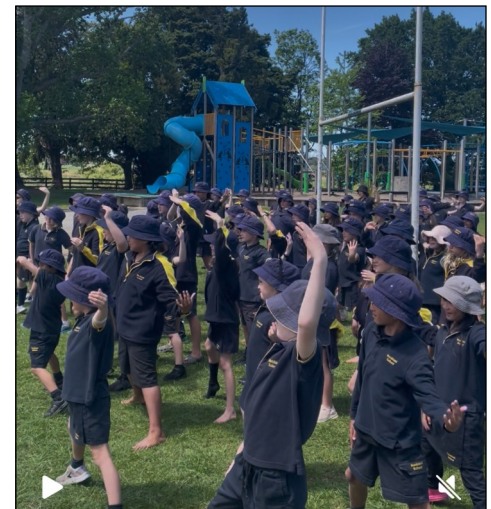
Measles Information received from Ministry of Education
regarding steps to be taken should a measles case be identified in our school.

Health New Zealand advice

If there are no measles cases at your school, students and staff should attend school regardless of vaccination status.

- If a case is found, please contact Public Health who will provide advice. Public Health will check school rolls against the Aotearoa Immunisation Register.
- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students/staff may be asked by Public Health to stay home only if they're close contacts of a confirmed case.
- Public health officials will contact those affected directly with instructions, including quarantine if needed.
- Fully vaccinated students and staff can return to school once their status is confirmed by Public Health. Public Health is working to speed up this process to avoid unnecessary time away from school.

Dance Lessons



Community Notices

Buckland Hall Kids Pre-Loved Toy & Clothing Sale

Saturday 8 November from 12 noon to 4.00pm.

Come and get some great Christmas presents and help those passing them on be able to buy some gifts for their kids too. The Buckland Hall kitchen will be open for a light lunch so make it a date!




FRANKLIN SAFEZONE Magazine
ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti

Dear Parents, whānau & caregivers

We're excited to share our FREE online SAFETY magazine with you. The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents. We thank SafeKids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for the editorial.

Our shared vision is that every very child in Franklin and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

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