



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 8 Term 4 2025

www.buckland.school.nz

24 November 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **School Values:** Respect—Kia u, Responsibility—Kia mau, Resilience—Kia manawanui.
- ◆ **Coloured Sand**—Please see the letter attached to this email for an update on the coloured sand issue.
- ◆ **Franklin Athletics**—Our students: Aria, Kayley, Hunter, Olivia, Avei, Malcolm, Brody, Damien, Roxy, Layla, Zara, Indy & Anders represented us and North Group really well last Thursday and can all be proud of their efforts. Olivia came 2nd in the 60m, 100m and the Yr 5/6 girls' relay. Layla was placed 1st in the 200m, 2nd in the 100m and 1st in the Yr 7/8 girls relay. Damien was 1st in the 400m and 3rd in the 1500m. Indy was 1st in the High Jump and 2nd in the Discus. Layla, Indy and Damien have been selected for the Year 7 & 8 Auckland Championships—a great achievement.
- ◆ **Year 7 & 8 Shop Day**—Thank you to all who supported this Yr 7 & 8 initiative and well done to our seniors for their organisation. Photos over.
- ◆ **Final Launchpad session for the year**—We thanked our Launchpad teachers for their involvement in our school on Wednesday. Thank you to those who provided flowers/greenery and to our support staff who made up beautiful bouquets.
- ◆ **Board Survey**—The link to the Board survey is attached to this email.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSZKLWM>
Please take the time to have your say to allow your Board to consider next steps for the school based on your views.
- ◆ **Swimming**—Children are loving being able to get back into our school pool. Thanks to Mr Lindgreen for having the pool in pristine condition.
- ◆ **SMART tool**—Thanks to staff and students who have been involved in trialling a new assessment tool that the Ministry are planning to have ready for 2026.
- ◆ **Year 8 Graduation Dinner**—Invitations were sent home two weeks ago. Please R.S.V.P. by Friday 28 November so caterer can be informed of numbers.



Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who received awards at last week's school assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Aidan, Damian, Nathan, Emelia, **Titipounamu:** Sage, Jackson, Tyler, Oli, **Ruru:** Charlie, Kaden, Mila, Mia, **Kereru:** Hudson, Makaia, Poppy, Azalea, **Takahe:** Hunter, Kenzie, Marco, Marlee, **Kakapo:** Owen, Alby, Cooper, Sam, **Karearea:** Indie, Brendan, Liam, Salwa, **Weka:** Parker, Freddy, Chloe, Olivia, **Kea:** Wade, Robert, Myka, Ronan, J.J., Swade, Zachary, Corbin
Principal's Award: Marlee & Talia in Kakapo
Lion Award: Alex and Ronan in Kea
School Values Awards: Marlee in Takahe, Lorelai in Karearea, Ava in Titipounamu

- ◆ The following students who received Athletics certificates at last week's assembly: **Kea:** John, Mason, **Weka:** Mason, **Karearea:** Eva, **Kakapo:** Siu I Moana, **Takahe:** Jedi, **Kereru:** Emily, **Ruru:** Mace, **Titipounamu:** Ava, Tommy
Top Mathlete: Jedi in Takahe
Top Athletics Class: Ruru

Thank you to:

- ◆ Parents and whanau who attended the school assembly last week.
- ◆ Families who have donated rash shirts for those who don't have them.
- ◆ Parents who provided transport and supervision to the Franklin Athletics sports.
- ◆ The John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation with the support of a grant from Air Rescue and Community Services for the donation of four large bags of balls for the school.

Events for This Week

- Tues 25 & Fri 28 Nov—Breakfast Club
- Wed 26 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Int (final)
- Wed 26 Nov—School Council meeting—final
- Thurs 27 Nov—Jump Jam /Fitness exercises
- Thurs 27 Nov—Sushi Lunches
- Thurs 27 Nov—Yr 7 & 8 Auckland Athletic championship
- Fri 28 Nov—Breakfast Club
- Fri 28 Nov—Opportunity for Yr 8 to visit Pukekohe High (a separate letter was sent Friday last week)
- Fri 28 Nov—Team Assemblies

Events for Next Week

BOOK WEEK & Book Fair

- Mon 1—Book Week Dress Up Day
- Tues 2 & Fri 5 Dec—Breakfast Club
- Wed 3 Dec—Board Meeting
- Thurs 4 Dec—Jump Jam & Fitness
- Thurs 4 Dec—Rainbows End visit (selected students only who have made consistent contributions to the school)
- Fri 5 Dec—Talent Quest followed by School Assembly—**ALL WELCOME.**
- Fri 5 Dec—Year 8 Graduation Dinner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a little time to help Mrs Thompson with the Uniform Shop? We urgently need at least one more parent who can help. The shop is open from 8.30am to approximately 9.15am on Monday mornings. There will also be two mornings from 9am to 12 noon in the last week of January. Please phone the school office if you can help.



BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY



Monday 1 December

Come dressed as your favourite book character



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Community Notices

Get Summer-Ready with Fulton Swim School!

Secure you child's spot for the summer season by booking lessons now. We are open for 2025 until Sunday, 21st December, and will reopen in 2026 from Monday, 5th January, with warm indoor pools and our expert instructors ready to help your child build confidence and skills in the water.

Plus, don't miss our one-week Holiday Intensives from 19–23 January — a perfect way for your child to make fast progress before schools and routines start again in the new year. Book by 30th November to enjoy \$10 off the fee!

Spaces are limited, so head to www.fultonswimschool.co.nz or visit us in person to secure your child's place today.

Counties Energy Christmas on the Green Saturday 29 November from 4.30pm to 9.30pm

Navigation Homes Stadium

Free entry

Kids rides and inflatables, stage entertainment, food trucks, market stalls, an amazing laser light show and a special grotto to have a photo with Santa.

Christmas at Buckland Hall Great Family Fun

Saturday 6 December 10.00-4.00

Frozen Winter Wonderland / Professional Santa Photo
Santa/Elsa & Anna
Paddock Full of Christmas Games / Prizes
Lunchtime Entertainment & Festive Food
Christmas Craft Fair

**BOOK NOW & RECEIVE A
FREE SANTA'S SNOW PHOTO**



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WWW.BUCKLANDHALL.NZ/CHRISTMAS

LET'S HELP GRACE HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE & EVENT

For the past few years Grace and volunteers from Te Marama Hou Ministries Trust has been volunteering her time to deliver fresh kiwifruit to your kids. Now they're asking for your help.

Te Marama Hou Ministries trust is hosting a Christmas event for the community, and they're collecting food donations to distribute back to families in the local community

All are welcome for the fun, free, day!

EVENT DETAILS

Hanakoko-Santa in the park
Saturday 13 December - 10am to 2pm
Waiuku Hamilton Estate Park

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

Unopened and unexpired non perishable foods such as rice, pasta, oats, canned food, water, life long milk,

WHERE TO DROP OFF
School/Kindy office

FINAL COLLECTION DATE
Friday 12 December

All are welcome to set up food and craft stalls, no sales, everything is FREE!
Thank you for your kindness and generosity



Contact Grace
027 255 7316

Our School News

In Full Bloom



With our Skool Loop app!

Download today to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

Simple free download

Scan the QR code or in Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



Community Notices



SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY



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

AOTANGO QUINTEZ

International Tango Day 2025

featuring the NZ Premiere of the Tango Mass

Misa a Buenos Aires

with the

Auckland Chamber Choir

Conducted by Jono Palmer
Soloist Morag Atchison

Lorna Zhang Violin, Jono Palmer Conductor, Morag Atchison Soprano, Matthias Baratz Cello, Francesca Fang Violin, Andrew Beer Violin, Soni Kim Piano, Grayson Massfeld Accordion, Kathleen Tomacruz Guitar, Gordon Hill Double Bass

7pm Saturday December 13th

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Tickets available on Eventfinda
www.aotango.com

Christmas 2025 Holiday Programme

KAS KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Based at Pukekohe Hill School
12 Green Lane, Pukekohe
Programme: 027 694 3011

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MSD SOCIAL SECTOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION
Office: 09 236 4078 www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

School Finishing Dates: Pukekohe Hill 12th - Kingsgate 16th - Buckland 16th - Puke Intermediate 12th - Puni 16th - St Josephs 17th - Valley 17th

Monday 15th December SKID INTO THE HOLIDAYS! Get ready to roll! Bring your wheels & tackle the wildest obstacle course ever! \$37	Tuesday 16th December ULTIMATE WATER FIGHT! Water, water everywhere... BRING IT ON! \$37	Wednesday 17th December KAS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL Bouncy castles, messy fun, races, treats – the Christmas Carnival is ON! \$40	Thursday 18th December SANTAS HELPERS Enjoy the gift of giving & spread some Xmas cheer. Make gifts for the special KAS elves to deliver to senior citizens in the community! \$37	Friday 19th December SWEET TREATS Tempt your tastebuds with homemade happiness, making Christmas treats the KAS way! \$37
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Monday 22nd December CHRISTMAS FUN OR SHOPPING TRIP 10+ KAS is hosting a special Christmas storyteller while our 10+ go on a shopping adventure. TRIP \$50 INHOUSE \$37	Tuesday 23rd December REINDEER GAMES Get ready to laugh your antlers off with our hilarious reindeer games! \$37	Please note prices listed are for our Main Programme 8am to 3pm but we are open from 7:00am to 6pm. For all other session details & to book please go to www.kidsafterschool.co.nz or call the KAS office on 09 236 4078
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CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS!
 2025 is a wrap - What a year it was! Filled with lots of fun, friendship & adventures we can't wait to welcome you back to do it all over again from the 5th of January 2026.
 From the KAS family to yours - We wish you all a safe, happy & very Merry Christmas!

KELLY CLUB DECEMBER 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

VALLEY SCHOOL

Mon 15 December SCHOOL DAY	Tue 16 December SCHOOL DAY	Wed 17 December SHARE THE JOY Get ready to show what you're grateful for and wear your favourite Christmas colour. Make a snack to share with new friends. There will be pizza/drinks and music available on the day.	Thurs 18 December REAL LIFE SUPERHEROS Celebrate the everyday heroes you look up to. Dress up in your number one hero and compete in our mini sporting challenges.	Fri 19 December DREAM TEAM CHALLENGES Get ready to show what you're grateful for. Make a snack to share with new friends. You might even get a chance to make a special gift for someone you love.
Mon 22 December PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY	Tues 23 December PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY	Wed 24 December PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY	Thurs 25 December PUBLIC HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY Merry Christmas from Kelly Club!	Fri 26 December PUBLIC HOLIDAY BOXING DAY! Boxing Day!

Pricing:
 FULL DAY: \$57
 7:30am - 3:30pm
 SCHOOL DAY: \$47 EVENT DAY: \$18
 8:30am - 1:00pm From Tue/Fri/Mon 19 Jan

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Summer 2026 Holiday Programme

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School starts: Puke Hill 29th Jan - Kingsgate 30th Jan - Buckland 3rd Feb - Puke Int 29th Jan - Puni 2nd Feb - St Josephs 2nd Feb - Valley 4th Feb

Monday 5th Jan WATER SLIDE FUN Slip, slide & splash your way into holiday fun! Slides, Kickball & Races Cowabunga! \$37	Tuesday 6th Jan BOREDOM BUSTERS Bored? Not today! We're busting boredom with non-stop fun for everyone! \$37	Wednesday 7th Jan ICE ICE BABY Frozen Tees, Icy Treats & Epic Beats! Join us for some really cool games & crafts! \$37	Thursday 8th Jan VISITOR - SACHA SKIPS The ultimate skipping rope experience - Learn some cool skipping tricks to impress your family & friends! \$40	Friday 9th Jan TRIP - JUBILEE POOLS We have lots of exciting activities to kick off the new year! Get to know what everyone did over the break and watch the fun-filled summer has waiting for us. \$40
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Monday 12th Jan TRIP: RAINBOW'S END 8+ Enough said INHOUSE: SUMMER FUN! Crafts and games to enjoy summer! May travel to another programme TRIP \$75 INHOUSE \$37	Tuesday 13th Jan THE MEGA CHALLENGE RACE The 100 Challenges Challenge - don't miss your chance to conquer the tally! \$37	Wednesday 14th Jan OSCARS BIG DAY OUT Get ready for an action packed sports day extravaganza! Creating unforgettable moments with other OSCAR programmes @ Pukekohe High School today. \$47	Thursday 15th Jan CAMP OUT Pitch a tent, toast some marshmallows, and discover the wonders of the outdoors! \$37	Friday 16th Jan TRIP - FUN FEST 5-7YO Bouncy castles, teacup rides, face painting and more! VISITOR-DRUMS 8+ Learn some awesome drumming skills TRIP \$50 DRUMS \$47
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Monday 19th Jan TRIP - FUNZONE Step into a world of non stop excitement! Mini Golf, Soccer, Giant Snakes and Ladders and heaps more! \$50	Tuesday 20th Jan H2O ADVENTURE Water water everywhere! Water slides, water games & watercraft fun. Don't forget your towel! \$37	Wednesday 21st Jan TRIP - OMANA BEACH We are off to the beach! Sandy toes, sun-kissed noses - our beach day is a fave for all ages. \$55	Thursday 22nd Jan ARTISTIC OR ATHLETIC? Unleash your inner artist or be your best sporty self... What to choose?? \$37	Friday 23rd Jan TRIP - PICNIC AT THE PARK Yummy treats, sunny vibes & playground adventures await! Spend the morning making treats before heading to the park. \$37
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Monday 26th Jan AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY PROGRAMME CLOSED	Tuesday 27th Jan TRIP - PLAYGROUND HOP Slide, Swing, Splash! Check out the coolest playgrounds in town & then beat the heat at the splashpad! \$55	Wednesday 28th Jan TOKEN DAY Experience Exchange The motivation experience tasks = tokens tokens = rewards \$37
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St Josephs, Puni School, Valley School & Buckland School
 Care is available at our Patumahoe Programme on the 29th & 30th of January

KELLY CLUB JANUARY 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

VALLEY SCHOOL

Mon 12 January WELCOME BACK! We have lots of exciting activities to kick off the new year! Get to know what everyone did over the break and watch the fun-filled summer has waiting for us.	Tue 13 January WHEELS DAY Grab your helmets and get ready for wheels day! Show us your coolest tricks. Have a race to see who is the fastest! No Handc, No Brake.	Wed 14 January BALL BLAST We know how to have a ball with those games! There is something for everyone to kick, catch, bounce or throw.	Thurs 15 January SPLISH, SPLASH, SPOSH! Let's get out in the sun and water! Bomb your favourite catch! Be sure to bring a change of clothes and a towel as there is no guarantee they won't throw one back.	Fri 15 January CREEPY CRAWLY Ready to face your fears? Join us as we dig for insects, and discover all kinds of creepy crawlies up close!
Mon 19 January FARMYARD FUN Today we're getting a special visit from Mr. & Mrs. Miki's Farm. There will be a variety of animals to see and prizes to take! Additional \$18 for the day.	Tues 20 January FLASH MOB TUESDAY Do you hear that sweet beat? It's time to put on your dancing shoes and get moving!	Wed 21 January KING OF THE JUNGLE Get set for jungle challenges and Tarzan-style fun as we discover who rules the wild!	Thurs 22 January SECRET SPY SCHOOL We're going undercover for a day of spy work. Craft amazing spy gadgets, spy clues, unlock secret codes and work with your team to solve mysteries.	Fri 23 January WAVES AND WISHES The ocean covers 70% of the world so let's dive in! We see any mermaids & sharks. Sing your songs because one thing is for sure, you'll be getting wet!

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REMINDED!
 PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERY DAY CHILDREN BRING A DRINK BOTTLE, PACKED SNACKS, LUNCH, SUN HAT, SUNSCREEN, TOGS & TOWEL & A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. FOR ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO EACH DAYS ACTIVITIES PLEASE CHECK THE DAILY INFORMATION SHEET FOR FAMILIES.