



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 9 Term 4 2025

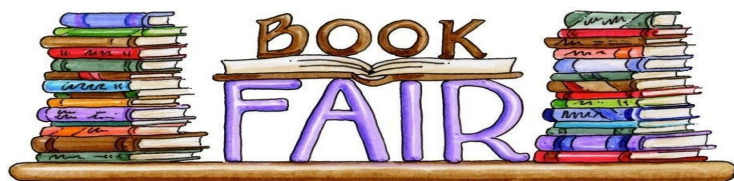
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1 December 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

- ♦ **Welcome to:** our new student Soren in Piwakawaka. 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.
- ♦ **Staff Resignations**—It is with sadness that we will farewell, at the end of the year, three of our valuable teachers: Due to retirement, Mrs Bartlett (after 32 years at Buckland School) and Mrs Miles. We will also be farewelling Mrs Goldsack (who has been with us for 13 years) as she takes on a new Mathematics position at another local school. We will be celebrating and thanking our teachers with an afternoon tea on Tuesday 9 December starting at 3.15p.m. Parents and past students are welcome to attend. We ask that a small plate of food is contributed to the event if possible.
- ♦ **Staff Arrangements for 2026**—We have been fortunate to appoint four teachers for 2026: Mrs Steph Wilson, Mrs Chynna Butler, Mr Adam Scott and Mrs Emma Baxter. A further appointment is yet to be finalised.
- ♦ **Classes for 2026**—Teachers are working on placements of students for next year at the moment. We will be having the following classes: NE/Yr 1, Yr 1 & 2, Yr 2 & 3, 2 classes of Yr 3 & 4, Yr 4 & 5, 2 classes of Yr 5 & 6, Yr 7 & 8 & a Yr 8 class.
- ♦ **Auckland Athletics**—Our students: Damien, Layla, and Indy performed really well at the Year 7 & 8 Auckland Championships—Layla reached the finals for the 200m and came 5th while Damien was part of the Franklin 400m relay team who came third. A great achievement for you all to be selected for this event.
- ♦ **Swimming**—Daily class swimming is taking place and there is an expectation that all students will be practising their swimming skills prior to the holidays.
- ♦ **Year 8 Graduation Dinner**—This will take place this Friday evening. We hope our Year 8s and their parents enjoy the event.
- ♦ **Book Fair**—This is set up in the library and will be open before school from 8.30am to 9am and after school from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday for parents and students to visit.



**PLEASE return ALL school books asap—
no questions asked.**


Thank you to:

- ♦ A huge thank you to Punchbowl, Opal, Grace and her team and the growers for providing and delivering the kiwifruit over the last three terms. They were a lovely healthy treat for our children.
- ♦ Parents and whanau who attended the team assemblies last week.
- ♦ Parents who provided transport and supervision to the Auckland Athletics sports.
- ♦ School Council representatives for their work on the School Council this year.



Board Survey

The link to the Board survey is attached to this email. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSZKLWM>

Control click to access link  or scan the QR code below

Please take the time to have your say to allow your Board to consider next steps for the school based on your views. Mrs Reddish will set up some computers outside Titipounamu if you would like to complete the survey while waiting for your children.



Events for This Week

BOOK WEEK & Book Fair (Monday—Wednesday)

Tues 2 & Fri 5 Dec—Breakfast Club

Wed 3 Dec—Board Meeting

Thurs 4 Dec—Jump Jam & Fitness

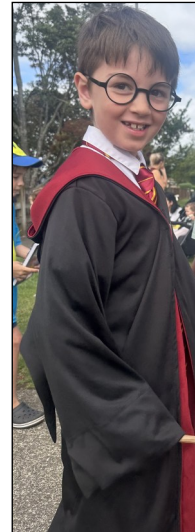
Thurs 4 Dec—Rainbows End visit (selected students only who have made consistent contributions to the school)

Fri 5 Dec—Talent Quest followed by School Assembly—

Starting at 2 p.m. **ALL WELCOME.**

Fri 5 Dec—Year 8 Graduation Dinner - 6 p.m.

Book Week Dress Up Day



Events for Next Week

Tues 9 & Fri 12 Dec—Breakfast Club

Tues 9 Dec—Music AI lessons for all students

Tues 9 Dec—Farewell Afternoon tea—3.15p.m.

Thurs 11 Dec—Jump Jam/Fitness exercises

Thurs 11 Dec—Sushi Lunches

Thurs 11 Dec—2026 Road Patroller training

Fri 12 Dec—Breakfast Club (final)

Fri 12 Dec—School Council Casual Dress day for Kids Can

Fri 12 Dec—Team Assemblies

Prior Notice Reminders:

Mon 15 Dec—Junior Prize giving (Yr 0—2) - 12 noon

Mon 15 Dec—Senior/Middle school prize giving—1.30p.m.

Tues 16 Dec—Final day— Assembly—1.15p.m.

School finishes at 1.30 p.m.

Community Notices

Little Scientists

Holiday programmes

5-10 year olds
Loads of science fun
to keep your children
busy this summer!

- Hillcrest
- Hillsborough
- Freeman's Bay
- Glen Innes
- Takapuna
- Massey
- Birkenhead
- Mt Eden

www.littlescientists.co.nz

Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa

Piano / Keyboard Lessons

At Buckland School

Spaces available for
Keyboard/Piano tuition in 2026

Contact Carol Baker on
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