



# 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 10 Term 4 2025

8 December 2025

Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

- ♦ **School Values:** Respect—Kia u, Responsibility—Kia mau, Resilience—Kia manawanui.
- ♦ **Book Week**—Children enjoyed the Book Week activities they took part in. Thank you to families who purchased books from the Book Fair and to Mrs Goldsack and staff for the organisation with this. We were able to select \$993 of new books for our library.
- ♦ **School Talent Quest**—Congratulations to the following students who performed during our talent quest on Friday: Madison, Austin, Laurienne, Danika, Lucia, Gene, Hayley, Frankie D, Talia, Marlee. You all confidently performed your presentation. Well done. (Photos over)
- ♦ **Year 8 Graduation Dinner**—We had a lovely evening last Friday celebrating our Year 8s and their time at Buckland School and thanking their parents for their contributions. Thanks to all who joined for this celebration.
- ♦ **Staff Farewell**—We will be celebrating and thanking our leaving teachers: Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Goldsack and Mrs Miles with an afternoon tea tomorrow Tuesday 9 December starting at 3.15p.m. Parents and past students are welcome to attend. A small plate would be appreciated.
- ♦ **Classes for 2026**—Teachers are finalizing 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. We will transition students and shift furniture/resources during the final day of school as a number of classes/teachers will be moving.
- ♦ **Board Survey**—Thank you to all who have completed the survey. On writing this 63 responses have been received. We would love more. The link to the Board survey is attached to this email. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSZKLWM> (control click to activate). Please take the time to have your say to allow your Board to consider next steps for the school based on your views. Once this is completed please email Mrs Mills with the code at the end of the questionnaire to enter the draw.
- ♦ **Swimming**—We are very fortunate that we have a school pool and daily class swimming takes place. There is an expectation that all students swim unless a note from home is received.
- ♦ **Rainbows End visit**—Students who had made consistent positive contributions to the school attended this and had a great time last week.
- ♦ **Board Newsletter for Term 4**—this is attached to the newsletter email.
- ♦ **Children's Individual Reports**—These will be coming home at the end of this week in sealed envelopes. A separate sheet outlining the new report descriptors we



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have used will also be sent. If you require more than one report please email Mrs Mills and we will organise this.

- ♦ **Final School Newsletter**—will be next Monday.
- ♦ **Prize Giving—Monday 15 December: Yr 0—2 at 12 noon. Yr 3—8 starting at 1.30p.m.** Siblings may attend if parents are present and willing to supervise them.
- ♦ **Library/Reading Books**—Please return any school books as stocktake will take place tomorrow.
- ♦ **Google Accounts**—All Google accounts of leaving students will be deleted next weekend. If students want any work they will need to save this on other programmes before this time as they will not be able to retrieve work.

## Thank you to:

- ♦ Whaanau who attended the Talent Quest and School Assembly last Friday.
- ♦ Parents & staff who assisted with transport to Rainbows End.

## Congratulations to:

- ♦ The following students who received certificates at last week's assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Soren, Rylee, Sebastian, Leo, **Titipounamu:** Bowie, Harvey C, Mac, Eli, Holly, Peihana, **Ruru:** Oliver, Elizabeth, Gene, Carter, **Kereru:** Jayden, Morrison, Esmae, Makaia, **Takahe:** Paige, Flo, Max, Hamish, **Kakapo:** Max, Cooper, Evelyn, Terena, **Weka:** Amelia, Annabelle, Stella, Kayley, **Kea:** Swade, Jak, Isla-Mae, Malan, J.J., Manal
- ♦ **Principal's Award:** Karaya in Kea
- ♦ **Lion Award:** Brody in Kea
- ♦ **School Values Awards:** Carter in Takahe, Max in Kakapo, Isla-Mae & Jaxon in Kea
- ♦ The following students who received Athletics certificates at last week's assembly: **Kea:** Jae Suzzane, **Weka:** Cameron, **Kakapo:** Sam, **Takahe:** Ollie, **Kereru:** Liam, **Ruru:** Manjaap, **Titipounamu:** Lily & Holly.

## Events for This Week

- Mon 8 Dec—Transition for our 2026 NE students
- Tues 9 Dec —Breakfast Club
- Tues 9 Dec—Music AI lessons for all students
- Tues 9 Dec—Titipounamu plays beginning at 1.30p.m.
- Tues 9 Dec—Farewell Afternoon tea—3.15p.m.
- Thurs 11 Dec—Jump Jam /Fitness exercises
- Thurs 11 Dec—Sushi Lunches (final)
- 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—Yr 0-2 Team Assembly at 2.20pm in Titipounamu (No assembly for Year 3 & 4)

## Events for Next Week

- 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 1.30p.m.



# School Council Casual Dress Day

This Friday 12 December the School Council will hold their final fundraiser for the year. This day is for Kids Can. Please bring along a gold coin for this charity and wear casual dress for the day.

## LET'S HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

We have been fortunate to have kiwifruit delivered to our school since Term 2 on a regular basis by Grace and her team who are collecting food donations to distribute back into the community.

If you would like to donate unopened and unexpired non perishable foods to this worthy cause there is a box in the office foyer where they can be placed. The goods will be collected this Friday.

The event will be held on Saturday 13 December from 10am to 2pm at Waiuku Hamilton Estate Park.

## Talent Quest



Thanks to our  
Prefects:  
Ivy, Cadence &  
Karaya for running  
the Talent Quest  
and Ms Tannion for  
her organisation.

## Graduation Dinner



## Book Week Buddy Reading





# Community Notices

**Seasons For Growth** is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, loss through death, or other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next year in Term 1, held in Pukekohe and runs once a week over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text the coordinator Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more info: [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)

## FRANKLIN BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP IS BACK!

Mark your calendars — 16-18 December 2025

This camp isn't just for ballers — it's for everyone in our Franklin community. Led by our awesome Franklin coaches and helpers, every day is packed with skills, games, challenges & good vibes only

Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre

\$45 per day | \$120 for 3 days

Ages 8–15 | Boys & Girls

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## PUKEKOHE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### Christmas Scavenger Hunt.

Entrants must visit each of the 20 participating Pukekohe businesses to find a scrambled Christmas word hidden in their window. Decipher the word, write it on the entry form and deliver it to our office by 12 pm Monday, Dec 15 to be in to win 1 of 5 x \$100 gift vouchers.

Copies of the letter template and the Scavenger Hunt entry form can be collected from our office or downloaded from our Facebook page.



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