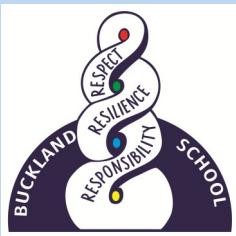


Buckland School Newsletter

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.



Our School Values

School Times:

8.30a.m.—Children may go to rooms or play
8.50a.m.—Handbell rings
8.55a.m.—School begins
10.10a.m.—Interval
11.35 a.m.—Brain Break
12.40—Lunch break
1.30p.m.—Afternoon Lessons
2.55p.m.—Yr 1—4 finish
3 p.m.—Yr 5—8—finish

Whaanau Teams

Rimu— Green
Kauri— Red
Kowhai—Yellow
Totara— Blue

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Monday 9 February 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou. We hope you all had an enjoyable Waitangi weekend and enjoyed the fine weather. Thank you for preparing your children so well for school. We had a super first three days and are looking forward to a positive and rewarding year for all.
- ◆ **Welcome** to George in Piwakawaka and Louis in Kakapo. We hope you both settle in and make new friends quickly.
- ◆ **Dates for 2026 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday breaks as we want children's attendance to be high so that educational progress will be steady.
Term 1: Tues 3 Feb—Thurs 2 April. Waitangi Day— Friday 6 Feb. Easter and Anzac day fall in the holidays.
Term 2: Monday 20 April—Friday 10 July. King's Birthday—1 June, TOD—2 June, Matariki—falls in the holiday break.
Term 3: Monday 20 July—Friday 25 September (Sat 26 Sept—Ag Day proposed)
Term 4: Monday 12 October—Tues 15 Dec Labour Day—Mon 26 Oct. There will also be a further teacher only day through the year (as designated by the MOE for teacher professional development on the refreshed curriculum,) this date is yet to be confirmed.
- ◆ **Education Review Office Report**—We received a very positive confirmed report at the end of last year. There is a link on our website under School Board to this report with our agreed next steps for the school. These will be included in this year's annual plan along with considerations from our community survey.
- ◆ **Attendance: EVERY DAY COUNTS!** There is an expectation that schools will meet or exceed the target of 80% of students having regular attendance—90% or above each term. This means less than 5 days absence for a term. Last year we exceeded the Government target in term 1 by having 84% of students with regular attendance but only had 22/23% meeting this for Terms 2, 3 & 4. We now have daily reporting to the Ministry on individual student absences. Parents/caregivers must notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. If we do not know the reason for the absence or the absence is not approved by the principal, students will be marked as truant. Holidays in school time are not an approved absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. You can also use the Skool App or administration email: admin@buckland.school.nz if these are easier for you. Guidance for when a child should not attend due to sickness from the Ministry of Health and Education is available on our website, please refer to this.

- ◆ **Swimming Lessons**—Each class will have daily swimming lessons with teachers. **All** children are expected to swim each day as part of the curriculum. Please ensure children have their togs daily. The wearing of rash shirts is compulsory while in the pool. Please name these as well as goggles, towels and togs.
- ◆ **Eight Aktive Swimming Lessons** with instructors from Fulton Swim School will begin next Monday 16th Feb. There is no cost to parents for these and we are fortunate to have been offered these. If you do not want your child to take part for whatever reason, please contact teachers or the principal as other children can be given the opportunity.

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Mon 9 Feb—BYOD Chromebook set ups
- ⇒ Mon 9 Feb—Fire drill
- ⇒ Tues 10 & Fri 13 Feb—Breakfast club
- ⇒ Wed 11 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology. Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
- ⇒ Thurs 12 Feb—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Fri 13 Feb—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Mon 16 Feb—Active Swimming lessons begin
- ⇒ Tues 17 Feb—Parent Meetings/Meet the teachers—see info in body of newsletter
- ⇒ Wed 18 Feb—Board Meeting
- ⇒ Thurs 19 Feb—Yr 5—8 Swimming Sports (+ capable Yr 4 swimmers) beginning at 10.30a.m.
- ⇒ Fri 20 Feb—Yr 3 & 4 Team Assembly at 2.30pm in Takahe
- ⇒ Fri 20 Feb—Board/PTA BBQ & swim 5p.m. on.

Sports Dates/Events

These will be placed on our website after they are confirmed at the Franklin meeting this Wednesday.

Prior Notices—TBC

- 25 Feb—North Group Swimming
- 25 Feb—Immunisation Talks—Yr 7 & 8
- 26 Feb—Lockdown Simulation (you will receive a separate letter next week.)

Parent Meetings

We invite parents to come along and meet with your child's teacher next Tuesday 17 February after school. Teachers will hold two sessions—3.10-p.m. and 3.30p.m. to meet with parents to gain an insight into your aspirations for your children this year. They will outline their expectations of children and answer any of your questions.

Community Notices

Sunshine is just around the corner!



Dry out your boots, hang up your coat and get your school app ready to read all the school events happening in term four

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY

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

Sprint Orienteering

Free Event

Monday 16 Feb at Papakura High

Monday 23 Feb at Pukekohe High

Starting at 4pm

For Yr 7—13 students

Enquiries and entries by Thursday before the event to johnandval178@gmail.com

FRANKLIN A & P SOCIETY

Pukekohe Show

21 & 22 February 2026

We are now open for entries! We hope you are looking forward to the amazing Show that the Home Industry team have put together.

For information and entries visit

www.pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz

70TH ANNIVERSARY 1956-2026

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U5 - U13 BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

Registration Dates:

Monday 16th Feb 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th Feb 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th Feb 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 26th Feb 5.00pm - 6.30pm



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