



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.

Tuesday 3 February 2026

www.buckland.school.nz

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ♦ Tena Koutou and Welcome back to school for the 2026 year. Staff hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and enjoyed lots of family time. We hope that children are refreshed and enthusiastic about getting back to school for a busy Term 1.
- ♦ **Welcome** back to our staff who have been busy over the last few weeks preparing programmes, resources and classrooms for the term. A special welcome to Mrs Chynna Butler, Mrs Emma Baxter and Mr Adam Scott who join the staff. We are fortunate that all other staff remain the same. Staff are looking forward to getting to know your children and you, so that they can work in partnership with you to facilitate a wonderful and rewarding education for your children.
- ♦ **Welcome** to our new children and their families: Piper, Jack, Quinn, Zariah, Autumn, Amelia, Elijah, Aziel, Joey, Nosa, Right, Prana, Mikaere, Charlie, Hudson, and Mason.. We hope that you will settle into the school quickly and make friends.
- ♦ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values.
- ♦ **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—this 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.
- ♦ **Attendance:** The Government have put measures in place to lift attendance of students. These include daily reporting on individual student absences. All class rolls will be sent to the Ministry daily. It is imperative that absences are coded correctly and therefore please 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 students will need to be marked as truant. Holidays in school time are not an approved absence and the Principal must be notified or again students will be marked as truant. 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. **Do not** send absence notices to teachers through ClassDojo or emails as they will not be picked up. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Where-ever possible please ensure your child attends each day so that their progress is not interrupted—**EVERY DAY COUNTS**. 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.
- ♦ **School Times:** Children should be at school as close to 8.30 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8 a.m. Those who arrive from 8—8.30 a.m. will be required to sit out the front of the school and will need to be sensible. No Chrome books are to be used prior to school starting. School begins with a handbell at **8.50 a.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 8.55 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. If your child is late to school they will marked as such. Please send children to the office if they are late to avoid phone calls.
- ♦ To help with traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish **at 2.55pm for Year 0—4 students and 3 p.m. for everyone else.** Students will sit in front of Piwakawaka and Kea rooms until parents arrive. Two teachers will be on duty.
- ♦ Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know. A short brain break will be held at 11.35 a.m. Two teachers plus Teacher Aides are on duty at interval while three teachers plus Teacher Aides are on duty at lunchtime.
- ♦ **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. If you have any old rash shirts that don't fit your child/children any longer we would appreciate them. Additional swimming lessons with Fulton Swim School (at no cost to parents) have also been arranged and will begin on 16 February.
- ♦ **Swim Club**—Mrs Robertson will be running a swim club for Yr 4—8 students who want to train seriously for competitions. This will take place Mon & Tues mornings from 8.20a.m. starting next week.
- ♦ **Lunchtime swims**—Will be available. Classes have been rostered on each day and those classes will have priority. If there is sufficient safe numbers, other children will be invited in by the duty teacher.
- ♦ **Sun Safety—Hats**—Children **must** wear a hat during all intervals throughout this term. Hats need to be clearly named (inside) so that they can be returned if lost. Children not wearing hats will be expected to sit under the front umbrellas.
- ♦ **Uniform Expectations** - These must be worn correctly. If there is a problem with an item of uniform, a uniform pass must be obtained from a teacher. The only jewellery to be worn are watches and stud earrings. Necklaces with cultural significance may be worn with permission of the Principal. Fingernail polish should not be worn and we are expecting long hair to be tied up.
- ♦ **Water Only**—We are a water only school. Please do not send your child with cordial or soft drinks for intervals. Our drinking fountains have bottle fillers and we will be encouraging children to drink water frequently.
- ♦ **Breakfast Club**—Our Breakfast Club (Tuesdays and Friday) will be up and running from next Tuesday in the hall at 8.30a.m. If any parents would like to help with this or provide fruit your assistance will be appreciated.
- ♦ **Weekly Newsletters**—A weekly newsletter (that comes out on the first school day of each week) will be placed on our website, emailed to those who have given us email addresses and also placed on our Skool Loop App. If you do however require a paper copy please contact the office and one will be arranged for you. We will place a copy of this on the school noticeboard in front of the office each week as well. If we don't have your email address and you want the newsletter emailed please provide it.
- ♦ **Dates for school events for the Term**—will be placed on the website and Skool Loop App calendar once sports and event dates are confirmed
- ♦ **Missing**—The new Guinness Book of Records purchased at the end of the year has disappeared from the library. Please return this if you have it.

- ♦ **Cell phones for students** are not permitted at school. If there is a valid reason for a child needing to bring a cellphone for afterschool activities, prior arrangements have to be made by parents with the Principal and these must be handed in to Mrs Glasgow for safe keeping for the day. Any cellphones confiscated will need to be collected by parents.
- ♦ **Lollies and Birthday Cakes**—It is a lovely thought to want to share these with class members however we ask that **no lollies or birthday cakes** are sent to school. We have a number of children unable to eat certain foods and this practice also puts pressure on families who can not afford to do this. Any birthday treats brought to school will be returned home.
- ♦ **Health Measures**—we will continue to apply health and hygiene measures and remind children to wash hands, sanitize frequently and sneeze into their elbows.
- ♦ **Voluntary—Bring Your Own Chromebooks for Years 3—8**—As advertised last year, children are welcome to bring their own chromebooks to school for use during class time. In order for them to do this their chromebooks must be set up on our system and a contract signed and procedures followed. Our IT person will be in the school **next Monday 9th February** to set these up. Please let your child's teacher know that you will require this and send them along on this day. Contracts are able to be obtained from the office or downloaded from our website. These must be signed before children use chromebooks at school. Your children are responsible for the care of their chrome book so please ensure your home insurance covers any damage which may occur. This scheme is **voluntary** but we encourage Yr 3—6 students to have one of these to take them through their schooling with us.
- ♦ **Information from Board regarding the Donation Scheme**—The Board has opted into the Ministry Donation Scheme again this year therefore there will be no request for a donation from parents. Curriculum expenses such as on-line programme costs, sports events, curriculum related trips will also be covered by the school under this scheme
- ♦ **EzLunch School Scheme**—This will begin again this Thursday. Please see the school website for details on how to order.

Thank You to: ♦ Parents and community members for attending the prize-givings at the end of 2025.

- ♦ Mrs Thompson, Khloe and Mrs Miln for opening the uniform shop over the holidays and for all the work they did in getting our new students organised with uniforms.
- ♦ Mrs Mills for organising the stationery packs. We hope this assisted you to avoid the hassle of shopping for these items. It is wonderful to have the majority of our students organised with their stationery. Many thanks to parents for doing this.
- ♦ **Staff** would like to thank families who gave them lovely gifts at the end of last year. These are not necessary as it is a privilege to teach your children, but please know they were appreciated.
- ♦ Mr Lindgreen for the work on buildings and grounds.
- ♦ Shakthi Construction who have done a great job in remodelling our toilet block.
- ♦ Glenn Richards—GR Coatings and his team of painters who have done a great job in painting the school.
- ♦ Franklin Trees for the work on trees damaged during the storm.

- ♦ All staff who have been working hard in preparing for this year and who have attended professional development over the break.

Year 7 & 8 News

Our Year 7 & 8 students travel by bus to Pukekohe Intermediate each fortnight on a Wednesday for specialist technology lessons. Next Wednesday 11 Feb is the first lesson. Students **MUST** be at school by 8.45a.m. when the bus leaves or parents will be required to drop them off at Pukekohe Intermediate. Our uniform and **closed in shoes** must be worn.

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Tues 3 Feb—School Start and Welcome assembly
- ⇒ Wed 4 Feb—Whaanau team meetings
- ⇒ Fri 6 Feb—Waitangi Day—school closed

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Mon 9 Feb—Fire drill
- ⇒ Wed 11 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ⇒ Fri 13 Feb—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

Parent Meetings

Prior Notice

We invite you to come along and meet with your child's teacher next Tuesday 17 Feb, after school. Teachers will hold two sessions—3.10p.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.

Staff List for 2026

- * Mrs Mavis Glasgow—Principal
- * DP—Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- * Piwakawaka—N.E./Year 1—Mrs Kathy Travers, & Mrs Angela Lindgreen
- * Room Titipounamu—Year 1—Mrs Emma Baxter, Year 2—Mrs Paige Wichman
- * Room Kea Year 2 & 3—Miss Neena Hari.
- * Room Kereru—Year 3/4—Mrs Christina Reddish
- * Room Takahe—Year 3/4—Mrs Julia Brachi
- * Room Kakapo—Year 4/5—Mrs Sonja King
- * Room Ruru—Year 5 & 6—Mrs Chynna Butler
- * Room Karearea—Year 5/6—Ms Simone Tannion
- * Room Weka—Year 7 & 8—Mr Adam Scott
- * Room Tui—Mrs Stephaine Wilson
- * Specialist Literacy teacher—Mrs Lisa Robertson
- * CRT teachers—Mrs Anne Woulfe, Mrs Sue Brady
- * Mrs Megan Van Zyl—Learning Support Co-ordinator (Buckland & Pukekohe East Schools)
- * Mrs Glenis Mills – Executive Officer
- * Mrs Lisa Murphy—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Shona Miln—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Karen Adams—Teacher Aide
- * Mr Tony O'Halloran—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Tracey van Gessel—Teacher Aide
- * Miss Baillie Adams—Teacher Aide
- * Mrs Linda Hackett—Teacher Aide—Library
- * Mr William Lindgreen—Caretaker

If you haven't already joined the Skool Loop App below are the instructions.

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.

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death, other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts Thursday 12th of February 4-5pm, 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 Marisa on 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or email at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons

PUKEKOHE AFC

Our Milo Fantails training sessions begin soon! If you have a daughter keen to play football in a safe, fun environment, register for our Term 1 programme.

Who : Girls aged 5 to 12

When : Wednesdays 4pm to 4.55pm starting 11 February 2026

Where : Bledisloe Park, Field 6 (meet under the trees on the High School side)

Cost : Free! For more information and to register go to our website page: <https://www.pukekoheafc.com/fantails/>

Piano / Keyboard Lessons At Buckland School

Spaces available for
Keyboard/Piano tuition in 2026
Contact Carol Baker on
0274 541 718
musiccarol2022@gmail.com



The Auckland Boys' Choir invites boys who love to sing to experience exceptional musical training in a fun, supportive environment. Through singing, boys develop their voices, confidence, discipline, and stamina, while forming lasting friendships along the way. Rehearsals are held on Monday afternoons from 4:30-6pm on in Epsom. Learn more at aucklandboyschoir.org.nz
Tejas Lamb—P: 021 177 3131, E: manager@aucklandboyschoir.org.nz

**2026
MUSIC LESSONS
@ BUCKLAND SCHOOL**

Guitar and Ukulele
Learn the fun way!
Build confidence, focus & creativity
Sign up today!

Contact Music Teacher
Jennie Butson
thebutsons@yahoo.co.uk
021 163 9125
www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz

SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY

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

**SEASON 2026
REGISTRATIONS
OPEN ON 2ND
FEBRUARY!**

You can register through [Rugby Xplorer](#)

All Grades are available for registration

Year 1 & Year 2 Ripa Rugby - Saturday Mornings
Year 3 - Year 8 Tackle Rugby - Friday Nights & Saturday Mornings
Year 1 - Year 12 Girls Ripa Rugby - Wednesday Nights

Weigh & Pay nights (4:30pm-6pm)
10th & 12th February, 16th & 18th February
24th & 26th February

All children must attend a Weigh & Pay evening and have had their fees paid to be confirmed into a team.
Early bird fees (paid before or at Muster)

GYMNASTICS CLASSES

Build strength, confidence and coordination in a fun, supportive environment.

Professional Coaching

All Skill Levels Welcome

Improve Strength & Flexibility

Confidence Through Movement

ENROL NOW

09 238 8290 58 Station Road, Pukekohe www.franklingymsports.com

ART CLASSES

CHILDREN - TWEENS - TEENS - ADULTS

Inspire your budding Picasso!
Explore different art techniques with exciting and vibrant projects
using a variety of mediums.

After school - Holidays - Arty Parties

www.youngart.co.nz
admin@youngart.co.nz

FRANKLIN SQUASH CLUBS

JUNIOR TRAINING!

**TERM 1 LESSONS 9 FEB - 30 MAR
ON ALL MONDAYS DURING THE TERM
EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
GEAR PROVIDED AT THE CLUB
2 FREE TRIAL SESSIONS
\$100 FOR THE YEAR**

CONTACT US TO JOIN - CAN START MID TERM
MARK - 027-478-5021
OR EMAIL ADMIN@FRANKLINSQUASH.ORG.NZ

CLASSES	TIME (MONDAY)
GROUP 1	4.00 - 4.55PM
GROUP 2	4.55 - 5.50PM
GROUP 3	5.50 - 6.45PM

**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
NEW WORLD
Pukekohe**