

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
11.35a.m.—Brain Break
12.40p.m.—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 16 February 2026

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou.

- ♦ **Welcome** to Hazel and Hugo our new students in Piwakawaka.
- ♦ **Congratulations** to the following students who received awards at last week's assembly—**Piwakawaka**: Elijah, George, Amelia, Aziel, **Titipounamu 1**: Lachy, Quinn, Michaela, Brady, **Titipounamu 2**: Tyson, Tommy Aurora, Autumn, **Kea**: Harvey, Dayna, Joey, Tyler, **Kereru**: Lucy, Jayden, Logan, Dylan, **Takahe**: Ollie, Max, Hayley, Emily, **Kakapo**: Niamh, Zariah, Nosa, Altus, **Karearea**: Max, Frankie, Prana, Trinity, **Ruru**: Daniel, Carter, Max, Marlee, **Weka**: Baylee, Isla-Mae, Holly, Jak, **Tui**: Ellie, Ronan, Brody, Stephanie
Principal's Award: Khloe in Weka
Lion Award: Salwa in Weka
- ♦ **Congratulations** to the following students who received Mathletics certificates at last week's assembly: **Tui**: Damien, **Weka**: William, **Ruru**: Talia, **Karearea**: Marcus, **Kakapo**: Heath, **Takahe**: Ronan, **Kereru**: Chloe & Logan, **Kea**: Madison
- ♦ **Thank you to**—Parents who were able to attend our first school assembly last Friday.
- ♦ **Parent Meetings**—We invite parents to come along and meet with your child's teacher tomorrow 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.
- ♦ **Yr 5—8 (& selected Yr 4s) School Swimming Sports**—This Thursday 19 Feb we will hold our annual swimming sports starting at 10.30a.m. The first event will be the championship 4 length races followed by the style event. These events are for our school trophies. All are welcome to come along and support students.
- ♦ **Attendance: EVERY DAY COUNTS!**
- ♦ **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. Easter and Anzac day falls in the holidays.
Term 2: Monday 20 April—Friday 3 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.
- ♦ **EOTC/Camp Dates for the Year**—If you are interested in attending EOTC events &/or camps this year following are the dates so you can book leave if necessary—**Yr 1 & 2 EOTC Week**—9—13 March, trips Tuesday 10th & Friday 13th. (Information will be coming out this week)
Yr 3 & 4 Camp to Lakewood Lodge—11th—12th May. **Yr 5 Camp to Camp Adair**—20th—22nd May. **Yr 6—8 Camp on Kawau Island**—24th—28th August

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Mon 16 Feb—Active Swimming lessons begin
- ⇒ Tues 17 & Fri 20 Feb—Breakfast club in hall
- ⇒ Tues 17 Feb—Parent Meetings/Meet the Teachers
- ⇒ Wed 18 Feb—Board Meeting 6p.m. in Boardroom
- ⇒ Thurs 19 Feb—Jump Jam for Yr 1—4 only
- ⇒ Thurs 19 Feb—10.30a.m. Yr 5—8 Swimming Sports
- ⇒ Thurs 19 Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Fri 20 Feb—Team Assemblies at 2.30pm—Yr 1 & 2 in Titipounamu, Yr 3 & 4 in Takahe, Yr 5—8 in the hall
- ⇒ Fri 20 Feb—Pukekohe East to use our pool
- ⇒ Fri 20 Feb—Board/PTA BBQ & swim 5p.m. on. All Welcome

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Tues 24 & Fri 27 Feb—Breakfast club
- ⇒ Wed 25 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology. Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
- ⇒ Wed 25 Feb—North Group Swimming
- ⇒ Wed 25 Feb—Immunisation Talks—Yr 7 & 8
- ⇒ Thurs 26 Feb—Lockdown Lessons and Simulation
- ⇒ Thurs 26 Feb—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Thurs 26 Feb—School Council
- ⇒ Fri 27 Feb—11a.m. Yr 3 & 4 Swimming Demonstration
- ⇒ Fri 27 Feb—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

Further Sports Dates/Events for the term

- ⇒ 9-13 Mar—Yr 1 & 2 EOTC Week
- ⇒ 11 Mar—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ⇒ 11 Mar—Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Swimming
- ⇒ 13 Mar—Yr 3 & 4 Wheels Day
- ⇒ 13 Mar—Yr 6 & Below Franklin Swimming
- ⇒ 13 Mar—School Assembly
- ⇒ 21 Mar—Franklin Multi-Cultural Festival
- ⇒ 25 Mar—Yr 3 & 4 Rippa Rugby
- ⇒ 25 Mar—Yr 7/8 Technology
- ⇒ 26 Mar—Yr 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby
- ⇒ 27 Mar—School Assembly
- ⇒ 2 Apr—Last day of term 1

Board / PTA Family BBQ & Swim & Sports

This Friday 20 Feb from 5 p.m. onwards families are invited to attend an evening to mix and mingle and get to know other members of our school community. A sausage sizzle will be provided and the pool will be open for all to enjoy.



Eight Aktive Swimming Lessons have begun today, with instructors who are in the pool with students, from Fulton Swim School. There is no cost to parents and we have been lucky to be allocated these. Please ensure children have their togs, towels, rash shirts, goggles and caps (if they have these) daily. If you do not want your child to take part for whatever reason, please supply a note daily. Our pool is heated so there is no reason for children to miss these lessons.

Swim Club

Swimming Club for Year 3 to 8

For confident swimmers for fitness training

Monday 3 to 3.30 pm

Tuesday 8.15 to 8.40am

Wednesday 8.15 to 8.40am

For more information please see Mrs Robertson



Community Notices

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



ENJOY Sushi.



SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY

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



KIDS JUMP ROPE CLASS

With NZ Jump Roper, Sacha Skips

SUNDAY 22 FEB, 11AM-12PM

Ages: 5-13 years
Pukekohe East Community Hall
232 Pukekohe East Rd.

Come try a taster class. If there is enough interest, classes will run weekly during school terms.

No experience necessary.
Ropes provided.
Please wear shoes.

Contact:
sachaskips@gmail.com
www.sachaskips.com

\$5 a session
or FREE for Skipping NZ Members

