

# 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 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.  
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](mailto: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 Active 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.

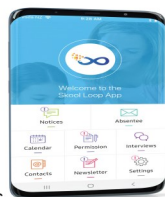
## Community Notices

**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.

### 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](http://www.pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz)

**2026 THE GREAT BRICK COMPETITION**

Sponsored by **G.J. Gardner. HOMES** and Buckland Hall

**Sunday 29 March 2026**  
Registrations open mid-January

Cash prizes  
Public display & voting  
Great fun for all the family

**YOUNG STARS APRIL 2026**  
**MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
AGED 7-18 YEARS OLD

**MISSION BAY AUCKLAND**  
9TH, 10TH & 11TH APRIL 2026  
9AM-3PM DAILY

SHOWCASE CONCERT:  
SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2026 3.45PM

**SING DANCE PERFORM**

**REGISTER NOW \$99 EARLY BIRD NOW OPEN**  
STRICTLY LIMITED SPOTS

**Black Box Theatre & Venues**  
Presented by The Arts Foundation

**COLOURDASH 2026**  
BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BOLDER - TOGETHER!

BLUE ZONE SPONSOR  
Brewery (www.brewery.co.nz)

unleash your smile

**22 MARCH**  
NEW FOR 2026 THE FOAM TUNNEL

**TICKETS**  
\$15 (10-18) / \$25 (19-24) / \$35 (25+)

WHAT YOUR ENTRY INCLUDES:  
- Unlimited access to the main stage & all activities  
- Unlimited access to the foam tunnel  
- Unlimited access to the bar & food area  
- Unlimited access to the VIP area  
- Unlimited access to the VIP lounge  
- Unlimited access to the VIP bar & food area  
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100% OF PROCEEDS  
go to the local community fund

**ENJOY Sushi.**

**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](mailto:johnandval178@gmail.com)

**70TH ANNIVERSARY 1956-2026**

**PUKEKOHE RUGBY** Est 1956

**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

**Junior Rugby is FREE this year**  
thank you to these Sponsors

**NZ Foundations** (Concrete Foundation Specialists)  
**TrailLite**  
**TWOMAN** (Structures)  
**oven**  
**scrubbing**  
**CARTERS** (Your Building Partner)

Scan QR Code to register

**PUKEKOHE Junior Rugby Boot Exchange**

Got boots or uniform your kids have outgrown?  
Bring them in and help another junior player gear up for the season.

Drop off-point  
Pukekohe Rugby Clubrooms

Bring when the clubrooms are open

We're collecting good-conditioned uniform/ boots to help support our growing player  
All sizes welcome