

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 23 February 2026

Week 4 Term 1

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou.

- ◆ **Welcome** to Riley in Weka.
- ◆ **Congratulations** to students who received awards at team assemblies last week. Thanks to parents who supported students at assemblies.
- ◆ **Thank you to—**Families who attended our BBQ/Swim evening. A special thank you to Staff, and Board members for cooking and serving the BBQ and to the PTA for the donation of sausages.
- ◆ **Parent Meetings—**Thank you to those who managed to attend one of the meetings that teaching staff held last week. To those who couldn't make the meetings you are welcome to make an appointment with teachers at a time suitable to you both.
- ◆ **Board Meeting—** Thanks to Board members for attending the meeting last week. The results of last year's parent survey were shared and discussed. A Board newsletter will be coming out over the next few weeks to highlight findings for parents. The results will also be shared with the staff.
- ◆ **Yr 5—8 (& selected Yr 4s) School Swimming Sports—**We had a great senior swimming sports last Thursday. See results following. Thank you to parents who attended and especially to those who assisted with timekeeping. Well done to all children who swam and did their best. Thanks also to Lucy our independent judge. Those children who have been selected for Wednesday's North Group sports were given a separate notice on Friday. The North Group event is to be held at the Pukekohe Jubilee pool and all races will be 50metres. Congratulations to the students who swam against the teachers in the relay and WON!
- ◆ **Attendance: EVERY DAY COUNTS!**
- ◆ **Aktive Swimming Lessons—**these are going well and will continue for the next two weeks. Please ensure your children have all the necessary equipment so they can take full advantage of this opportunity.
- ◆ **Repeat notice: 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 went out last 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
- ◆ **Chocolate Fundraising for School Camps—**children from year 3 to 8 have been given a notice regarding selling chocolate to fundraise for the school camps. If you wish to sell chocolate please complete the notice and return it to the drawer in the office foyer by Tuesday 3 March.
- ◆ **Lockdown Lessons and Simulation—**please see the letter emailed with the newsletter.

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Mon/Tues/Wed—Active Swimming lessons—All students
- ⇒ 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

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Mon/Tues—Active Swimming lessons
- ⇒ Tues 3/Fri 6 Mar—Breakfast club in hall
- ⇒ Thurs 5 Mar—Jump Jam
- ⇒ Thurs 5 Mar—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Thurs 5 Mar—Pukekohe Hill to use our pool
- ⇒ Fri 6 Mar—Team Assemblies at 2.30pm—Yr 1 & 2 in Titipounamu, Yr 3 & 4 in Takahe, Yr 5—8 in the hall

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

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



Board / PTA Family BBQ & Swim & Sports Photos



Yr 5—8 Swimming Sports Photos



Community Notices

Franklin Schools - Tournament Assistant

Steven needs an assistant for the 12 tournaments he manages in Pukekohe & Tuakau. Each school term there are 2 - 4 tournament days. Hours vary from 0730 - 0830 start and 1430 finish. Hourly rate = \$25.

Please email enquiries to Steven at sbrindle@bsgevents.com



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




**SUSHI LUNCHES
EVERY THURSDAY**

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



Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
OPEN DAY
Friday 13 March 2026



WAIKATO DIOCESAN
School for Girls

BOARDING TOUR 9AM - 9.30AM
Our boarding tour will begin at the All Saints Chapel. Boarding families are then invited to attend our information session.

OPEN DAY INFO SESSION 10AM - 1PM
Our Open Day information session will be held at the All Saints Chapel, followed by day school tours.

Please register your attendance at www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz
We have limited onsite parking at 16 Martin Street car park (off McNicol Steet). Please follow directions at the gate.



**HOLIDAY
WRITING
WORKSHOP**

Learn the **secrets** of writing
great stories
from an
award-winning
author

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill
The award-winning author of books
including NZ Endangered Dolphins
& Epic New Zealand Adventurers



Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around
when I was a young writer!"

"I loved meeting other young authors and learning
awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained
aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)



Where: Kohia Terrace School
3 Kohia Terrace Epsom 1025
When: 14 June to 16 Aug 2025
Register now at:
WriteLikeanAuthor.com

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like an
AUTHOR**

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

**2026
THE GREAT
BRICK COMPETITION**

Sunday 29 March 2026
Registrations open mid-January

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

School Swimming Results

Style Championship: Owen			
4 lengths Freestyle Boys - Open		4 lengths Freestyle Girls - Open	
Owen	1st 1.27	Roxy	1st 1.43
Cruz	2nd 1.41	Amelia	2nd 2.02
Carter	3rd 1.54	Frankie	3rd 2.07
8Yrs Freestyle Girls		8Yrs Freestyle Boys	
•	1st	Ollie G	1st 27.78
•	2nd	William	2nd 27.47
•	3rd	Max R	3rd 27.66
9Yrs Freestyle Girls		9Yrs Freestyle Boys	
Lydia	1st 25.81	Carter	1st 20.22
Niamh	2nd 26.87	Hunter	2nd 21.53
Marlee A	3rd 26.87	Sam	3rd 23.47
10Yrs Freestyle Girls		10Yrs Freestyle Boys	
Olivia G	1st 20.97	Owen	1st 19.38
Amelia	2nd 22.81	Daniel	2nd 23.72
Frankie	3rd 23.22	Max D	3rd 24.91
Y7 & 8 1 Length Freestyle Girls		Y7 & 8 1 Length Freestyle Boys	
Roxy	1st 18.37	Jak	1st 16.13
Izzy	2nd 19.76	Cruz	2nd 17.34
Myka	3rd 19.94	Wade	3rd 21.60
Y7 2 Lengths Freestyle Girls		Y7 2 Lengths Freestyle Boys	
Baylee	1st 52.53	Jack S	1st 1.30
	2nd		2nd
	3rd		3rd
Y8 2 Lengths Freestyle Girls		Y8 2 Lengths Freestyle Boys	
Roxy	1st	Jak	1st 39.66
Izzy	2nd 47.72	Brody	2nd 42.22
Layla	3rd 50.63	Cruz	3rd 44.59
8Yrs Backstroke Girls		8Yrs Backstroke Boys	
Paige	1st 30	Heath	1st 34.28
Indie	2nd 34.31	Eli	2nd 35.34
	3rd	Max R	3rd 35.50
9Yrs Backstroke Girls		9Yrs Backstroke Boys	
Lucia	1st 31.19	Carter	1st 25.72
Marlee	2nd 31.78	Hunter	2nd 28.62
Summer	3rd 31.94	Sam	3rd 32.15

10Yrs Backstroke Girls		10Yrs Backstroke Boys	
Amelia	1st 26.90	Owen	1st 22.54
Frankie	2nd 26.91	Max D	2nd 28.38
Stella	3rd 29.69	Daniel	3rd 31.00
Y7 & 8 1 Length Backstroke Girls		Y7 & 8 1 Length Backstroke Boys	
Skyla	1st 23.94	Cruz	1st 28.25
Myka	2nd 24.62	Wade	2nd 26.15
Zoe	3rd 24.78	Robert	3rd 29.97
Y7 2 Lengths Backstroke Girls		Y7 2 Lengths Backstroke Boys	
	1st	Jack	1st 1.57
	2nd		2nd
	3rd		3rd
Y8 2 Lengths Backstroke Girls		Y8 2 Lengths Backstroke Boys	
Roxy	1st 53.69	Jak	1st 48.94
	2nd	Cruz	2nd 49.81
	3rd	Brody	3rd 1.00.62
8Yrs Breaststroke Girls		8Yrs Breaststroke Boys	
	1st	William T	1st 34.13
	2nd	Keanu	2nd 44.44
	3rd	Ollie G	3rd 46.22
9Yrs Breaststroke Girls		9Yrs Breaststroke Boys	
Niamh	1st 36.21	Carter	1st 30.00
Paige M	2nd 42.00	Max B	2nd 32.00
Lucia	3rd 43.34	Sam	3rd 33.88
10Yrs Breaststroke Girls		10Yrs Breaststroke Boys	
Ella R	1st 32.78	Owen	1st 27.46
Frankie	2nd 33.62	Max D	2nd 27.47
Stella	3rd 33.72		3rd
Y7 & 8 1 Length Breaststroke Girls		Y7 & 8 1 Length Breaststroke Boys	
Layla	1st 25.94	Jak	1st 25.25
Charlie	2nd 40.06	Cruz	2nd 25.75
Salwa	3rd 47.57	Ryan	3rd 31.97
Y7 2 Lengths Breaststroke Girls		Y7 2 Lengths Breaststroke Boys	
Baylee	1st 1.20.71	-	1st
	2nd	-	2nd
	3rd	-	3rd
Y8 2 Lengths Breaststroke Girls		Y8 2 Lengths Breaststroke Boys	
Layla	1st 1.05.56	Jak	1st 56.43
Izzy	2nd 1.07.44	Cruz	2nd 58.70
	3rd	Brody	3rd 1.00.19

Girls Open Butterfly		Open Butterfly Boys	
Lorelai	1st 31.06	Owen	1st 19.00
	2nd	Jak	2nd 19.01
	3rd	Cruz	3rd 25.66