

# 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

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### 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

**Monday 10 March 2026**

**Week 6 Term 1**

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou.

- ◆ **Welcome** to Leo and Harper our new students in Karearea and Piwakawaka.
- ◆ **Congratulations** to students who received awards at their team assemblies.
- ◆ **Congratulations and Good Luck** to the following students who have been selected to take part in the Franklin Swimming Sports events this week: Jak, Cruz, Amelia, Paige, Ella, Owen, Max D, Hunter, Carter, William T, Ollie G, Heath.
- ◆ **Junior—Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week**—Teachers have lots of exciting activities planned for this week. We hope students enjoy these and challenge themselves during the week. Many thanks to parents who have offered to assist over the week. All the best for the Whaanau Dinner on Thursday evening.



- ◆ **Year 7 & 8 Immunisation**—Thanks to parents who returned forms. The immunisations for those who want these at school will take place on Thursday 2 April (final day of term)
- ◆ **Attendance: EVERY DAY COUNTS!** Automated messages began last week. Automated emails are also sent when children are late—these can't be changed even if you have let teachers know that your child is going to be late so don't be alarmed.
- ◆ **AIMs Games Tauranga—5-11 September**—School registration for AIMs Games for Year 7 & 8s only is open. If any parents are wanting their child to attend this year, please contact the Principal to discuss.
- ◆ **Scholastic Book Club**—Orders close this Thursday 12 March.

## Events for This Week

- ⇒ Mon—Fri—EOTC Week Yr 1 & 2. Trips: Tuesday and Friday. See information sent from teachers for events for the week.
- ⇒ Tues 10 & 13 March—Breakfast club
- ⇒ Wed 11 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology. Bus leaves 8.45a.m.
- ⇒ Wed 11 March—Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Swimming
- ⇒ Thurs 12 March—Jump Jam
- ⇒ Thurs 12 March—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Fri 13 March—Wheels Day for Year 3 & 4s
- ⇒ Fri 14 March—Franklin Swimming Yr 6 & below
- ⇒ Fri 14 March—School Assembly 2.30p.m.

## Events for Next Week ⇒

- ⇒ Tues 17 & Fri 20 March—Breakfast club
- ⇒ Wed 18 March—Launchpad & Values groups begin
- ⇒ Wed 18 March—Board meeting
- ⇒ Thurs 19 March—Sushi lunches
- ⇒ Thurs 19 March—Jump Jam
- ⇒ Fri 20 March—Team Assemblies at 2.30pm—Yr 1 & 2 in Titipounamu, Yr 3 & 4 in Takahe, Yr 5—8 in the hall. All Welcome.
- ⇒ Sat 21 March—Franklin Multicultural Festival

## Further Sports Dates/ Events for the term

- ⇒ 24 March—Orienteering practice—selected students
- ⇒ 24 March—School Council
- ⇒ 25 March—Yr 3 & 4 Rippa Rugby
- ⇒ 25 March—Yr 7/8 Technology
- ⇒ 26 March—Yr 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby
- ⇒ 27 March—School Assembly
- ⇒ 2 April—Short School Assembly & PTA Easter Raffle draw.
- ⇒ 2 April—Last day of Term 1

## Uniform Shop Request

Do you have some school uniform at home that your children no longer fit? If so we have run out of larger sizes of second hand uniform and would appreciate building our stocks up again. Please drop any uniform items off at the office.

## PTA News

**Thank you to those who attended the PTA Meetings last Thursday 5th March. A special thanks to the following who accepted roles on the Executive again this year: Gina (President), Alicia R (Secretary) and Melissa & Lena (Treasurers.) At the meeting the PTA approved financial contributions to each classroom for extra consumables for students and also agreed on a payment of \$60.00 per child for EOTC/Camps. These contributions are reliant on parent fundraising efforts so all contributions over the year would be appreciated.**

**Our first fundraiser is the EASTER RAFFLE. Tickets will be on sale during the final week of the term.**

**If you or a local business you have dealings with would like to donate Easter eggs or other items for the raffle please drop these off to the school office. The raffle will be drawn at the end of term 1.**



**ENJOY Sushi.**



**SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY**

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

## Community Notices

**TUAKAU KINDERGARTEN DUCK RACE**

SUNDAY, 22 MARCH | 11AM - 2PM

**LES BATKIN RESERVE, TUAKAU**

WATCH 1,000 YELLOW DUCKS RACE DOWN THE WAIKATO RIVER IN THIS EPIC FUNDRAISING EVENT! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY BY THE RIVER FEATURING:

- COFFEE, FOOD, ICE CREAM
- FUN RIDES + BOUNCY CASTLES
- AND LOADS MORE!

55 TO ENTER YOUR DUCK IN THE RACE AND BE IN TO WIN GREAT PRIZES VALUED UP TO \$800

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR NATURE DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

**BARFOOT THOMPSON & TUAKAU**

**Valley Voice Rural**



**OSCAR Subsidies!**

**You may be eligible!**



**OSCAR stands for Out of School Care and Recreation.**

The OSCAR Subsidy helps families with the cost of before school, after school and school holiday care within any of our KAS programmes. Criteria does apply but you may be surprised at what subsidies are available for your family... KAS offers lots of options from a single afternoon to 5 days per week! Its not just about care - KAS is a fun place to hang out!

Check out our website [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz) for more information.

**KAS KIDS AFTER SCHOOL**

## March is Open Month at Fulton Swim School!

We're offering free trial swim lessons for new families during this March. It's the perfect chance for your child to experience our fun and supportive learn-to-swim programme with qualified instructors in a warm indoor pool. Bookings are essential. Visit [www.fultonswimschool.co.nz](http://www.fultonswimschool.co.nz) to secure your free trial.