

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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Events for This Week

- ⇒ Book Week—see Ad
- ⇒ Tues 21 & Fri 24 April — Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Wed 22 April—Launchpad & Values groups
- ⇒ Wed 22 April—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ⇒ Thurs 23 April—Jump Jam
- ⇒ Thurs 23 April—Sushi Lunches
- ⇒ Fri 24 April—Franklin Orienteering
- ⇒ Fri 24 April — Book Week parade—9 a.m. followed by Book Week Assembly.
- ⇒ Sat 25 April—ANZAC Day

Events for Next Week

- ⇒ Mon 27 April—School Closed to observe ANZAC Day.
- ⇒ Tues 28 April & Fri 1 May—Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Wed 29 April—Launchpad & Values
- ⇒ Wed 29 April —Yr 3 & 4 Camp Meeting at 5pm in Takahe
- ⇒ Thurs 30 April—Otago Maths Problem Challenge.
- ⇒ Fri 1 May—School Assembly—2.30p.m.

Monday 20 April 2026

Week 1 Term 2

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou.

◆ **We** hope that you were able to enjoy the break from school routines and had a good Easter (despite the weather.) We look forward to a full and rewarding Term 2. Thanks to teachers for the time spent preparing for the term. We are kicking the term off with Book Week. Please look at the information below and join us for any of the activities you can.

◆ **Welcome** to the following new students who have joined our school: Joseph, Dustin, Ruby and Riley in Piwakawaka, George in Kea, Mila in Kereru and Emily in Kakapo.

◆ **Congratulations** to students who received Attendance Certificates at the end of Term 1.

◆ **Thank you to:** The Pukekohe Volunteer Fire Brigade who visited the school at the end of the term and spoke to students about fire safety.



◆ **Good Luck to our Franklin Orienteering teams** who will take part in the event this Friday.

◆ Reminders:

- ◆ **Uniform**— please ensure your child/children are wearing our school uniform correctly. If they are unable to wear an item of uniform please send a note to teachers and an uniform pass will be given out. This term with colder weather, girls may wear blue or black tights under skorts or the uniform track pants or cargo pants.
- ◆ **Cellphones & watches with phone capability**—These are not allowed to be used at school during the day. This is government legislation. If students need to have a phone for after school the phone must be handed in to the Board room for safe keeping for the day.
- ◆ **Lollies, chocolates, chewing gum**—Please do not put these into lunchboxes and discourage students from bringing these to school as they will be confiscated if found and parents rung.

◆ **Building Project over the holiday period**—Most of the tasks were completed even with the terrible weather, however some further work will probably be required next holiday break.

◆ **Mitey Mental Health programme (Sir John Kirwan Foundation)** - Last Friday teachers attended a Professional Development day familiarizing ourselves with the Mitey programme which we are excited to introduce into the school this term. All classes and students will be involved in this programme which is aligned to our Health curriculum and will promote positive mental health in students, staff and the school community. (More information to come, in the meantime you can research this programme on www.mitey.org.nz)

Buckland Anzac Day Service
9.45am
Buckland Cenotaph

School Times: Please make sure your child/children are not late to school.

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

Term 1 Attendance Rates for Our School

Regular Attendance (under 5 days absence) —88% of students
Irregular Absence (5—9 days across term) —8%
Moderate Absence (10—14.5 days across term) - 2%
Chronic Absence (15+ days) - 1%

14% of absences were attributed to holidays during term time!

Defibrillator

Thank you to the Board for purchasing a new defib to replace the old one



PTA News

We thank the following families and businesses who made donations for our PTA

Easter Raffle: Henderson Ave Autos, Moffett Family, Fensom Family, Magic Marvel Cleaning, Heliworx Waikato, Adams Family, Eggleton Family, Weston Family, Thacker Family, E & H

Motors, Hanson Family, Thumath Family, Gaul Family, Glasgow Family

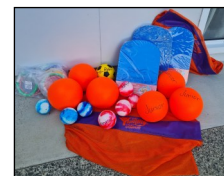
Thanks also to those who bought tickets and to students who sold the tickets.

Easter Raffle Winners




Yummy Sports Equipment from last year's coupons.

Please keep saving stickers from fruit this year and send these along to school.



WHAT'S ON DURING BOOK WEEK?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Book Week Opening Play (9am)	Author Visit (James Russel)	Whānau Reading Picnic (2.30pm)		Book Character Dress Up Parade & Book Week Assembly (starting at 9am)



BOOK FAIR (in the Library)

Open to families after school Monday, before & after school Tuesday - Thursday

Throughout the week: Buddy Reading, Teacher Reading, Book Week Activities, and.....Competitions!!!!

Term 2, Week 1: 20th-24th April

Community Notices

ENJOY Sushi.



SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY

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



2026 Junior Hockey Season
For Under 7s through to Under 13s

We have space available for Junior Players

Whether its your first time playing or a returning superstar, register with us and have a go!

Please contact Mika on 021 0880 398 or email at onepukehockey@gmail.com

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 on Thursday 30 April 4-5pm, held 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 contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.