Buckland School
School Board Newsletter

Term 3
2024

Kia Ora Parents and Families

Here we are at the end of the third term. We welcome our new students and their families who joined us this term. We know you will enjoy your educational journey with us.
Congratulations to all our children on the work they have been putting in this term, especially the exhibits for Agricultural Day. Please visit the classrooms on Ag Day and see the stunning work on display.
It was pleasing to see how many parents attended the Opening Morning the school held on 19 August. We hope you enjoyed joining our classes and seeing how the classes operate during a normal school day.
A **reminder** that high, regular attendance is a key to your child's education and progress. Please have your child attend school everyday unless unwell. If you are considering a holiday during term time we remind you that permission must be obtained from the Principal to take your child/ren out of school. If possible holidays should be taken around school holiday breaks.
Our next School Board Meeting is this Wednesday 25 September. You are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. If you would like to contact the Board regarding any queries, you can email us at: Board@buckland.school.nz.

Have a fantastic holiday break and we will see you back in term 4.
Buckland School Board Members

Property Update

During the winter months the school pool has been emptied and had a facelift. Hopefully the weather will improve and we can begin swimming during November.

Work on modernising seven classrooms begins on the first day of the school holidays. The first three classrooms to be upgraded are Kereru, Takahe and Karearea. This will cause some disruption during term 4 and we ask for your patience while this project is being completed.

We will be moving the first three classrooms on Sunday 29 September and would appreciate any help you can offer. Please contact Mrs Glasgow or Mrs Mills if you are able to help.

Community Survey

In Term 4 we will be conducting a Community Survey using Survey Monkey. This is your chance to help inform your Board on the future direction of the school.
Once the survey is open a link will be sent via email and reminders will be put in the school newsletter.

We have experienced a lot of illness during Term 3. Colds, flu and stomach bugs have been very prevalent. We thank parents who have kept sick children at home to avoid the spread of infection.
A reminder that hand washing and sanitising is a key element to help reduce the spread of germs.

SCHOOL POLICIES

A reminder that our school policies and procedures are hosted by SchoolDocs. These are available to our school community to view and we invite you to visit the site https://buckland.schooldocs.co.nz. Our username is "buckland" and password "george72".

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Term 3 has been very busy. As well as the usual classroom activities, children and teachers have been preparing and finalising work for Ag Day. We have taken part in inter -school sporting events at Group and Zone level for Netball, Cross Country and Basketball and sent a representative to the AIMS Games.
The Year 6 –8 children spent a week at Kawau Island in early September. This was thoroughly enjoyed and we thank the parents who attended and Mrs Glasgow and Ms Tannion for making it possible.
Next term our Year 5 students will be going to Camp Adair in Hunua for three days.

PTA

A big thank you to the PTA and Stall Holders who have worked very hard to make our major fundraising event this weekend a success.
We also thank the families who have sold raffle tickets, are baking and have volunteered to help with the many stalls. This day does not happen without whole school community support. If you haven't yet put your name down to help please do so.
All money raised goes back into our school for the benefit of our children.

Out of Zone Ballot

We are currently accepting applications for an out of zone ballot for 2025. Ballot forms are available from our website or the school office. Closing date for receiving applications is Friday 27 September. Ballot date is Wednesday 16 October.

IMPORTANT DATES

Ag Day: Saturday 28 September
Saturday 28 September Term 3 ends
Term 4 starts on Monday 14 October
Day in Lieu for Ag Day Friday 25 October
Teacher Only Day Tuesday 29 October