



# Buckland School School Board Newsletter

Term 1  
2025

## Kia Ora Parents and Families

Welcome to all our new students and their families and to Mrs Wilson who has joined our teaching staff. Students settled back into school and routines were established quickly. A big thank you to all the families who had children's stationery ready for the first day which allowed teachers to start their lessons immediately.

Our classroom refurbishments were completed over the Christmas holidays which meant all classes could start in back in their own modernised rooms. The Board thank Shakthi Construction for the wonderful job they have done and for completing the project inside the original timeline. Plans are underway for our next big project. We are awaiting consent from the Ministry of Education and will update the community with more details once approval is received.

We wish you a happy Easter and a safe holiday break.

**Buckland School Board**



## Community Survey



Thank you to all the whaanau who completed our community survey at the end of last year. It has been great to receive and read all of your feedback and comments. We have analysed and combined the responses along common themes and comments. Overall, we feel that the survey responses are largely aligned with the community values and desires recorded from previous years, which we continue to work towards and guide board decisions. If you would like to see a more detailed breakdown of the types of responses to each question, you can access a question by question summary at the link provided in the email or type in this [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ii4Ge-AoT\\_m9-QuV2GfkqKtZjxGc6KvOpqkGUSYIGMc/](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ii4Ge-AoT_m9-QuV2GfkqKtZjxGc6KvOpqkGUSYIGMc/)

## Student Engagement

The teachers have enjoyed getting to know their new students. They have been busy testing children to find out more about their students and their next learning steps. Teachers would like to thank parents who attended the parent meetings in February. They look forward to continuing to build on their relationships with families and value your input into the school.

### Important Dates

**Term 1 Ends—11 April**

**Term 2 Starts—28 April**



On 21 February the School Board and PTA hosted a BBQ and swim evening for our families. The evening was very well supported. Families enjoyed a sausage sizzle and picnic in school grounds and use of the school swimming pool. Thank you to the staff who helped ensure another successful evening.



A reminder that winter ills and chills are on the way. If your child is sick please keep them at home to avoid spreading illness. Guidelines regarding covid, which remains active in the community, were in the school newsletter on 3 March.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**



## 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".

### Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme

The Board has opted into the School Donation Scheme again this year which means that we will not be collecting school donations or fees.

So far we have covered the cost of Athletics, Writer's Toolbox, Reading Eggs, Technology (Year 7 & 8) and Yr 1 & 2 EOTC costs (buses, entry fees and whanau dinner for our students).

We will continue to use the scheme throughout the year to fund further activities for all age groups.

### TERM 1 ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The year got off to a flying start with the swimming sports and swimming demonstrations. It was great to see the students cheering and supporting each other and the large parent turnout. Children who qualified at our swimming sports went on to compete at the North Group events and the Franklin swimming events. This year we sent three Year 7 & 8 students to the Auckland Championship Swimming in Auckland. Thanks to Mrs Robertson for providing extra coaching for our swimmers before school.



Also as part of our swimming programme Fulton Swimming School have provided "Swim For Life" swimming lessons for all students over a three week period during February and March.

The Year 1 & 2 children held their EOTC week in the middle of March with a trip to the Botanical Gardens in Manurewa and the wave pools at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre. Many thanks to all the parents who offered their help with the trips, in school activities and the whanau dinner. These events don't happen without a lot of parental support.



Our Kapa Haka Group performed at the Franklin Multicultural Festival. We thank Mrs King and Mrs Bartlett for organising and training the students. 30 students attended Eye on Nature and our Year 5 & 6 children attended Spongy Schools both at the Botanic Gardens in Manurewa. Thanks to Mrs King and Mrs Miles for organising these trips.

Mrs King and Mrs Glasgow took eight students to Wesley College to receive coaching in performing a new local Haka. These students are now teaching our Kapa Haka group this new Haka.



We have finished this term with our Year 5-8 students competing at the Franklin Ripa Rugby tournaments.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Your Board meets at least twice a term to discuss, review and plan governance related issues. Board meetings are open meetings and members of our school community are welcome to attend as an observer. If you would like to attend or learn more, please contact us via email ([board@buckland.school.nz](mailto:board@buckland.school.nz)). Board meeting minutes are public documents and are available to view. Meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.

### School Board Elections

School Boards must hold elections for parent and staff representatives every three years. The next full school board election will be taking place in September. If you are interested in becoming a board member please make contact with one of your board members or come along to our next meeting as a parent observer and see what is involved. Meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.



### CONTACTING YOUR BOARD

If you would like to contact the Board regarding any queries, you can email us at: [Board@buckland.school.nz](mailto:Board@buckland.school.nz). It is important to remember that there are proper channels and procedures in place for concerns and complaints, and these can be found on the school website here: Home>BOT>Concerns and Complaints Policy & Procedures. If you need assistance and would like a board member to support you in following the correct processes, please do not hesitate to ask.

### PTA

The PTA have already begun preparation for our school's biggest fundraiser on Agricultural Day (20 September). There is a lot to organise to make this day a success, so any bit of help you can offer will be much appreciated.

Last year the PTA made significant donations to the school for the Year 3-8 school camps and Junior EOTC. They also funded sports equipment, Graduation Dinner and classroom consumables.

All parents are welcome to attend PTA meetings which are advertised in the school newsletter.

The PTA can be contacted via email at [bucklandschoolpta@outlook.com](mailto:bucklandschoolpta@outlook.com)