



Kia Ora whanau and welcome back to Term 3! This term is traditionally a busy term as we are working hard and counting down towards our annual School Ag Day. The children have already begun creating impressive indoor exhibits that they are looking forward to showing off at Ag Day.

School Values

In Term 3 we continue to focus on our school values daily and appreciate your support at home with this. These values are an important part of our school culture and underpin what we believe most important for our learners to thrive and grow, not just academically but also as responsible and compassionate individuals.

We encourage parents and guardians to join us in promoting these values at home as well. By consistently reinforcing these principles both at school and at home, we can collectively foster a strong sense of character in our tamariki.

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Kia Manawanui

RESPONSIBILITY

Kia Mau

Term 3 Learning

This term, in Takahe and Kereru, we begin with a focus on a global movement that is currently happening during the month of July, which is; PLASTIC-FREE JULY. Then carrying on from our focus in Term 2 on Myths and Legends, we are excited to delve into the world of MYTHICAL CREATURES, which is also our theme for Ag Day this year! Kakapo learners are working hard this term learning about Myths and Legends and delving into some scientific learning about Chemistry.

The whole team will then finish off the term with our annual celebration of Maori Language Week.



After a successful term of teaching Maths in our year level groups, we will be continuing this organisation for Term 3. Maths is taught first thing in the morning from 9am - 10.10am so please make sure children arrive on time in the morning as they need to take the roll in their own class before heading off to Maths.

Classes for Maths are as follows:

Year 3's will be with Miss Hari | Year 4's will be with Mrs Brachi | Year 5's will be with either Mrs King or Ms Tannion

Curious about the changes to the NZ Curriculum? Check out the new PARENT PORTAL that has been created by the Ministry of Education to help inform parents and guardians about the changes to the NZ Curriculum and outline what children are learning at each year level of the school:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal>

Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall as follows:

Week 1 - Team Speech Sharing (Thursday 17th July)

Week 4 - Kereru hosting

Week 6 - Kakapo hosting

Week 8 - Takahe hosting

**** Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies! ****

Term 3 Homework

- Daily reading (this could be a classroom reader, Library book, or book from home)
- Mathletics - 10 mins of Course Work and 5 mins of 'Live' basic facts practise.
- AG Day Homework - Raising an animal OR working on the School-Wide Ag Day Project (Y4 and up children **not** raising an animal). See the school website for information on this.



Parent Open Morning

Keep an eye out for an invitation coming home this term for our annual Parent Open Morning on Thursday 14th August in Week 5. This is a chance for parents, or grandparents, to come and spend some time in the classroom with their child and experience what life is like as a learner at Buckland School. We look forward to having you join us!

Cross Country

We are looking forward to and training hard for our School Cross Country on Monday 28th July (Week 3). Extra training at home is encouraged! Children can bring a change of clothes for the run if they wish. Please remind your child/ren to wear closed in shoes on the day that are suitable for running long distances - no gumboots/crocs/jandals. Families are welcome to come along and support our runners. Further information will be in our school newsletter closer to the time.



AG Day

The countdown is on to our annual School Ag Day at the end of the term on Saturday 20th September. Work in the classrooms has already begun, with heaps more happening over the term. Ag Day information for each class is being sent home shortly and will also be available on the school website. We appreciate your support in helping with some of our indoor exhibits at home - please encourage children to manage their time well so they have an enjoyable experience completing their at-home requirements. Awesome effort to those who have taken on the responsibility of raising a pet this term - we look forward to meeting them all on Ag Day!



Information about the school 2025 Ag Day Project is available on our school website under the 'AG Day' tab. This project is to be completed by children Year 4 and up who are not showcasing an animal at Ag Day (Year 3 children can participate in this task also if they would like, however it is not compulsory).

Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to attend our Ag Day as the children are looking forward to sharing their work with you all.

Health & Wellbeing

Term 3 is another Winter term so we please ask that children;

- *Bring a change of clothes if they want to play on the field - no uniforms.*
- *Wear layers as the temperature changes throughout the day.*
- *Bring a rain jacket everyday in case of rain.*
- *Bring a named drink bottle everyday to stay hydrated.*
- *Please stay home if you are unwell to stop the spread of sickness.*

Please also remember to name all clothing and belongings that come to school! The Lost Property Box is located just inside the Hall, next to the Uniform Shop if your child is missing any of their clothing.



Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 children in Kakapo are looking forward to attending camp at Kauaeranga Valley (Thames) this year from 15th-17th October.

Please keep an eye out for camp information as it starts to come home leading up to October.



We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the tamariki!

Should you need to contact us we can be reached via email:

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or **CLASS DOJO!**



Kind regards,

Sonja King, Neena Hari, Julia Brachi
Kakapo, Kereru, and Takahe Teachers

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?

Team Speech Sharing at Assembly	Thurs 17th July
School Cross Country	Mon 28th July
Parent Open Morning	Thurs 14th August
Maori Language Week	15th-21st September
Last day of Term	Friday 19th September
School Ag Day	Saturday 20th September

