



Kia Ora whānau and welcome back to Term 4! Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their holiday break and recovered after our very busy Term 3 preparing for Ag Day! What a great Ag Day it was! Thank you all for your support and participation on the day.

This term we have more fun and exciting learning experiences planned and the much-anticipated Year 5 camp for some of our learners in Kakapo.

School Values

As we head into the final term of the year, our big focus with the children is on **growing leadership**. We are working hard to prepare our Year 4's to join the Senior Team next year, and our younger children to take over as leaders of the Middle Team in 2026.

This focus will see an even bigger emphasis put on the children taking ownership of their own learning, managing themselves and their belongings, putting their best effort into all and everything they do, and being prepared to give everything a go, even if it challenges you!

As always, we appreciate your support with promoting these values at home also!

**SCHOOL
VALUES**

RESPECT

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RESILIENCE

Kia Manawanui

RESPONSIBILITY

Kia Mau

Term 4 Learning

This term, Kakapo are exploring *Water as a Taonga* and *Maramataka* – the Māori lunar calendar. They will be learning how the water cycle works, how water is treasured and used, and how the moon affects our waterways. The Year 5s will deepen their learning at camp when they visit a Māori Pā site, and they'll share their new knowledge with the rest of the class when they return.

In Takahe and Kereru, we will be learning about *Te Ao Māori* – the Māori world. We're exploring Māori stories, language, and performing arts like waiata and poi, and learning the tikanga (customs) that go with them. It helps our tamariki understand and value the special culture that makes Aotearoa unique.

Our P.E focus this term will be athletics skills as we prepare for our school Athletics Day in Week 4 and later in the term we hope to resume our daily swimming lessons - this is weather dependent and will be confirmed later in the term. A reminder that when swimming, all children must wear a rash vest to stay safe in the sun.

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

Week 2 - Kereru and Kakapo hosting

Week 6 - Takahe hosting ** Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies! **



Term 4 Homework

- Daily reading (this could be a classroom reader, Library book, or book from home)
- Mathematics - 10 mins of Course Work and 5 mins of 'Live' basic facts practise.



Health & Wellbeing This term starts to get sunny, so please be aware of the following sun-smart practises;

- Hats are compulsory when outside in Term 4.
- Sunblock your child/ren before school. There is sunblock in each class for top-ups during the day.
- Bring a named drink bottle everyday to stay hydrated.
- Wear layers as the temperature changes throughout the day.

Please also remember to name all clothing and belongings that come to school!





Athletics Day

The children have already started training hard to show off their athletic ability at our annual school Athletics Day. This will be held on Wednesday 29th October in Week 4. This year our Athletics Day will run a little differently; Classes Piwakawaka through to Takahe/Kereru will be participating in an Athletics Demonstration starting from **10.30am** and Track Events from **1.30pm**. Classes Kakapo through to Kea will be competing in Track Events from **1.30pm**, with selected children qualifying for North Group Athletics.



Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 children in Kakapo are looking forward to attending camp at Kauaeranga Valley (Thames) next week from Wednesday - Friday.

If you have any questions regarding the Year 5 camp please see Mrs King ASAP or contact her via Class DOJO or Email: sking@buckland.school.nz.

Agricultural Day 2024

On behalf of the Middle Team we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support of our Ag Day this year. We really appreciate all of the work you put in at home to contribute towards the raising of animals and the children's indoor exhibitions, and for all of your kind words of encouragement and support for us teachers. The children worked so hard to get all of their indoor exhibitions complete and we are very proud of them all. The classrooms looked amazing, the work was outstanding and the effort put in by the children over the past two terms is to be commended. Our school value of resilience was definitely tested at times but the children never gave up and the results were worth all of the hard work. Ka pai everyone!

Here are some pictures from our classrooms:



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

Y5 Camp - 15th-17th Oct

Labour Day/TOD - Mon 27th/Tues 28th Oct

School Athletics Day - Wed 29th Oct

Dance Lessons - Fri 31st Oct

Y7/8 Shop Day - Fri 21st Nov

Book Fair - 1st-5th Dec

Music AI - Tues 9th Dec

Reports go home - Fri 12th Dec

End of Year Prizegiving - Mon 15th Dec (during the day)

Last Day of School - Tues 16th Dec



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?

