



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 by promoting the values at home also. 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.

RESPECT

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RESPONSIBILITY

Kia mau

RESILIENCE

Kia manawanui

This year, school-wide we are adopting the Mitey approach to teaching mental health education which is a programme founded by Sir John Kirwan. As well as aligning with our school values, Mitey is designed to help our children build the necessary and age appropriate skills, knowledge and understanding needed to nurture their own emotional wellbeing and those of others. You can find out more about Mitey here:

<https://www.mitey.org.nz/>

Term 3 Learning

This term, across the school we begin with a focus on Matariki where we will learn more about its meaning and significance within Maori culture.

Takahe and Kereru will then delve back into the world of the Dinosaurs, and Kakapo are heading into space with a study on The Solar System and Beyond.

We will finish off the term with our annual celebration of Maori Language Week, in Week 9.

A reminder that if you're wondering how you can help your child at home with their learning, suggestions were included in the Mid-Year Reports that went home at the end of last term. You can also check out the Ministry of Education PARENT PORTAL for more ideas and information:

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



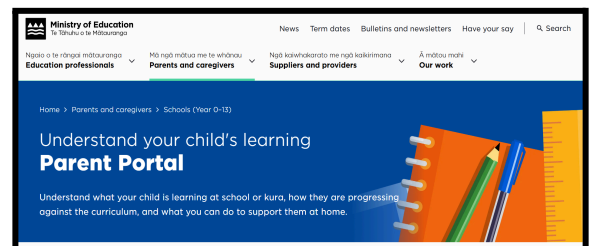
Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm in Takahe class as follows:

Week 2 - Takahe hosting (NOTE: Change of day to Thursday)

Week 4 - Kererū hosting

Week 6 - Kea Y3's & Kakapo Y4's hosting

Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies!



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 practice.
- AG Day Homework - Raising an animal OR working on the School-Wide Ag Day
- Project (Y4 and up children **not** raising an animal, or optional for Y3's). See the school website or Class Dojo for information on this.

We appreciate your continued support ensuring homework is completed each night, reading logs are signed and book bags come to school daily. Please encourage your child to be responsible and pack all of their homework each night ready to bring back to school the next day.



Cross Country

We are looking forward to and training hard for our School Cross Country on Friday 31st July (Week 2). 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.



Parent Open Morning

Keep an eye out for an invitation coming home this term for our annual Parent Open Morning on Monday 17th 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!

AG Day



The countdown is on to our annual School Ag Day at the end of the term on **Saturday 26th September from 9am**. Work in the classrooms has already begun, with heaps more happening over the term. Ag Day information for each class has been sent home and is also available on the school website or Class Dojo. 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 2026 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.



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

Kind regards,

Sonja King, Christina Reddish, Julia Brachi
Kakapo, Kererū, and Takahe Teachers

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or **CLASS DOJO!**



WHAT'S ON THIS TERM?

Matariki Whanau Shared Lunch, Kapa Haka
Performance & Cultural Dress Day - Week 1 - Fri 27th July
School Cross Country: Week 2 - Fri 31st July
PTA Casual Dress Day (mystery bottle): Week 2 - Fri 31st July
Y3/4 Franklin Netball Tournament: Week 3 - Thurs 6th Aug
Open Morning: Week 5 - Mon 17th Aug
Daffodil Day: Week 6 - Fri 28th Aug
PTA Pajama Day: Week 8 - Fri 11th Sept
Y3/4 Franklin Basketball Tournament: Week 9 - Thurs 17th Sept
School Council Casual Dress Day: Week 10 - Thurs 24th Sept
AG Day Indoor Exhibits Completed (bring any requested items to school): Week 10 - Fri 25th Sept
Last day of Term: Week 10 - Fri 25th Sept
AG DAY: Week 10 - Sat 26th Sept (all welcome!)

