



# Buckland School Newsletter



**Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages all students fully in a wide range of learning experiences that will assist them in preparing for the challenges of the future.**

Monday 17 March 2025

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Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Welcome to** Brian and Thomas our new students in Piwakawaka. We hope your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect (Kia U), Responsibility (Kia Mau), and Resilience (Kia Manawanui).
- ◆ **Prior Notice—Camp Dates:** Year 3 & 4—Lakewood Lodge—12—13 May. Year 5 & 6 Kauaeranga Valley—15—17 October. Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp—YMCA Camp Adair—Hunua—9—13 June.
- ◆ **Crossing of main road/train tracks—** A reminder to all parents of children who are crossing Buckland Road and the train tracks that it is **your responsibility** to ensure the safety of children crossing. If you are picking children up on the other side of the road please walk across the crossing and collect your children as this crossing is NOT patrolled by the school.
- ◆ **Junior EOTC Week—**A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Y1-2 EOTC week. From helpers on our trips, dinner prep, cooking and cleaning up and organising children with bikes, etc, all of your support was really appreciated. The children had an amazing time and the success of the week would not have been possible without the support we received.
- ◆ **Scholastic Book Club—**Last day for book club orders is Thursday 20 March.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ All students who represented us at the Franklin swimming events last week. All children swam really well and we had some wonderful results: Yr 8 girls—Karaya—1st in all races: 200m, 100m & 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 2nd—50m butterfly. Milly 6th 50 breaststroke. Yr 8 boys—Toby—4th 50m butterfly. George—5th 50m breaststroke. Yr 7 boys—Jak—1st 50m freestyle, Cruz K—2nd 50m backstroke. Karaya, Milly, Jak and Toby were also members of North Group relay teams that were placed.



**Year 6 & Below Team**



- ◆ Year 6 & below competition: 8yr boys—Carter—3rd 50m breaststroke, 5th 50m freestyle & 50m backstroke. 9yr boys—Owen 1st Open freestyle & 50m butterfly, 2nd 50m freestyle & 50m backstroke. Max 4th 50m breaststroke, Freddy 6th 50m breaststroke. 10yr girls—Sienna—5th. Our relay team of Sienna, Isla, Carter & Owen also came 3rd in the Schools' relay.

## Good Luck to:

- ◆ Indie S who will compete in the BMX Nationals in Invercargill next week.

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who received school awards at last week's assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Nathan, Harvey, Ava, Chloe, **Titipounamu:** Shaheer, Lily, Jack, Khadeen, **Ruru:** Frank, Manjaap, Bodhi, Elizabeth, **Kereru:** Oliver, Emily, Jayden, Olivia, **Takahe:** Zara, Ollie, Liam, Marco, **Kakapo:** Jordan, Max, Jayda, Lucia, **Karearea:** Ollie T, Aania, Ollie D, Salwa, **Weka:** Laurienne, Daniel, Stella, Parker, **Kea:** Swade, Zoe, Colton, Robert, George, Wade, Ronan, Milly  
**Principal's Award:** Russell in Karearea  
**Lion Award:** John in Kea  
**School Values Awards:** Mila in Ruru, Oliver H in Karearea & Max in Kakapo
- ◆ The following students who received Athletics certificates at last week's assembly: **Kea:** William & Mason, **Weka:** Mason, **Karearea:** Ayaan, **Kakapo:** Olivia, **Takahe:** Max, **Kereru:** Keanu, **Ruru:** Frankie, **Titipounamu:** Quinn & Kade.  
**Top Mathlete:** Mason in Weka  
**Top Mathematics Class:** Ruru

## Thank You to:

- ◆ All parents, whanau and staff who supported our junior students with their EOTC activities last week.
- ◆ All parents who provided transport and supervision to the swimming events last week.
- ◆ **All** who supported children at the school assembly last Friday.

## Events for This Week

- ◆ Mon 17 March—Eye on Nature trip (selected Yr 5 & 6 students)
- ◆ Tues & Fri—Breakfast Club
- ◆ Wed 19 March—Launchpad and Values begins
- ◆ Wed 19 March —Yr 7 & 8—Technology lesson at Pukekohe Intermediate (Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.) Students must have closed in shoes.
- ◆ Wed 19 March—Board Meeting—6p.m. All Welcome
- ◆ Thurs 20 March—Sushi lunches
- ◆ Fri 21 March—Spongy Schools Trip
- ◆ Fri 21 March—Pukekohe Hill will be using our pool
- ◆ Fri 21 March—Junior Assembly—2.20p.m. All Welcome
- ◆ Fri 21 March—Middle Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome

## Events for Next Week

- ◆ Tues & Fri—Breakfast Club
- ◆ Tues 25 March—School Council meeting
- ◆ Wed 26 March—Ultra Rippa rugby (Yr 7 & 8)
- ◆ Thurs 27 March—Rippa Rugby Yr 6 & below
- ◆ Thurs 27 March—Sushi lunches
- ◆ Fri 28 March—School Assembly—2.30p.m. All Welcome
- ◆ Sat 29 March—Franklin Multicultural festival

# PTA News



We will be holding our annual Easter Raffle again this year. Tickets will be on sale during the final week of term. Tickets will also be given to those who bring a Mystery bottle. More information on this later.



If you or a local business you have dealings with would like to donate Easter Eggs or other items for the raffle please drop these off to the school office. The Raffle will be drawn at the end of Term 1.

## Community Notices

**TUAKAU KINDERGARTEN**  
**DUCK RACE**  
FREE EVENT!

  
Tuakau Kindergarten FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY 23 MARCH • 10AM-2PM  
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 **Onewhero Pukekohe  
Hockey Club**

**Junior Muster**  
Sunday 23rd March,  
2-3pm  
(Turf 2 at Rosa Birch)

\*For school years 0-6.



Looking forward to seeing you there!

Enquiries to: [onepukehockey@gmail.com](mailto:onepukehockey@gmail.com)

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PIA Events Centre  
Ward Street, Pukekohe  
Thursday 20th March, 2025  
5:30pm - 7:30pm