



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.

Term 2 Week 4

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Kia Ora Buckland School
Whanau and Community
Members

- ◆ I trust that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and well during Alert Level 3.
- ◆ We welcome the following children and their families to the school community: Cameron, Crystal, Max, Jacx, Kayley. All students have joined Piwakawaka.
- ◆ **Details of Alert Level 2**—At the present time we have not been given any details about the requirements for Alert Level 2. We will not know until 11 May when the country will move into this level and when schools will be required to be open at Level 2. Once we are given the detail we will formulate a Health and Safety plan pertaining to our school and inform parents of the detail. Please beware that a request will be emailed to you asking you to notify us of your intentions as to whether or not your child/ren will return. In order to plan for the return we will need notification immediately following this request. It may be necessary to stagger the opening of classes.
- ◆ **Adult Visits to School**—If you absolutely need to visit the school for some reason I ask that you phone first to organise a time. We will only be allowing one person into the office at a time and you will be required to wait behind the red line until you are invited in. You will be required to sign in and record where you have come from and where you are going to. You will need to confirm that you are well and have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone who has the virus. This is a requirement under Alert Level 3.
- ◆ Parents of children who are at school must drop and pick children up at the front gate.
- ◆ There will be **no** after school care during Alert 3 to reduce the risk of mixing between different groups of children.

Thanks to:

- Board members for attending the Zoom meeting last week.
- Parents for the great support you are giving your children with home learning.
- Teachers for the dedication to providing learning experiences for children.
- All who are able to keep your children at home.
- Thanks to the following businesses who are supporting our Buckland Skool Loop App:
 - Mitre 10 Mega Pukekohe**
 - Think water Pukekohe**
 - Pukekohe Carriers**
 - Groovit Studio**
 - Maria Macpherson – Harcourts**
 - The Surveying Company**
 - Copy Plus**
 - Horne Upholstery**
 - LS Electrical Services LTD**
 - Craig Nicholson Earthmoving & General Cartage Contractor**
 - Rodgers Plumbing LTD**
 - Buckland Kelly Club**
 - The Mower Shop**

(There are still a few positions available to feature in the app if you are interested see Principal)

Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who were the top ten Athletic students last week: 1st—Leo M, Dante, Meg M, Anders, George, Kayden, Aiyana, Archer, Charli, Miakoda.
- ◆ Our students for the great efforts with using Google Classrooms and online learning and activity boards. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have. They are available through their emails from 9—3 p.m. Those children who need to attend onsite will be completing the same work as those at home are being given.
- ◆ **Don't forget the Home learning television**—Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ, is running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on TVNZ2+1 and Sky

channel 502. through an integrated approach to curriculum.

- ◆ A further resource is the new website called '**Learning from Home.**'
- ◆ **Support for our local businesses**
As a community we need to support our local businesses particularly those who are owned and operated by our school families and those who have always been wonderful supporters of our school. Please go onto our Ag Day folder on the school website for the list of those who supported us last year and support them where you can.
- ◆ **Free internet safety filter for parents** -While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, the following has been launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students.
- ◆ **Well-being Resources**—I have placed two resources on our school website under the COVID-19 folder for parents. These have some great tips to assist adults with supporting children and young people. A further resource on helping children get ready for a return to school is due shortly.

Be kind to yourselves and others. Stay in your bubbles, keep social distancing, washing hands, coughing into sleeves, etc and be vigilant.

Kia Kaha

Kindest Regards
Mavis Glasgow
Principal

To All the Mums and Grandmothers

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
for 10th May**



Kia ora koutou

Following is a quick update on how we are doing under Alert Level 3.

Our distance learning is working well. While it will certainly have challenges for you at home balancing work and care for your children, we are getting a lot of great feedback too. It is exciting to see the innovation that has been happening and some brilliant videos and photos coming through of what our students, families and whānau have been up to at home.

We were also excited to be able to reopen our premises for staff and students onsite this week and look forward to welcoming more of you in person very soon.

We also just wanted to provide some reassurance that our school is a safe place for your child to be and safe for our staff too.

We have closely followed the [public health measures](#) that have been put in place for Alert Level 3. These were set by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to minimise spread in the unlikely event that someone in our community is confirmed with COVID-19.

This means our small school bubbles are in place, our staff and students are staying 1 metre apart inside and 2 metres outside, our cleaning programme fully aligns with Health guidance, only essential visitors are coming into school and we have systems in place similar to supermarkets and dairies, to prevent those people from congregating.

We have hand sanitiser in classrooms and lots of reminders to students and staff to undertake good hygiene practices such as good cough and sneeze etiquette, and washing hands frequently. Most importantly, the few children on site are enjoying being back with their peers, even though it is in quite different.

Just to remind you also that COVID-19 is not an illness that impacts heavily on children and young people. An article by Dr Gary Payinda in the [NZ Herald](#) highlights this:

- The young are less likely to get infected, less likely to get seriously ill, and less likely to spread the infection to others.
- When kids are affected, the illness is almost always mild. Luckily, unlike flu or many other infectious diseases, children with Covid are not super-spreaders.
- Covid is not measles or chickenpox; it doesn't hang in the air for hours waiting to infect passers-by. It travels on invisible drops of spit. You don't have to cross the street to avoid anyone. Just avoid getting in their 'moist breath' zone.
- Make hand hygiene a habit - more than being scared of runners passing by, touching groceries, or standing in queues at the supermarket, we should be afraid of our own hands.

You will also be interested to know there have been no confirmed instances of a person with COVID-19 who never developed symptoms spreading the virus. For more information on how COVID-19 is spread go to the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Staying home if sick, physical distancing, good hand hygiene, not touching your face, good cough/sneeze etiquette and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces minimises any potential spread of the virus, if we were to have a case in our community. Our school's health and safety system is all set up to ensure this happens.

Please get in touch if you have any questions, including about our health and safety management for children, staff and visitors coming onsite.

Ngā mihi

Mavis Glasgow

Principal

- ◆ **Open Evening cancelled due to Covid-19**
- ◆ **Follow links from our website to complete contactless enrolment for 2021 – Year 9's only**
- ◆ **Year 8 Orientation will currently still proceed in December**



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