

# BUCKLAND SCHOOL BOARD

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 2021

### **KIA ORA PARENTS AND WHANAU!**

Welcome to your Buckland School Board update for Term 3, 2021. The purpose of these newsletters is to communicate the work of the Board back to our school community. We want to share with you what we are doing, how and why we are doing it, and most importantly how our school is progressing.

### **WORD FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER**

As we start to see some light at the end of the tunnel with the current lockdown we hope this finds our students, families and loved ones safe and well. With disruptions likely for a while longer, if there is anything we can do to help or assist you with, please feel free to send us an email.

We would like to thank our staff for their continued efforts in trying to keep each student engaged in their learning and also to our students, parents and caregivers for their help and commitment in striving to keep this connection.

We have had the unfortunate decision to make in cancelling our Agricultural Day again for this year as it normally runs. We have made a commitment to try to run a day on the 16th of October like we did last year for those of our students with animals that would like to compete; if we get to Alert Level 2 and the requirements from Government and Ministry of Education allow. More information will be made available as it comes to hand and your Board will be meeting after the next round of announcements to make the final call on this.

As we are elected by you, our school community, to keep Buckland School moving in a direction you require we are looking forward to hearing your contributions via the Community Survey which is being sent out today. This is your chance to add value to the school so we encourage you all to fill this out for us.

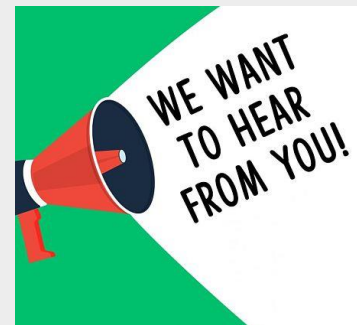
Finally thank you again for your support, continue to keep safe and in contact with each other and the school and we will see you all again as soon as we are allowed.

Thanks,  
Darryl Goldsack

### **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Today we have launched our latest community survey via Survey Monkey and we want to hear from you! Community surveys are a really valuable tool for us to measure important issues such as school performance and the work of the Board, and we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete it. This is your chance to tell us what we are doing well, and what we could be doing better. The answers you provide help shape the direction of our school and make strategic decisions for the future.

*Please contact Mrs Glasgow or a Board member if you do not receive the survey link or if you require assistance. Closing date to return surveys is Friday 29 October at 5 pm.*



## COVID-19 DELTA OUTBREAK / HEALTH & SAFETY

As always, health & safety and the wellbeing of our students and staff at all lockdown levels remains an important priority for our school. Mrs Glasgow will continue to communicate all relevant health & safety information via the newsletter, emails and our school website. Strict protocols are in place to keep everyone safe and we appreciate your support in following these. Please make sure you are aware of the correct procedures for when your children return to school.

You can find Buckland School's current health & safety plan for Alert Level 3 here: [2021 Covid Information](#).

## AGRICULTURAL DAY 2021

The Board has discussed how best to proceed with our Agricultural Day given the current lockdown restrictions. A decision was made to shift Agricultural Day for animal judging only to 16th October. However, this will only take place if Auckland moves to Alert Level 2, and the restrictions allow us to proceed.

The Board is mindful that a lot of time, effort and expense has gone into raising these animals for Agricultural Day. We understand that some families may wish to withdraw their animals from the competition due to the later date and the uncertainty around alert levels.

All other features of Agricultural Day such as stalls and attractions have been cancelled. If alert levels allow, we will liaise with our school PTA to explore other potential fundraising opportunities and events later in the year.

*New date for animal judging (if alert level restrictions allow): Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October*

## PROPERTY UPDATE

There have been some delays to a number of our current property projects due to lockdown restrictions, however we are continuing to work on completing the following as soon as we can:

- Built-in seating and detail to the new decking area off the library.
- Planned extension to our staff room.
- Upgrading 7 of our classrooms. We are working with the Ministry of Education to finalise this project and we will keep you updated.

In addition to the above, a group of our students had been working to design a minor facelift to our senior playground before lockdown. This is a student-led painting project and does not involve any structural changes. We will be seeking approval to replace the senior playground, hopefully in 2022/2023.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Your Board meets every month to discuss, review and plan governance related issues. Board meetings are open meetings and members of our school community are welcome to attend as an observer. In the event of lockdown, the meetings are held remotely, online.

If you would like to attend or learn more, please contact us via email ([board@buckland.school.nz](mailto:board@buckland.school.nz)).

Board meeting minutes are public documents and available to view on our school website.

*Next Board Meeting: Wednesday 27 October 2021*



## POLICY UPDATE

The transition of our school policies onto [schooldocs.co.nz](https://schooldocs.co.nz) is almost complete. We will be sharing the details of how to access our password-protected SchoolDocs website very soon. We look forward to your feedback and having these documents easily accessible online for our school community.



## FINANCE UPDATE

Our school Agricultural Day is our largest fundraising event of the year; as well as being an exciting day for students and families. It raises valuable funds that go towards many school activities, and we are very disappointed to have it impacted for a second year running. We appreciate the hard work our PTA had already put into organising this year's event and encourage you to join them and help with future fundraising projects where possible.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

We have been pleased with the engagement of most of our students during the lockdown period. Once we are in Level 2 and back at school, children will be closely monitored by our staff to ensure they transition smoothly back to school. Student wellbeing will be a priority over the first few weeks.

## CONTACTING YOUR BOARD

If you would like to contact the board regarding any queries, you can email us at: [Board@buckland.school.nz](mailto:Board@buckland.school.nz). It is important to remember that there are proper channels and procedures in place for concerns and complaints, and these can be found on the school website here: [Home>BOT>Concerns and Complaints Policy & Procedures](#). If you need assistance and would like a board member to support you in following the correct processes, please do not hesitate to ask. Additionally, say hello and have a chat next time you see us at school!

Your Buckland School Board members are  
(left to right in photo):

- Sarah Herring (Secretary)
- Andrew Maunder
- Mavis Glasgow (Principal)
- Dave Honiss
- Brandon Foster
- Darryl Goldsack (Chairperson)
- Lisa Robertson (Staff Representative)



## IMPORTANT DATES!

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Last day of Term 3
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Rescheduled Ag Day (Animal judging). Only if Alert Level 2 restrictions allow.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October: First day of Term 4
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of Term 4 and the end of the school year