



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.

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Monday 21 February 2022

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ **Tena Koutou.**
- ◆ **Welcome to our new pupils Glen and Russell** and their family. We hope your association with the school will be positive and rewarding.
- ◆ **School Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We hope you all will support staff and children with encouraging and modelling these values. We have four signs in both Maori and English around the school.
- ◆ **Parent Contact Information**—it is **vital** that we have up-to-date contact information for parents and caregivers. Please email our Executive Officer Mrs Mills on GMills@buckland.school.nz with this information if you have had any changes to address, phone numbers or email address. Thanks to those who have checked this.
- ◆ **The full Buckland School Health and Safety plan** is on our website in the Covid folder. Parents/Visitors must not enter the school grounds, however if it is vital that you enter the school you must come through the office, sign in on our Vistab and scan the Covid App which is displayed throughout the school. Please wait at the door until you are invited in.
- ◆ **Managing COVID-19: A Public toolkit for schools and kura**—The virus is getting closer with many of our local schools and preschools reporting cases. Thank you, parents, for being vigilant in the community and to those who have been keeping children at home when they may have had contact with a close contact of a case. I have placed the document above, along with other information the school has been provided by the Ministry of Education and Health, onto our website as a guide for parents as to the procedures we will follow should we have a positive case in the school. In the first instance we need to establish whether the case is a student or staff member, then identify close contacts and casual contacts. Letters via email will then be sent to families of these students/staff with information of what to do and what to watch out for. A further letter will go out to the rest of the school community. Contacts that are required to self-isolate and get tested will also be contacted by public health. Thank you to those families who have members who have already been identified as positive, close or casual contacts and have notified us and kept their children home for the required time and until negative test results have been received. With everyone acting responsibly we can help to minimise the risk of a case in our school.
- ◆ **Thank you to students who are wearing masks correctly indoors and to those who have been vaccinated.** These actions have been identified as reducing the risk along with handwashing, good hygiene and ventilation.
- ◆ **Learning from Home** — Teachers will not be expected to provide specific learning experiences or zoom meetings with students whose parents choose to keep them at home. If children are required to isolate due to being a close contact teachers will do their best to support children to continue learning via Google Classrooms—Yrs 3—8, use of Mathletics, StepsWeb, Epic Reading. For Yrs 1—2 students teachers will put together a hardpack of work that their class is doing. For those who have contracted Covid they will be classed as sick. Trial home learning units of work from the Ministry of Education are also available on education.govt.nz.
- ◆ **Absences:** Sick children or those isolating or awaiting Covid test results **must stay at home**. Please notify the school early each morning that your child is going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. You can also use the Skool App or administration email: GMills@buckland.school.nz if these are easier for you. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe.
- ◆ **School Times:** During **Red** children should be at school as close to 8.50 a.m. as possible. No child should be at school prior to 8.30 a.m. School begins at **8.55 a.m. Please try to ensure your child isn't late.** At present late children will not be sent to the office, teachers will email a message to the office so they can be marked as present. To help with social distancing and traffic congestion at the end of the day—School will finish **at 2.55pm for Year 0—4 students. Siblings of Year 0—4 students will not be released early.** Younger children will be supervised by teachers for the 5 mins before 3 p.m. Please leave the grounds straight away—don't linger and chat!
- ◆ **Drink Bottles**—All children should have a drink bottle filled with water at school everyday please. It is important that children keep hydrated.
- ◆ **Kawau Camp**—Thank you to parents of Year 6—8 students who have sent back Health and permission forms. Accounts will be sent home tomorrow. Parents who are attending camp will be sent a Google Meet invitation at the end of this week for next Monday night at 6.30p.m.
- ◆ **Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme—A message from Mrs Fletcher**—Buckland School is a "COOL SCHOOL". We have joined the Cool School Peer Mediation programme, an educational project of The Peace Foundation. Prior to school beginning, all staff attended professional development from a facilitator from the Peace Foundation. This proactive programme teaches individuals essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution and is being introduced into the school over the next two terms. The skills taught empower individuals to build positive, caring relationships with others. If your child comes home and talks about Cool Schools ask them questions about what they are learning.
- ◆ **Inter-school sports**— All interschool sport: Group/Franklin Zone events have been cancelled for this term. This means there will be not be any Group or Zone Swimming, or Ripa Rugby events.

- ◆ **School Swimming Sports Yrs 3—8**—We will be holding a school swimming sports for Years 3—8 next Tuesday 1 March. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. Each of the groups will be staggered starting with the Year 7 & 8s. and staff will manage the timekeeping and organization.
- ◆ **From Mr Brown—Guitar Teacher**—Given the uncertainty surrounding Covid, I think it would be unwise for me to resume guitar lessons at this time. I will review the situation regularly and hope that perhaps a start in Term 2 might be possible.

Thank you to:

- ◆ Amber (an ex pupil) from Swimming New Zealand for the swimming lessons she did for all classes last week.

Events for This Week

- Wed 23—BOT Meeting Please email principal if you would like a Google Meet invitation to join.

Events for Next Week

- Mon 28 Feb—Kawau Camp meeting for parents 6.30p.m. Google Meet
- Tues 1 March—Yr 3—8 School Swimming
- Wed 2 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology

Community Notices

Kelly Club Buckland

Your Board of Trustees supports the reinstatement of the Kelly Club After School Care programme. Below is Kelly Club's Advertisement:

Welcome back to a new year at Kelly Club Buckland.

We can't wait to see you all again in Term 1. You can make casual bookings also as you wish. Just a few reminders; You need to re-enrol into the [2022 After school event](#)

Remember to bring hats and drink bottles. Please do not bring any toys or sweets with you to the programme.

We are always a phone call, text or email away if you need to talk to us or have any questions.

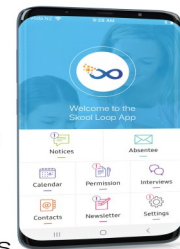
Kind Regards, Amila Wijesuriya, Programme Coordinator
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Sunshine is just around the corner!



Dry out your boots, hang up your coat and get your school app ready to read all the school events happening in term four

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- ✓ Notices
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- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
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