

Buckland School Newsletter

Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages 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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Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **Welcome** back to the third term. Staff hope that you have had a good break from school routines and that children are now refreshed and ready for a very busy term.
- ◆ **Welcome** back to staff and many thanks for the hours spent getting organised for this term and for attending Professional Development. A special welcome back to Mrs Bartlett.
- ◆ **Welcome** to Ezekeil Rm 10, Lily Rm 9, Daniel Rm 8, Trinity & Billie-Jae Rm 7, Evelyn Rm 5, Caleb Rm 3 and Thomas Rm 1A and their families. We hope your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **Values for this term:** Community and Participation
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—These are on the back please put them in a safe place. They are also available on our Website calendar.
- ◆ **Enrolment for 2015—Student Numbers** —At the next BOT meeting your Board must make the decision as to whether to hold a ballot for next year or not, and if so how many places will be available. We need your help to establish the closest approximation we can get on what our numbers will be at the beginning and throughout the year so that we can ensure staffing and funding supports our children. Would you please let Mrs Glasgow or Mrs Mills know if your child/children will not be attending in 2015 or if you know of new children to the school zone who will require a place.
- ◆ **Gymnastics Lessons**—These are going to be held again for the Junior syndicate only. A separate note is coming home about these lessons at the Pukekohe Gymnastics club shortly.
- ◆ **Safety Reminders**—If you are riding your bike to school you must wear a helmet and should be riding your bike on the road, not the footpath. All crossing of George Crescent must be done at the patrolled crossing. (Parents you need to be role models for this!) Walkers must remain at school until the teacher on duty calls you and then they will ensure you are crossed at the main road and rail crossing (if applicable) Parents have the responsibility of ensuring the safety of children in the morning.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Parents, children and staff for the efforts with the three-way conferences during the last week of Term. If you were unable to make these please contact the teacher and organise a time to meet early this term.
- ◆ Many thanks to those who helped with picking up children early for the conferences.
- ◆ To all who supported the School Council mufti day fundraiser for the Westpac Helicopter. The school raised \$257.30.

Events This Week

- Tues 22 July—Pukekohe High School visit for Year 8.
Wed 23 July—BOT Meeting—6.30p.m. All Welcome
Thurs 24 July—Otago Maths Problem Solving Challenge
Thurs 24 July—Year 7 visit to Pokeno to take part in Matariki Games.
Fri 25 July – School Assembly 2.15 p.m. (odd weeks this term)

Events Next Week

- Tues 29 July—International English test
Tues 29 July—PTA Meeting—7p.m.
Thurs 31 July —Yr 7/8 Technology (bus leaves at 8.45a.m.)

Congratulations

- To 6 of our Year 8 girls who competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships in Waiuku forest on Saturday. Emma, Abbey and Lucia's team finished 5th and Emily, May and Danielle's team finished 13th.
- To the following students who received certificates at the assembly on the last day of term 2: Rm 1A—Beau, Ella, Rm 1B—Brooklyn, Lily, Reehan, Rm 2—Cooper, Harrison, Connor, Josh, Rm 3—Margy, Shaun, George, Emerson, Rm 4—Lance, Schuyler, Jimmy, Keira, Rm5—Madison, Brianna, Michelle, Brody, Rm 6—Sophie, Jessica, Sylvie, Mackenzie, Rm 7—Edward, Tayla, Lucy, Sienna, Rm 8—Troy, Eps, Dechen, Ashley, Rm 9—Riley, Kaleb, Byron, Caleb, Rm 10—Tarryn, Euan, Marcus, May
Principal's Award: Beau—Rm 1A
Lion Award: Kaleb—Rm 9
School Value s Awards: Chrissie—Rm 9, Ethan—Rm 7
Super Mathlete: Summer—Rm 6
Top Athletics Class—Rm 6
Newsletter Draw: Illsley & Huang families
- To the following children who received Gold Athletics Certificates at the assembly on the last day of term: Rm 10—Lucia, Rm 9—Summer, Matthew, Byron, Rm 8—Sam, Rm 7—Calais, Alissa, Rm 6—Tyler, Summer, Rm 4—Angus, Sophie, Rm 2—Kaitlyn, Connor

KUMARA

This traditional vegetable has a sweet, creamy flavour. You can bake, boil, steam or mash it, or add to soup for a burst of colour.



Thought for the Week

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."

BB King.

Have a great first week everyone.
Mavis Glasgow (Principal)

Dates for the Term

24 July – Otago Maths challenge
24 July – Matariki Games, visit to Pokeno (Yr 7)
25 July – First school assembly of term (odd weeks)
29 July – International Test – English
29 July – PTA Meeting
4 Aug – Peace Week / PTA Mystery Bottle week
4 Aug – Student teacher for 6 weeks
5 Aug – Franklin Netball – Yr 7/8
7 Aug – Franklin Netball – Yr 5/6
11 Aug – Pretos testing (Yr 4 – 8)
12 Aug—International Test – Maths
12 Aug – Franklin Netball – Yr 3 / 4
13 Aug—Franklin Championship Gymnastics
13 Aug –Mathex evening
18 Aug – Gymnastic visits – junior school begin
19 Aug – Kids for Kids Concert
20 Aug – BOT Meeting
21 Aug – Otago Maths Problem Challenge
21 Aug – School Cross country
27 Aug – North Group Cross country
28 Aug – Franklin Arts Festival
2 Sept – Yr 8 Camp Meeting
3 Sept – Franklin Cross country
8 Sept – AIMS games
11 Sept – Auckland Cross Country
12 Sept – Road Safety Day
15 Sept – Yr 8 Rotorua Camp (week)
17 Sept – Franklin Basketball – Yr 6 & Below
24 Sept – BOT Meeting
27 Sept – AG day & End of Term 3

From the PTA

PTA Meeting Reminder: next Tuesday 29 July at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All Welcome.

Mystery Bottle Week is coming soon—in week 3 the PTA are asking all families to donate at least 1 bottle for our Mystery Bottle stall on Ag Day. Please hand your bottle in to the office during week 3. Bottles are wrapped and sold for \$4 on Ag Day. Some suggestions are bottles of wine, lotions, gourmet sauces.

Colouring Competition—closes this Friday so please make sure your entries are in the drawer in the office by the end of the week. Extra copies can be printed from the PTA page of the school website. Prizes of Ag Day Superpasses are up for grabs!

Community Notices

HOPE UNLIMITED TRUST

Upcoming Programmes

Parenting Teens (12-18 yrs) Toolbox—\$20 pp

Sundays: 31 July, 14 August, 28 September 1-5.30pm

Blended Families—\$20pp

Held over 3 Sundays 1-5.30pm—dates TBC

Parenting Middle Years (6-12 yrs) Toolbox—\$20pp

6 session programme—weeknights 7-9pm—dates TBC

For info & enrolments phone 239 1823 or

email hope@hopeunlimitedtrust.org.nz

Make a Stand Against Bullying

Bullying behaviour affects everyone at some time or other and there are degrees of bullying. Our school takes complaints of bullying very seriously. Firstly we establish whether it is a reoccurring incident which classifies it as bullying or a one off disagreement. What makes a bully? A bully is a person who consistently:

- ◆ Says unkind things about a person, uses 'gay' as a put down, laughs at someone
- ◆ Leaves people out of games, conversations, groups
- ◆ Hits, punches, pushes people, throws things at people.
- ◆ Writes nasty notes about others
- ◆ Makes unkind gestures, intimidates people
- ◆ Uses ICT to say/text unkind things
- ◆ Threatens others
- ◆ Takes things from others

What can your children do when they think they are being bullied?

- ◆ Speak up and stand up for yourself. Use an "I" statement and be assertive.
- ◆ Tell the truth and give a full account of the situation—their part in it as well.
- ◆ Tell a teacher or adult **as soon** as the incidence happens so that it can be dealt with straight away. (A week later is difficult to get a factual account from) At least three teachers are on duty during lunchtimes every day.
- ◆ Stay away from the bully.
- ◆ Say no and walk away and join a group where they feel comfortable
- ◆ Go to a place where they feel comfortable and safe.

What the school does when they are made aware of a bullying instances:

- ◆ Gets **all** children together to try to establish the full extent of what happened and who was involved—there are usually 2 sides to any situation and there is usually no one culprit.
- ◆ Once the bully/bullies are established we have a fast track form which is filled out with the principal or teacher. This is copied and the child involved has to take it home to be signed by the parent. In this way the child has to take responsibility for their actions to inform parents of their behaviour.
- ◆ The form is returned to school the next day signed and often commented on by the parent. If this does not happen the Principal informs the parents of the event and discusses the situation.
- ◆ Where there are reoccurring offences specialist assistance is sought through RTLB or other agencies.

What parents can do when they feel their child or another child is being bullied or is a bully:

- ◆ Inform the school straight away so it can be dealt with.
- ◆ A school bullying situation should be dealt with by the school not by parent to parent out of school gossip or contact or by a parent taking the matter into their own hands by coming into the school or sending a note to bully another child.
- ◆ Encourage open communication with your child/children—talk about what makes a bully and how they can handle a situation.
- ◆ Teach and practise **assertive** behaviours in children not aggressive behaviours. Don't be blind to your own child's behaviours.
- ◆ Build resilience. Encourage and model fair play.
- ◆ Don't over-react. Was the instance part of a game that got too rough? Get the whole story first.
- ◆ Encourage your child to report any instances to teachers truthfully and when they happen. (It is difficult to establish facts a week later!)
- ◆ If you are unhappy with the way the school/principal handles the situation there are correct channels to go through to make a complaint i.e. the Board of Trustees Chairperson.

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The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____(enter family name)