

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** to Kade Rm 1, Brock Rm3 and Zophie Rm 8 and their families. We hope your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- * **Values for this term:** Community and Participation
- * **Enrolment for 2016—Student Numbers**—At the August 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 all our children. Would you please let Mrs Glasgow or Mrs Mills know if your child/children will not be attending in 2016 or if you know of new children to the school zone who will require a place.
- * **Walking School Bus is for Everyone**—We are trying to alleviate congestion and promote safety at the school gate by providing a “walking school bus.” This means your child can be walked, with adult supervision everyday after school to be picked up by you opposite the Buckland Hall. Please contact Malinda 2392577 or Rosemary 2382975 if you are interested.
- * **Garage Sale Fundraiser** for John (who is a father of a child at our school) - Sat 22 Aug at Drury School Hall. A pamphlet is attached. If you have goods to donate they may be dropped off at the Pukekohe or Papakura Police Stations or here at school and we will get them picked up.

Events This Week

PTA Mystery Bottle Week—please send these along to children’s classrooms—children will be given a draw slip for every bottle brought along and a draw will be held at the end of term.

Wed 5 Aug—Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Netball day

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Thurs 6 Aug—Franklin Yr 5 & 6 Netball day

Thurs 6 Aug—Yr 7 & 8 Camp meeting—6 p.m. in the staffroom. All welcome

Fri 7 Aug—Yr 7 & 8 Shop Day

Events Next Week

Tues 11 Aug—Franklin Yr 3 / 4 Netball

Tues 11 Aug—International Test—Maths

Wed 12 Aug—Mathex evening

Thurs 13 Aug—Yr 7 / 8 Technology

Thurs 13 Aug—School Cross Country beginning at 12 noon with the Yr 0/1 Lunch break at approx.

12.40p.m. with Yr 5 girls starting at 1.15p.m.

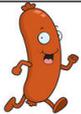
Fri 14 Aug—School Assembly (weather permitting)

Congratulations to:

- To the children who received awards at last week’s assembly: Rm1—Ella, Lexi, William, Rm2—Isobel, Taylor, Georgia, Jorja, Rm3—Kyrrah, Ella, Brooklyn, Hunter, Rm4—Emerson, Ahnya, Wendy, Margy, Rm5—Schuyler, Abby, Finn, Grace, Rm6—Angus, Michelle, Brody, Dyllan, Eknoor, Katie, Rm7—Jack, Charlotte, Kody, Aaliyah, Rm8—Tylah, Edward, Calais, Logan, Rm9—Zane, Mackenzie, Jesse, Sundeep, Rm10—Celes, Caleb, Sophie, Kade
Principals Award: Jaxon Laybourn
Lion Award: Brooke Harris
School Value Awards: Faith Rm 8, Jake Rm 8
Top Mathlete: Aaliyah Rm 7
Top Athletics Class: Room 4
Newsletter Draw: Lyall & Katuin families
- The following children who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week’s assembly: Rm10—Seth, Summer, Rm7—Kiara, Rm 5—Jemma, Josh, Rm4—Josh, Zion, Harrison, Rm3—Lucan, William, Daniel

Thank You to:

- ◆ Parents and students who attended the Yr 7 & 8 Information evening. A special thanks to Jaxon and ex pupils: Danielle, Reegan and Junel who spoke so favourably about the education they received at Buckland School.
- ◆ BOT who attended last week’s meeting.
- ◆ PTA who attended last week’s meeting. Plans are going well for our AG day. More help is needed though. Please contact Sharyn if you can assist with a stall.
- ◆ All who attended last week’s school assembly—a great turn out!
- ◆ To parents and children who assisted with the Grocery Raffle sales at Countdown over the weekend.



SHOP DAY

Year 7 & 8 Camp Fundraiser

Order your “Saus n Bread” for Friday lunch—\$2.00

Orders to your classroom teacher by Wednesday

Guess the Lollies in the Jar

Outside Rm 10 each day

1 guess 50c or 3 guesses for \$1.00



Thought for the Week

“I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing it until the end.”

Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865

Mavis Glasgow
(Principal)

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 3 T 3 15

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)

Our Kapa Haka group performing at school assembly



The Walking School Bus visits school assembly



Community Notices

LAMBS FOR SALE

Phone Logan on 021 079 2000

TUAKAU KINDERGARTEN ENROLLING NOW

We welcome you to visit and spend some time with us, we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

- * Fully qualified teaching staff, 20 ECE hours available
- * Nature Discovery Programme
- * Sessions times 8.45 am—2.45 pm—Monday to Friday
- * Max capacity 30 children per day

Phone 09 236 9121

PUKEKOHE CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN Vacancies for 2 year olds and older

Pukekohe Central Kindergarten is a public, non-profit making sessional kindergarten located at the corner of West Street and Harrington Ave. Our kindergarten provides high quality early childhood education. Presently we have a number of vacancies for children 2 years and older.

Phone 238 8047 or visit www.cmka.org.nz

ARE YOU JOINING IN THE EXPERIENCE OF REARING A CALF, LAMB OR KID FOR YOUR SCHOOL AG DAY?

Pukekohe Veterinary Centre, 11 Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe is offering free tail docking, castration and vaccination for registered Ag Day animals.

Wednesday 12 August—3.30pm to 5.00pm

Friday 14 August—3.30pm—5.00pm

It will be a great opportunity to chat to a vet and get advice on Agricultural Day animal rearing.

PUKEKOHE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Open for Year 9 Enrolments now

We reach Cambridge Curriculum from a Christian perspective
Phone 238 6449 or email principal@pcs.school.co.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 RTLTB 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.

Community Notices

PET LAMBS AVAILABLE FROM EARLY AUGUST

3-7 days old, fed colostrum, vaccinated, docking optional
Romney/Coopworth & Romney/Suffolk
Collection from a mutual spot in Pukekohe or Tuakau
Phone Rachel 232 9875 or email puririheights@gmail.com