



Buckland School Newsletter

DATES FOR TERM 1 2017

8 Feb—125th Meeting 7 p.m. in school staffroom
 10 Feb—BOT Sports afternoon/Swim/BBQ—see notice
 10 Feb—First School Assembly—All Welcome
 14 Feb—School Council Meeting
 14 Feb—BOT Meeting—6.30 p.m.
 14 Feb—Parent Meetings/Maori Consultation meeting
 16 Feb—First Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Int (fortnightly)
 20 & 24 Feb—EOTC week (Juniors Yrs 1—3)
 21 Feb—Junior Trip to Howick Historic Village
 21 Feb—Senior Swimming Sports
 22 Feb—Junior Swimming Sports
 23 Feb—Yr 7/8 Immunisation talks
 24 Feb—Junior Trip to Wave Pools
 24 Feb—School Assembly
 7 March—North Group Swimming—Yr 7 & 8
 9 March—North Group Swimming – Yr 6 & Below
 10 March—Franklin Triathlon
 14 March—Franklin Swimming—Yr 7/8
 16 March—Franklin Swimming—Yr 6 & Below
 17th March—125th Celebration
 20 March—Photolife photos
 21 March—School Council Meeting
 23 March—Travelwise Course
 31 March—Franklin Padder Tennis Tournament
 1 April—Franklin Multi-Cultural Festival
 4 April—Franklin Rippa Rugby
 5 April—Auckland Yr 7 & 8 Swimming
 11 April—Franklin Yr 7/8 Ultra Rippa Rugby
 14 April—Easter & First Term Holiday Break
 These dates are also on our website

Community Notices

Seasons For Growth is a Programme for young people aged 6-18yrs with changes or challenges in their lives, dealing with difficult circumstances, death or separation. A Parent Programme and Adult Programme is also available. We are now taking enrolments for our Programmes beginning on February 16th 2017, Term 1. If you would like more information or to enrol, please contact Marisa on 021 142 5812, Deb on (09) 238 7375, or email us at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. More information can be found at www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/Seasons.

Franklin Family Support Services with support from Ministry of Education brings you this FREE 14 week PARENTING PROGRAMME which focuses on building positive relationships between parents and their children, and supports parents to explore new strategies for managing challenging behaviours. *For parents / caregivers of Children aged 3 – 8 yrs.* *Topics covered include:* Confidence in Parenting, Parent-Child Relationship, Communication, Positively Setting Limits, Dealing with Disobedience, Problem-Solving

For more info or to enrol phone: 09 238 6233 or admin@familysupport.org.nz

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 1 Week 1

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7 February 2017

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou . I hope you all had an enjoyable Waitangi weekend.
- ◆ **We have had a wonderful start to the year!** Congratulations to all children and staff who have settled quickly back into school routines. Well done also to our new students for their start.
- ◆ **School Values for the Term:** Respect & Excellence
- ◆ **Welcome** to Alexis in Room 1. We hope that your association with the school will be a happy and rewarding one.
- ◆ **Dates for 2017 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods
 - Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 13 April
 - Easter Break & First Holiday —Friday 14 April —30 April
 - Term 2: Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July
 - Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
 - Ag Day—Saturday 30 September
 - Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 Dec
- ◆ **BOT Newsletter**—Children have been given a Board newsletter with today's school newsletter. It is on yellow paper.
- ◆ **Absences:** Please notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. It is costly for the school both in time and resources to have to ring you to check your children are safe. Please note the Ministry guidelines: Prior permission from the principal is to be obtained before an overseas trip. Children will be marked as absent. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.
- ◆ **School Times:** School begins with a handbell at **8.55a.m.** and finishes at **3 p.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 9 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know.

- ◆ **Family BBQ/Sports/Swim Afternoon/Evening**—The Board of Trustees invite you all to an evening at school to enjoy our facilities and get to know members of our school community—this Friday 10 Feb, 5 p.m. Bring along some food & drinks to share. BBQ will be available & the Board will be putting on a sausage sizzle. (Alcohol is not permitted on the school grounds).
- ◆ **Support Group for Children**—Is your child/ren in need of support because of loss of a close family member, separation &/or divorce? If so we will be facilitating group sessions with outside support people, beginning next week. If you are interested in your child/ren attending please see Mrs Glasgow this week to discuss further.
- ◆ **Safety at the School gate**—Children will assemble at the front of the school for pickup. Please come onto the grounds to collect your children. The patrolled crossings **must** be used to ensure the safety of all children. We run a Walking School Bus thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers. If you would like your child/ren to use this please contact Mrs Fletcher. Any walkers who cross over Buckland Road and the train crossing must join our walking school bus and wait near the front gate. Parents must take responsibility for these crossings in the mornings. Adults need to be good role models for children please. Also no parking over our neighbours' driveways and in the bus bay (until minibuses have left) please.
- ◆ **Franklin Primary Schools' Triathlon**—This is being held again this year. The date for this is Friday 10 March. We hope lots of children will take part again this year. Online entries must be made quickly as there is a maximum number. Go to www.fultonswimschool.co.nz to register. Mrs Glasgow will be taking lunchtime training sessions starting this Wednesday. After school practices will be notified later.
- ◆ **Lunchtime Swims**—A Free Lunchtime swim will be available. The timetable is as follows—children in these rooms have priority: Mondays—Rms 3 & 4, Tues—Rms 5 & 6, Wed—Rms 7 & 8, Thurs—Rms 9 & 10, Fri—Rms 1 & 2. If there is sufficient safe numbers other children will be invited by the duty teacher.
- ◆ **After School Swims**—Parents are welcome to supervise their children for a swim in our school pool after school from 3—5 p.m. Arrangements must be made with parents if you are going to supervise other children. The key must be collected from Mrs Glasgow or Mrs Mills, with its return at the end of the swim. The last family/families in the pool are asked to put on the pool covers carefully to keep the pool warm for the next day. Any problems Mrs Glasgow will be on site. If you know that you are going to use the pool, a phone call or a message from your child earlier in the day will allow us to leave covers off at 3 p.m.

- ◆ **Hats**—Children are wearing these well each interval. Sunscreen is also available in classrooms. If your child is sensitive to sunscreen please send along their own to use.
- ◆ **Class Parent Meetings—Tuesday 14 February**—We **invite** and encourage parents to attend class meetings where you can meet the teachers, discuss routines and expectations and ask questions of class programmes, etc. Teachers will repeat the sessions twice which will allow parents with more than one child to attend each class meeting. The first session will be at 3.10pm, and the second at 3.30 pm in each classroom. If you then require an individual meeting you can arrange this with the teacher concerned for later in the week.
- ◆ **Maori Consultation Meeting**—There will be a consultation meeting after the class parent meetings for parents of Maori children in the board room.
- ◆ **125th Registration**—You are invited to join us to celebrate Buckland School's 125th Anniversary on 17 March. The school can be viewed anytime during this day. There will be afternoon tea, short speeches and the cutting of the anniversary cake beginning at 3.15pm. Following this the swimming pool will be open and families will have the opportunity to enjoy the school's facilities and meet up and renew old friendships. Please register your intent to join us by visiting www.buckland.school.nz and filling out the registration form .

Events This Week—Week 2

- ◆ **Swimming** — children need to bring togs and towels everyday as class programmes are organised for daily swimming. Junior students need a sweatshirt to put on after their swim please.
- ◆ **Wed 8 Feb**—125th Meeting 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Fri 10 Feb**—First School Assembly—2.15p.m. All Welcome
- ◆ **Fri 10 Feb**—BOT—BBQ/Sports afternoon/Swim

Events Next Week—Week 3

- ◆ **Tues 14 Feb**—First School council Meeting
- ◆ **Tues 14 Feb**—Class Parent Meetings
- ◆ **Tues 14 Feb**—Maori Consultation Meeting
- ◆ **Tues 14 Feb**—BOT Meeting
- ◆ **Thurs 16 Feb**—First Yr 7/8 Technology

All the very best for another short week.

Kindest Regards

Mavis Glasgow—Principal

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 2 T 1 17

The family received the newsletter this week. Signed: _____
(enter family name)