BOT News — Term 1, 2017



Welcome Back to School !

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our pupils returning to Buckland School this year and a special welcome to all our new entrants children and new students to the school. We hope all our families have had a relaxing summer break and the children are ready for lots of fun and learning in the year ahead!

Our annual Junior EOTC week will be fast upon us (Feb 20th-24th). This is a great chance for parents to meet each other and the school community, as well as supporting the children enjoying new experiences with their learning and development out of the classroom. These weeks really strengthen our community and it's a great opportunity to spend quality time with each other and our children.

Let's ensure we make the most of summer and utilise the school pool after school— the Board of Trustees is looking forward to catching up with everyone at the BBQ this Friday (Feb 10th) when families can enjoy a swim, play some sports and enjoy an early dinner together.

Congratulations to the Senior students of our school—your leadership and guidance with the Juniors is greatly appreciated from parents and teachers alike.

2017 will be an exciting year for Buckland School and we look forward to working with parents and caregivers to help our students achieve their goals.

Waiho me te tangata e mihi. Nga mihi

Andrew Tautari together with Liz Roozendaal, Mavis Glasgow, Darryl Goldsack, Andrew Foote, Ann Cottle and Hannah McCarthy

Key Dates:

- **Friday 10th Feb** School BBQ hosted by the BOT. Everyone is welcome to join us for a swim, some sports and a shared BBQ to celebrate the new school year and meet other members of the school community. (The BOT will provide sausages. Bring along a salad to share and drinks. Alcohol is not permitted on school grounds.
- **Feb 20th-24th**—Junior School EOTC Week (Education Out of the Classroom) please keep an eye out for information from your child's teacher with important forms/details
- **Friday 17th Mar** —Buckland School's 125th Anniversary. Next meeting in preparation for the anniversary is <u>this Wednesday Feb 8th at 7pm</u>—all welcome to come along.

Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is looking to be renewed this year after
some changes in 2016 with the fundraising for our school's Agricultural Day.
Historically, our PTA has been run by an enthusiastic group of parents,
caregivers and teachers who support Buckland School in it's various activities
throughout the school year, with special events and celebrations such as the
Easter Raffle and the School Disco.

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We are now very fortunate to have a dedicated team of 'Ag Day' parents and caregivers who are wanting to specifically take care of this, our biggest source of fundraising for the year. The Board of Trustees are very appreciative to these parents who have formed the 'Ag Day Committee'. We wish to extend our thanks again for all their hard work and success in 2016 and wish them all the best for this year's Agricultural Day in September.

In response to this newly formed 'Ag Day Committee', we'd like to take this $\stackrel{\star}{\xrightarrow{}}_{\times}$ opportunity to invite parents and caregivers in our school community to be part $\stackrel{\star}{\xrightarrow{}}_{\times}$ of the PTA and the smaller scale events they organise to raise funds.

Working together with the school and Board, the PTA raises these funds to
provide much needed resources for the school with money being spent on
items such as Mathletics subsidies, EOTC week, shade sails for our children's
playgrounds and decking, additional teaching resources, sports equipment and
Yr 8 Graduation Dinner.

There are a number of parents already expressing interest in reviving our PTA which is fantastic— it's an excellent way to meet other parents and caregivers who have an interest in the school. If you're interested in joining the PTA or being a PTA support person, please contact Hannah McCarthy 021 0565 130 (BOT Member— Secretary/Community Consultation) to arrange a catch up.

For anyone interested in helping with the Ag Day Committee, particularly any- $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\xrightarrow{}}$ one interested in running a stall, please contact Sigi Schmitt (021 189 7798).