



# 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.

## Week 3 Term 1

12 February 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

### ♦ **School Values for the Term:**

Excellence and Respect.

### ♦ **Dates for 2018 Terms:**

Please book holidays during holiday periods

Term 1: Wed 31 Jan – Fri 13 April

Easter Break – Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April

Term 2: Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

Term 3: Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September

AG Day—Saturday 29 September

Term 4: Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December. Where-ever possible however please make trips out of school time so that your child's progress is not interrupted.

### ♦ **Dates for the Term**—These will be placed on our school website and the Skool Loop APP this week. They are included below—please diary them.

### ♦ **School Structure**—We are no longer working in two syndicates but are working in four teams: Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6, Yr 7 & 8. Teachers in these teams will be getting to know all students in the team well and will be planning co-operatively. If you have any questions about this please ask your child's teacher during the parent meetings or see the Principal so that the message you get is correct. Due to the building project the New Entrants are in Room Titipounamu and Year 7 & 8 are in the Hall while their rooms are being modernised. Once finished they will move into their respective rooms.

### ♦ **Swimming Lessons**—Children thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson with Kelly Sports instructors. Please ensure that your children have their togs on the day that they have been assigned as well

as a sweatshirt to put on after the lesson. The school pool is heated so there is no reason for children not to be taking part in these lessons which are being subsidised by the school and the grant from Grassroots Trust. Thursdays for the following rooms: Karearea, Takahe, Kereru, Ruru, Tui, and Friday for: Kea, Weka, Kakapo, Titipounamu, Piwakawaka.

### ♦ **Rash shirts**—Thank you to all who are wearing these to protect your skin. For other who have yet to start wearing these please do so. Naming them helps teachers.

### ♦ **Naming of Clothing**—Teachers thank those who name their children's clothing as this saves valuable teaching time.

### ♦ **Hats**—The majority of children are wearing their hats during intervals. Thanks to parents for ensuring they all have one.

### ♦ **Lunchtime swims**—Will be available. The timetable is as follows—children in these rooms have priority: Mondays—Karearea/Weka/Ruru Tues—Tui/Takahe/Titipounamu, Wed—Kea/Kakapo/Piwakawaka, Thurs—Weka/Kakapo/Kea, Fri—Kereru/Ruru/Karearea. If there is sufficient safe numbers other children will be invited by the duty teacher. (This timetable allows for all students to have a swim.)

### ♦ **After School Swims** for families will begin this week—12th February. 3—5 p.m. Parents will need to inform the office that they wish to use the pool prior to lunchtime so the covers are left off. Rules for using the pool are on the wall inside the pool. Please abide by these. No running along side of pool or jumping in. Diving from deep end only. The key must be collected from the office, with its return at the end of the swim. The last family/families in the pool must put on the pool covers carefully to keep the pool up to temperature for the next day. Any problems please see Mrs Glasgow.

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### ♦ **Safety at the School gate**—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.

### ♦ **Buckland School Family Writing Survey**

Greetings / Kia ora / Kia orana / Malo e lelei / Talofa lava



The survey is for parents, family and whānau members, or caregivers. There are 6 questions. This survey is completely anonymous. No names are recorded. The purpose of this survey is to identify how we can extend learning across home and school.

To access the survey please follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6LSZ9F>

The link for the survey can also be found on the school website.

Alternatively if you would like to complete the survey at school the library will be set up on Thursday 15 February between 2:30 and 4:15 (we will have afternoon tea available for you too).

### ♦ **BOT 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 16 February beginning at 5 p.m.** The Board is putting on a sausage sizzle and the BBQ will be available. Bring along some food & drinks to

share. (Alcohol is not permitted on the school grounds.)

#### ♦ **Graze School Lunches —**

**Thursdays.** Some new items are on the menu. Visit <http://www.grazefood.co.nz> Orders on-line must be in before 8 p.m. on the night before.

#### ♦ **Parent Information Meetings**

**This Thursday 15 February** We invite and encourage parents and whanau 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 **3.10p.m.** and the second at **3.30p.m.** in each classroom. If you require an individual meeting you can arrange this with the teacher concerned for later in the week.

#### ♦ **Senior Swimming Sports**—Mrs Fletcher requires parent volunteers to act as timekeepers at the Senior Swimming Sports on Tuesday 20 February. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Fletcher.

#### ♦ **Online Payments**—We are receiving lots of online payments at present. Please ensure that if you pay online that the reference is updated for easy identification.

## Congratulations to:

- ♦ The following students who received awards at last week's school assembly: **Titipounamu**—Ayla, Henry, Lachlan, Grace, **Ruru**—Tyler, Lee, Kayla, Keira, **Tui**—Isobel, Samantha, Connor, Georgia, **Kakapo**—Leah, Thomas, Manea, Taylor, **Kereru**—Miller, Mason, Mia, Shyanne, **Kakapo**—Torrán, Samara-Jane, Jimmy, Ahnya, **Karearea**—Connor, Dylan, Dayton-Lee, Xanthe, **Weka**—Hayden, Josh, Jemma, Lucy, **Kea**—Seerat, Kody, Dyllan, Fedora Due to swimming Piwakawaka certificates will be given out at the next assembly.  
Principal's Award: Anna—Karearea  
Lion Award: Kaden, Logan & Cohen—Kea  
School Values Awards: Jo—Takahe, Connor—Karearea, Miller—Kereru

- ♦ To the following students who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week's assembly: **Takahe**—Samara-Jane, **Kereru**—Cameron, **Kakapo**—Meg, Fynn, **Weka**—Jemma, **Kakapo**—Hari

Top Mathlete—Meg —Kakapo  
Top Athletics Class—Kereru

## Dates for Term 1

14 Feb—School Council Meeting  
14 Feb—BOT Meeting  
15 Feb—Parent Meetings  
16 Feb—BOT BBQ & Swim  
19—23 Feb—Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week  
19 Feb—Pukekohe East School using pool  
20 Feb—Year 4—8 Swimming Sports  
21 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology  
21 Feb—Year 1—3 Swimming Sports  
22 & 23 Feb—Kelly Sport Swimming Lessons  
23 Feb—School Assembly  
27 Feb—PTA Meeting  
1 March—North Grp Yr 6 & Below Swimming Sports  
6 March—North Grp Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Sports  
7 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology  
9 March—Franklin Yr 6 & Below Swimming Sports  
9 March—School Assembly  
12—16 March—Walking School Bus Week  
13 March—Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Sports  
15 March—Franklin Triathlon  
19 March—School Photos  
20 March—Franklin Rippa Rugby  
21 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology  
21 March—School Council  
23 March—School Assembly  
27 March—Franklin Ultra Rippa Rugby  
30—3 April—Easter Break  
4 April—Yr 7 & 8 Technology  
4 April—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations  
5 April—Auckland Swimming  
6 April—School Assembly  
13 April—Final Day of Term 1

### GUITAR TUITION

Guitar tutor, Renton Brown will be working at school again this year. Information brochures (including enrolment/permission slips and payment information) are available from the noticeboard in the office. Please note—tuition is available for students in Years 4-8 who are aged eight or older. Students continuing from last year need to re-enrol. Limited spaces available.



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## Events for This Week

- Wed 14 Feb—School Council Meeting
- Wed 14 Feb—BOT Meeting 6p.m.
- Thurs 15 Feb—Parent Meetings—after school
- Thurs 15 & Fri 16 Feb—Kelly Sports Swimming Lessons
- Fri 16 Feb—BOT BBQ, Swim and Sports Get Together—5 p.m.

## Events for Next Week

- Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week
- Tues 20 Feb—Year 4—8 Swimming Sports
- Wed 21 Feb—Year 1—3 Swimming Sports
- Wed 21 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- Fri 23 Feb—School Assembly

## Community Notices

**LOST PROPERTY**—Black strapping sandals lost last week and a blue umbrella lost on Friday. Please return items to the school office.

### FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOLS'

**TRIATHLON**—Clarks Beach on Thursday 15 March, starting at 9.30am. Entries need to be completed on-line with payment at [www.fultonswimschool.co.nz](http://www.fultonswimschool.co.nz). Please make sure you register in plenty of time as entries are limited. For all queries phone Fulton Swim School on 238 1841.

**WOMENS BOXING CLASSES** 6week training block with Jo Lofroth. Starts Feb 20th evenings Tuesdays 6pm Buckland and Thursdays 6pm Pukekohe. OR Mornings 5.30am Tuesday+Thursday Pukekohe. All levels welcome-child friendly-heaps of fun-all gear provided. Sign up at [www.transformya.co.nz](http://www.transformya.co.nz) or ph 0212162371.