



# 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 4 Term 1

19 February 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members

Tena Koutou

### ◆ **School Values for the Term:**

Excellence and Respect.

- ◆ **Welcome** to Noah our new student in Room 6 and his family.

- ◆ **Welcome** to Pukekohe East School who are using our pool for their swimming sports today.

- ◆ **Dates for 2018 Terms:** These are on the school website and the Skool Loop App Calendar.

- ◆ **Skool Loop App**—The organisation that manages our school app puts the weekly newsletter on this and updates the calendar. We do our best to put reminders on. **Please don't use these** as the only notification of events as these will usually be put on the day before. Please support the sponsors of our App.

- ◆ **Parent Information Meetings**—Many thanks to parents who attended these. If you have any queries please see your child's teacher(s).

- ◆ **BOT BBQ/Sports/Swim**—Thank you to those who joined us for last Friday's BBQ & swim. It was nice to have the opportunity to meet up socially. Thanks to the BOT for your organisation.

- ◆ **Swimming Lessons**—These will continue throughout the term. Please ensure your children have their togs and towels each day.

- ◆ **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. For our Year 1 and 2s who are staying overnight

please ensure clothing and bedding is named.

- ◆ **Hats**—The majority of children are wearing their hats during intervals. Thanks to parents for ensuring they all have one.
- ◆ **After School Swims for Families**—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 the 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.
- ◆ **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.

[www.buckland.school.nz](http://www.buckland.school.nz)

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.



- ◆ **Year 4-8 and Year 1-3 Swimming Sports**—the Year 4-8 Swimming Sports are being held tomorrow and the Year 1-3 Swimming Sports on Wednesday. Timetables for these events can be found on the school website under Sports Information.
- ◆ **MOTAT Trip for Yr 1 & 2 Children Tomorrow—Please be at school at 8.30am** as the buses will be departing at 8.45am. Remember to bring morning tea, lunch, a drink, hat, jumper, rain coat and sensible walking shoes. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED.**

## Congratulations to:

- ◆ All children who received awards at their Team Assemblies last week.

## Thank You to:

- ◆ BOT and community members who attended the BOT Meeting last week.
- ◆ Those who have already completed the Writing Survey.

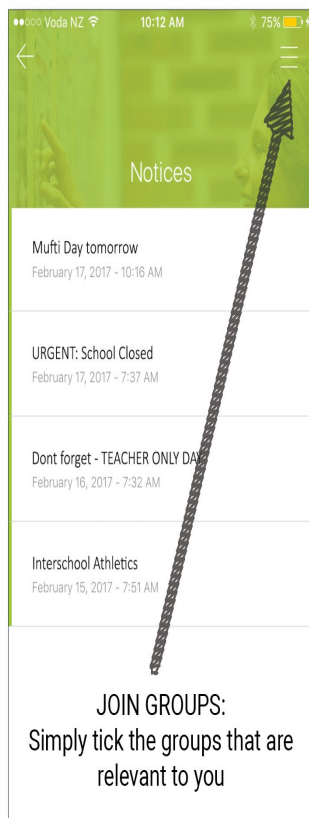
## Did You Know?

- ◆ The school held a fire drill last week and children vacated classrooms sensibly and assembled on the back field for roll call.
- ◆ The school has **147** computers, chrome books and i-Pads for children to use. The Board made the decision (after consultation several years ago) not to go to BYOD and fund IT equipment. This may change in the future.
- ◆ Lifting the achievement of all students in writing is our major focus this year.

- ♦ **School App**—we have updated the groups on the school app so you can now get push notification for just the groups your children are in. Full school notifications will remain the same. Your phone needs to be set to receive push notifications—this is done in your phone settings.

How to:

## JOIN OUR SCHOOL PUSH NOTIFICATION GROUPS



**Simple free download:** In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' & choose our school once installed.

- ♦ **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). As of today there are only 80 spaces left. For all queries phone Fulton Swim School on 238 1841.

## Events for This Week

- Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week—Have a great week.
- Tues 20 Feb—Yr 1/2 trip to MOTAT
- Tues 20 Feb—Year 4—8 Swimming Sports
- Wed 21 Feb—Year 1—3 Swimming Sports beginning at 12.50pm
- Wed 21 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology (bus leaves at 8.45am)
- Thurs 22 Feb—Yr 1/2 trip to Glenbrook Railway
- Thurs 22 Feb—Yr 1/2 Sleepover
- Fri 23 Feb—Yr 1/2 trip to Wave Pools
- Fri 23 Feb—School Assembly at 2.15pm—all welcome.

## Events for Next Week

- ♦ Tues 27 Feb—PTA Meeting at 7pm.
- ♦ Thurs 1 Mar—North Group Year 6 & Below Swimming—selected children
- ♦ Fri 2 Mar—Team Assemblies at 2.15pm



## Community Notices

**COFFEE CART** open 8-9.30am Monday - Friday Opposite Buckland Bowling Club  
Txt your order 0211155083

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE**—Year 11 Pukekohe High School student available for babysitting evenings, weekends and holidays. Phone Poppy on 0210366689.

**WAIUKU DIRT TRACT CLUB DEMOLITION DERBY**—Sunday 11 March from 10am. Entry \$10pp (under 12 free). Race fees—\$50 for members/\$65 for non members. Racing starts at 1pm. Enquiries to Owen on 021 909 832.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP OFF DAY**—Saturday 24 February from 9am to 3pm. Carpark at Franklin Baptist Church, 128 Victoria Street West, Pukekohe. Drop offs only on the day—CCTV camera operates 24/7. Charges apply for some items. Visit [www.ewaste.org.nz](http://www.ewaste.org.nz) for more information.

**DROP IN & PLAY FUTSAL**—from Sunday 4 March at the Counties Tennis Centre, Rosa Birch Park, West St, Pukekohe. 1-2 pm to 8 & 9 year olds, 2-3pm for 10-12 year olds. For more info contact Ben Winkelaar on 021954125 or email [academy@franklinunited.nz](mailto:academy@franklinunited.nz)

**ACG STRATHALLAN OPEN DAY**—Saturday 3 March from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

## Parenting Helpline

get support, advice and practical strategies

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

**Call 0800 568 856**

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)



## Year 1 & 2 Wheels Day



### Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 4 T 1 18

The ..... family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: ..... (enter family name)