



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 5 Term 1

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26 February 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

♦ **School Values for the Term:**

Excellence and Respect.

- ♦ **Year 1 & 2 EOTC Week**—What a wonderful week the children in these classes had last week. They experienced lots of exciting activities and were very well behaved. A **HUGE** thank you to all staff and parents for the contributions and support you gave to trips, food preparation, and the sleep over. Your children are very lucky to have your support and enthusiasm for their learning through EOTC activities.

An Evaluation form will be coming home today. Could parents please look out for it and return it to your class teacher completed. We appreciate your feedback to help us to continue to improve this week.

♦ **Buckland School Family Writing Survey**

Thank you to all families who took the time to fill out our writing survey. Writing is our curriculum focus throughout the school this year and your contributions through this survey are appreciated. Your views have been added to those of our students and staff and we have a great deal of information to help us lift the achievement of our students in writing. We have joined the Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) workstream and staff all have writing inquiries underway in their rooms.

- ♦ **Year 4-8 and Year 1-3 Swimming Sports**—Our children participated well in the swimming events last week. We hope the changes we made (due to weather) did not inconvenience you too much. Thank you to parents and whanau who supported children at these events.

- ♦ **Emergency Contacts**—It is important that we have correct details and emergency contacts. Details we have on file have been sent home in a separate envelope today. Please update or confirm that they are correct and return the slip to the drawer in the school office.

- ♦ **Photo Forms**—order forms for class and individual photos are coming home with every child today. Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from a clip on the noticeboard in the office. All envelopes and payments need to be returned to the locked drawer in the office foyer by **Thursday 15 March.**

- ♦ **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.

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

Congratulations to:

- ♦ The following students who received awards at last week's school assembly: Tui—Jamie-Lee, Ryan Rhea, William, Kakapo—Felix, Yuvraj, Levi, Rubia, Kereru—Noah, Brooklyn, Jack, Takahe—Tadhg, Tess, Brooke, Brayden, Karearea—Aiden, Anna, Sienna, Boston, Weka—Harry, Blake, Riley, Keira, Kea—Quartz-Lee, Aman, Brianna, Sherley

Principal's Award: Ella—Kea Room
Lion Award: Keira—Weka Room
School Values Awards: Seerat & Leah both Kea Room

Newsletter Draw: Ashley & Lyall Families

- ♦ The following students who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week's school assembly: Kea—Ella, Grace, Weka—Keira, Takahe—Victoria, Kereru—Rikki-Lee, Mia, Sam, Kakapo—Meg, Lachlan, Tui—Lucy
Top Mathlete—Lincoln—Kereru
Top Class—Kereru

Events for This Week

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

Events for Next Week

- ♦ Tues 6 March—North Group Yr 7 & 8 Swimming—selected children
- ♦ Wed 7 March—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- ♦ Thurs/Fri—Kelly Sports Swimming lessons
- ♦ Fri 9 March—Franklin Yr 6 & Below swimming
- ♦ Fri 9 March 2.15pm— School Assembly

Did You Know?

- ♦ Class folders and pages have been updated on our school website. Go to www.buckland.school.nz to see what your child's class has been up to.
- ♦ Your Board of Trustees are working on getting an electronic sign erected out in front of the school.
- ♦ A Board of Trustee newsletter is on the back of this newsletter.

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 5 T 1 18

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: (enter family name)

Term 1 BOT Buckland School

Newsletter 2018

Tena KouTou Katoa

A warm welcome to the start of the 2018 school year. We do hope you have had a fun and restful holiday. A special welcome to our new families, and a warm welcome to our new staff. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

The Buckland School Board of Trustees comprises five parents, one staff representative and the Principal. Elections for the board take place every three years. We're half way through our current Board term, next election is June 2019. The Board of Trustees meets in the school conference room, as near as possible to the second Wednesday of every month during term time. Board meetings are open for anyone to attend, but they are not public meetings. This means members of the public may attend, but do not have speaking or voting rights and will be asked to leave when the board goes into committee.

The responsibility of the Board is that of governance (control or authority) and an overview of management of the school. The Board is responsible for ensuring that legal obligations are met and that all resources (people, property or financial) are managed in compliance with relevant legislation and in the best interests of the school. The school's Charter and Annual Plan reflect specific needs and priorities. The Board sets strategic long term goals, develops and reviews policies. Daily management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal. The Board is not involved with the day to day management of school activities.

Elected Parent Trustees: Hannah McCarthy (Chairperson), Darryl Goldsack, Andrew Tautari, Liz Roozendaal, Andrew Foote, Principal: Mavis Glasgow, Staff Trustee: Lisa Robertson

Staffing: Fortunately we were able to achieve our aim of being fully staffed for the start of 2018 with high quality teachers. We work hard to provide an exceptional work environment for all members of our staff so they are well supported to focus on students in their care.

Building Project: We would like to thank you all for your patience with the current building work going on, on site. We are in the process of developing a new 'innovative learning space' classroom. This is a Ministry funded project and we are doing our best to ensure minimal disruption to the school. A new sign at the front of the school will soon be erected which will be further means of helping communicate any important messages.

Our Community: There are great opportunities for us to come together in the school year. Make the most of these opportunities to share ideas, learn and make friendships. We have many events, including parent curriculum information nights, fundraising activities, surveys, after school activities, camps and even helping out in the classrooms. As a Board we encourage everyone to make the most of these opportunities. Ultimately your involvement will give your children a richer experience at school.

Community Survey Summary

We had a fantastic 48% (89 /185) of families complete the survey at the end of Term 4 2017- **Thank You** all for your valuable contributions!

There were overwhelmingly positive responses in all areas. It was great to read such supportive comments about our staff. The BOT and management will review any area that received more than 10% disagree - although this represents less than 10 families these issues are also important to us.

We also received some great constructive ideas which are opportunities to enhance our school and our kids' experiences. Many of these have been acted on already, others will form part of our annual Strategic Plan.

Once we've fully analysed the data we will share the summarised results via email and on our website. Thanks for your patience with this!

Dates for 2018

Term 1 – 31 Jan – 13

April, Easter – 30 March –
3 April.

Term 2 – 30 April – 6 July

Term 3 – 23 July – 28 Sept

Term 4 – 15 October –
14 Dec

Ag Day 29 Sept