



# 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 11 Term 1

9 April 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members  
Tena Koutou

- ♦ **School Values for the Term:**  
Excellence and Respect.
- ♦ **TERM 2 Staff Organisation**—Mrs Glasgow will be on a Principal's Sabbatical for the term. The Board of Trustees have appointed Mrs Lindgreen to take over the principal's position for the term. Mrs Lindgreen will be supported in this role by Mrs Fletcher as Deputy Principal. Several other teachers will be taking over Mrs Lindgreen's D.P. tasks during the term.
- ♦ **KELLY SPORTS SWIMMING LESSONS**—These are continuing for this week on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure your children have their togs and a sweatshirt to put on after the lesson. The pool is heated and we would like all children to gain from all the lessons where-ever possible.
- ♦ **University of Canterbury—2018 Great Kiwi English, Science and Mathematics Competitions**—are happening again this year for the second year. These are on-line tests for Year 5—10 students and are entirely voluntary. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. There are costs involved which parents will need to meet. If you would like to enrol your child, forms are available on the noticeboard. Entries close this Wednesday 11 April.
- ♦ **PTA AGM**—This will be held this Tuesday 10 April. Nomination forms for President, Secretary and Treasurer must be received by the end of today Monday 9 April. Nomination form is on the back of this newsletter.
- ♦ **Reporting to Parents**—We have listened to your views concerning

reporting to parents on student progress and achievement and have made changes to the way we will do this, this year. In Term 1 we have held an initial meeting by teachers with parents. Early Term 2 we will hold Three way conferences to give your students and teachers the opportunity to share their learning with their families. At the end of Term 2 parents will receive individual reports (which this year will be a new format based on the curriculum levels to take into account the abolishment of National Standards). In Term 3 there will be an opportunity for parents to attend an open day and visit classes and observe students in their learning environments. At the end of Term 4 another individual report will be sent home. Parents need to be aware that you are always welcome to make a meeting with teachers to discuss your child's progress and achievements. At times teachers may also request these meetings. We hope these changes will address some of your views that were expressed during the recent community survey.

## Did You Know?

Dylan is running a writing competition for the students of our school. Students who would like to enter need to complete their written pieces over the holidays and have them handed in by the 4 May. Pieces may be completed by individuals or a small group of students. More information and guidelines are on our website:  
[www.buckland.school.nz](http://www.buckland.school.nz) under Competitions.

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## Thank you to:

- ♦ Parents and family members who attended the school assembly last Friday.

## Congratulations to:

- ♦ The following students who received school awards at last week's school assembly: Piwakawaka—Corbin, Zara, Braxton, Alexia, Titipounamu—Allison, Temprance, Jake, Henry, Ruru—Miela, Dougie, Jason, Cooper, Tui—Stanley, Danielle, Emily, Kakapo—Manea, Fynn, Rubia, Hari, Kereru—Jack, Sam, Mia, Raymond, Takahe—Harrison, Ava-Grace, Casey, Kya, Kerearea—Ben, Sophie, Hunter, Peyton, Weka—Brooklyn, Bailey, Tyler, Rehaan, Kea—Ella, Anneliese, Trent, Tyler  
Lion Award: Alesiea—Titipounamu  
School Values Awards: Zahra—Karearea and Leah—Kea  
Newsletter Draw: Honiss & Robinson Families
- ♦ The following students who received Gold Athletics Certificates as last week's assembly: Kea—Brianna, Charlotte, Karearea—Anna, Takahe—Jimmy, Reegan, Brayden, Daniel, Kereru—Charlize, Zac, Ruru—Kayla  
Top Mathlete—Charlotte—Ruru  
Top Athletics Class—Ruru

## School Council Mufti Day

**This Friday we will hold a mufti day to raise funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ. This will contribute to NZ Steel employees fundraising as part of the Sky Tower Stair Challenge on Saturday 19 May. Mr Steenson and the firefighters from NZ Steel will be coming in to our school next term to do some fun activities with our children Gold coin donation please.**

## Events for This Week

- ◆ Commonwealth Games—4—15 April
- ◆ Tues 10 April—AGM of PTA—7 p.m.
- ◆ Wed 11 April—BOT Meeting—6 p.m.
- ◆ Wed 11 April—Entries for University of Canterbury tests close (Yr 5—8)
- ◆ Thurs 5 & Fri 6 April—Kelly Sports swimming lessons
- ◆ Fri 13 April—School Council Mufti Day for Leukaemia
- ◆ Fri 13 April—Short School Gathering for end of term—2.45p.m. All Welcome

## Events for Next 2 Weeks

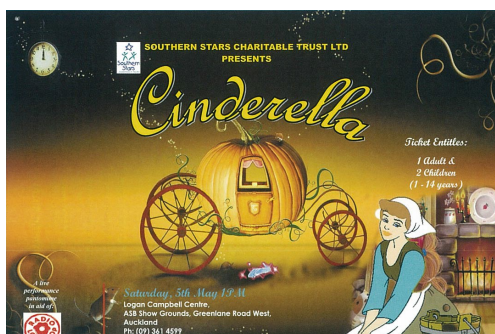
- ◆ Rest and Relaxation
- ◆ School Reopens for Term 2 on Monday 30 April

Room Karearea  
Commonwealth Games Wearable Art



## Southern Stars Charitable Trust Ltd

Presents **Cinderella** on Saturday 5 May at 1pm at the Logan Campbell Centre. If you would like tickets please see Principal or Mrs Mills.



## Community Notices

**LOST BLACK KIWI TOGS**—if you have ended up with them in your bag or have found them please bring them back to school and give to Kullen in Kea Room or phone 021 0244 2420.

**PUPPY RAISERS NEEDED**—Assistance Dogs NZ are looking for Puppy Raisers to help raise and socialise our pups. We cover the cost of feeding and vet care. If you are able to help please contact Robyn on 027 779 1488. For more information on ADNZ visit our website [www.assisteddogstrust.org.nz](http://www.assisteddogstrust.org.nz).

### COME JOIN US IN FRANKLIN FOR EARTH DAY 2018 ON SUNDAY 22 APRIL.

Earth Day is the day to show that we cherish our Earth, the day to take a personal climate action to help ensure the Earth's regeneration and protection for future generations. On this day The Anglican's Climate Action Network are offering an easy-do climate action anyone can take. The Pukekohe Anglican Parish are holding their second Charcoal Fire Event in the grounds of St Paul's Anglican Church in Buckland Road, Pukekohe. For each person attending a 1kg wood block will be burned to make biochar which will be buried in the soil and fruit trees planted on top.

Join us between 9am and 11am to place a 1kg block of wood on the fire, or join us at 11.30am for sausage sizzle before the fire is quenched at 12.30 followed by the planting of the fruit trees on the biochar.

Park at Buckland School—72 George Crescent, Buckland.

For more information call John on 238 1357.

A gold coin donation on entry will have us continue our sustainability work.

**BABYSITTING**—An ex-Buckland school student is available for babysitting during the school holidays, evenings and weekends. Please contact Alicia 021405666 if you would like to discuss this further.

### BECOME A HOST FAMILY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN 2018

Pukekohe High School has students coming from Germany, Japan and Taiwan in 2018. If you have a spare bedroom, speak English as a first language

#### Contact Us Now!!

Host families are paid weekly \$255  
Short and long term stays  
Natasha Higgs – Homestay Coordinator  
Ph 021324645  
[nhiggs@pukekohehigh.school.nz](mailto:nhiggs@pukekohehigh.school.nz)

**SEASONS FOR GROWTH** is a grief, loss and change program for children, and helps them deal with challenges in their lives e.g. separation, divorce, death or other major family changes. The next after-school program starts on Thursday 10 May, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme is also available. The Programs run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, Deb on 238 7375, or contact us at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more info go to [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)



### PTA NOMINATION FORM

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of  
Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer (circle one)

Signed by Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the drawer in the school office

### Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 11 T 1 18

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter family name)