



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 1 Term 4 2018

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Monday 15 October

Dear Parents and Community Members

◆ Tena Koutou

◆ **Olympic Value for this term: Joy of Effort**

◆ **Welcome** back to the fourth term of school for 2018. Staff hope that you have had a good break from school routines and that children are now refreshed and ready for a very busy term.

◆ **Welcome** to Jake our new student in Piwakawaka.

◆ **Welcome** back to all teaching and support staff.

◆ **Dates for the Term**—These are on the back, please put them in a safe place. They are also available on our Website calendar.

◆ **Ag Day—WOW!** What an amazing day we had! A HUGE thank you to all parents, community members, local businesses for the **fantastic** support with sponsorship, contributions to the auction and raffles, work on stalls, contributions of produce and cakes, organisation of stalls and setting up of tents, etc for our annual Agricultural Day. Another very enjoyable and successful day made possible only by **wonderful** team work. Well done to the PTA for the efficient organisation of the fundraising side of things and to those who organised stalls and the animal rings, etc.

◆ Thanks also to the great team who helped students on the Friday and those who stayed for the clean-up on Saturday.

◆ A special thanks to the children (and their parents and teachers) for the way they prepared their animals and participated in the

indoor activities. Classrooms looked stunning and children and staff should be very proud of your achievements.

◆ Thanks to Mrs Mills for the efficient organisation of the animal side: organising the programme, judges, roster, ribbons, etc.

◆ Thanks to our indoor and animal judges for their input into our day.

◆ **Safety Reminders**—All crossing of George Crescent must be done at the patrolled crossing. (Parents you need to be role models for this!) Walking school bus students must meet out front to ensure the safe crossing at the main road and rail crossing (if applicable) Parents have the responsibility of ensuring the safety of children in the morning. If you are riding your bike to school you should be at least 10 years old (recommendation from NZ Police, Bike Wise and LTNZ) and must wear an approved helmet. You should be riding your bike on the road not the footpath. Any younger children must be supervised by a parent.

◆ **SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8.55a.m.** at the ringing of the hand bell. Parents are asked to say their final farewells at this time and depart from rooms so that teaching can begin promptly at 9 a.m.

◆ **A Parent Meeting with Constable Andy to introduce the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme** will be held this Thursday 18 October from 3.15p.m. in Room Kea. Children will be supervised either in the hall or on the playground. All parents are welcome to attend. All classes will be covering this topic over the next few weeks.

◆ **BOT Bible in Schools Survey** - a separate letter is attached to this newsletter. Please return survey by Friday 26 October.

◆ **Dates for 2019** - The Board has approved the following dates for 2019:

Term 1 - Wed 30 January - Friday 12 April.

Term 2 - Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July.

Term 3 - Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September. Ag Day - Saturday 28 September.

Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December.

Please make holidays outside of these dates.

◆ **School Talent Quest**—Miss O'Brien is running this again this year. Entries must be in to her by the end of this week. Auditions will be held next week.

◆ **School Lunches**—School lunches will not be available this term. They will recommence in 2019

◆ **Group Day Entries**—entries for Group Day close this afternoon. Any child who showed a lamb, calf or goat at our Agricultural Day is able to enter. Cost of entry is \$5.00. The Group will not accept any late entries.

◆ **Ag Day Cups & Trophies**—please return these to the school office for engraving.

Congratulations to:

◆ All 33 students who took part in the duathlon event at the end of last term. A special congratulations to those who came in the first 10. Individuals: Ruben - 5th, Jake - 7th (Yr 8), Quartz Lee - 7th, Team events - Jorja & Ruby - 2nd, Josh & Cooper—2nd, Riley & Ben - 8th, Jimmy & Harry - 9th, Rhea & Bella - 10th.

Thank You to:

◆ Parents who supported our students who took part in the Duathlon event.

Events for This Week

- Wed 17 Oct - Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- Wed 17 Oct - BOT Meeting - 6 p.m.
- Thurs 18 Oct - 9.30a.m. - NZ Shake Out Drill
- Thurs 18 Oct - 3.15 p.m. - Parent Meeting Keeping Ourselves Safe. All Welcome.
- Fri 19 October - School will be closed for day in Lieu of Ag Day

Events for Next Week

- Mon 22 Oct - School will be closed to observe Labour Day
- Tues 23 Oct - Talent Quest Auditions
- Tues 23 Oct - Immunisations - Dose 2 for Yr 7 & 8
- Tues 23 Oct - First Aid lessons Yr 5/6
- Wed 24 Oct - Group Day
- Thurs 25 Oct - Parent Meeting - Puberty (a separate note went home last term for those involved)
- Fri 26 Oct - Bible Survey close
- Fri 26 Oct - School Assembly

Community Notices

WANTED—chickens from Ag Day. Please phone Jos on 0211 897 203.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH is a grief, loss and change program for children, to help them deal with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other major family changes. The next after-school program will run in the beginning of Term 4, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme and Adult Programme is also available. The Programs run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@extra.co.nz. For more info go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons

From the PTA

Ag Day 2018 was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. A massive thanks to all involved and those who supported us. The final result of our fundraising efforts is \$35,252.53.

Thank you to our sponsors, school families, wider community, students and staff.

Results of the Grocery Raffle were:

1st Prize—Emily Peri
2nd Prize—C. McKee
3rd Prize—Liz Harker
4th—8th Prize—Angie Vessey, Jasmine McKay, Jackie Green, Jo Pullin, Ana Abbott.

Prizes for the most raffle books sold—Titipounamu—Cadence, Layla, Ruru—Lachlan, Tui—Charlize, Kakapo—Flynn, Kereru—Flynn, Kea—Summer

Community Notices

Calling all Dutch and Belgium families in Franklin! Dutch School Auckland is now running classes in Pukekohe. The classes are aimed at children 4-12 years of age from Dutch or Belgium families that would like to keep up the language and cultural aspects of their heritage. Classes will be partly subsidised by the Dutch Ministry of Education and based on the Dutch school curriculum. Classes will be held every Monday from 3.30pm-5.30pm at Pukekohe Valley School. Costs are \$100 per child per 10 weeks. Please contact Bernie on 021 0584186 or visit www.dutchschool.co.nz for more information.

Franklin A & P Society—Spud In A Bucket Growing Competition & Giant Pumpkin Growing Competition—Seed Potatoes, Buckets & Application Forms can be collected from the Franklin A & P Society Office – Pukekohe Show Grounds – 58 Station Road, Pukekohe. Full details on each competition are available from www.pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz.

Dates for Term 4

Following are a list of dates (excluding those for first two weeks) that have already been set for the term. You may like to enter these into your diaries. They are also available on our website.

- ♦ Tues 30 Oct—Franklin Touch Tournament - Yr 3 - 4
- ♦ Tues 30 Oct - School Council Meeting
- ♦ Wed 31 Oct - Franklin Touch Tournament - Yrs 5 - 6
- ♦ Wed 31 Oct - Kawau Camp Meeting - 6 p.m.
- ♦ Thurs 1 Nov & Fri 2 Nov - Keeping Ourselves Safe lessons with Constable Andy
- ♦ Thurs 1 Nov/Fri 2 Nov - Puberty talks
- ♦ Fri 2 Nov - Talent Quest Finals
- ♦ Tues 6 Nov - First Aid Lessons Yr 1/2
- ♦ Tues 6 Nov—School Athletics
- ♦ Wed 7 Nov - BOT Meeting
- ♦ Fri 9 Nov - Travelwise team visit
- ♦ Fri 9 Nov - First Aid Lessons Yr 3/4
- ♦ Mon 12 —Fri 16 Nov - Kawau Island Camp Yrs 6 & 7
- ♦ Wed 14 Nov - North Group Athletics
- ♦ Wed 21 Nov—Franklin Zone Athletics
- ♦ Thurs 22 Nov - Rainbows End visit
- ♦ Wed 28- Fri 30 Nov - Willow Park Camp - Yr 5
- ♦ Wed 28 Nov - Final Bible in Schools for the year
- ♦ Thurs 29 Nov—Auckland Athletics (Yr 7 & 8)
- ♦ Fri 30 Nov—Year 8 Graduation Dinner
- ♦ Mon 3 - 7 Dec - Book Week
- ♦ Wed 5 Dec—BOT Meeting
- ♦ Wed 12 Dec— Yr 1 & 2 Prize-giving Afternoon
- ♦ Wed 12 Dec - Yr 3 - 8 Prize-giving Evening
- ♦ Fri 14 Dec—Final day of term/final assembly

Buckland School DISCO! You wanted another one, so here it is!!

Buckland Hall on Friday 2nd November 2018 @ 6pm - 8pm

YOU CHOOSE THE THEME! Most votes WINS! ONLY one week to decide!

I WANT THE THEME TO BE.....

(Please put in box in office before Friday 26 October)

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 1 T 4 2018

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: (enter family name)