

BUILDING PROJECTS: The modernisation of the front classrooms was completed and these are a great asset to the school, providing more flexibility for the student's learning environment. The canopy at the front of these classrooms provides much better cover from the elements than we have had before and extends on our student's learning spaces. Our new electronic sign out the front of the school is another great way to improve communication with our community. During the Christmas break and in the April holidays next year, further maintenance (roof replacements) will be undertaken to keep the school looking smart.

PTA: A HUGE thanks must go to our PTA for all their hard work this year which resulted in another excellent Ag Day —enjoyed by all! The PTA do a fantastic job with fundraising to keep the costs down for parents - thank you to all who got involved with the PTA to support our great community school. Anyone interested in becoming involved next year, please contact Deb Harris early in the New Year. First PTA meeting will be 14 February 2019.

All welcome.

PRINCIPAL'S SABBATICAL: Mavis took a sabbatical in Term 2 and completed a study into the transitioning of students between pre-school and primary and from primary/intermediate in to secondary school. This will not only help Buckland integrate our new learners better, but will also make the move to high school for our seniors much easier. This is an ongoing project and the benefits will show in time for all our students.

BUCKLAND SCHOOL

2018 HIGHLIGHTS!

SCHOOL PRODUCTION: Our senior staff and students confidently presented 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' at the end of Term 2. Congratulations to all involved for their effort and commitment in preparing and presenting the show on three occasions, and a big thank you to the families and supporting staff for their assistance.

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES: There have been a host of sports events throughout 2018 which all students' have had the opportunity to be involved in; athletics, cross country, swimming, duathlon at the racetrack, touch & rippa rugby, soccer, basketball and netball tournaments, AIMS Games and Orienteering. Well done to all those who have participated and enjoyed trying their best.

STAFF COMMITMENT TO OUR SCHOOL: our teachers and support staff are very committed to the progress and wellbeing of our students and the Board would like to thank them all for their ongoing dedication and hard work throughout 2018. Particular progress has been noted in the literacy curriculum (specifically our writing and spelling programmes) - thank you staff!

SCHOOL CAMPS/EOTC: all student's enjoyed EOTC activities this year including trips to Wellington (Yr8), Kawau Island (Yr 6/7), Willow Park (Yr 5) and attractions closer to home (Yrs 1-4) Motat, Glenbrook Railway, Lakewood Lodge, Crystal Mountain, the Museum and the Mt Albert Wave Pools. Thanks to all families for their assistance, (especially those who attended these) and the staff for the wealth of planning that goes on 'behind the scenes' to make these enriching experiences possible.