



# 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 2 Term 1

4 February 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members

- ◆ Tena Koutou. We have had a great start, with children and staff settling quickly into school routines. Thank you all for being so positive with your children about the return to school. Thank goodness for the air conditioners in each classroom also!
- ◆ **School Values for the Term:** Excellence and Respect.
- ◆ **Welcome** to Cooper our new student in Karearea and his family.
- ◆ **Dates for 2019 Terms:** Please book holidays during holiday periods.  
Term 1: Wed 30 Jan – Fri 12 April  
Term 2: Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July  
Term 3: Mon 22 July – Fri 27 September  
Ag Day—Saturday 28 September  
Term 4: Mon 14 October – Fri 13 Dec
- ◆ **Absences:** Please notify the school early each morning that children are going to be away, stating the reason for the absence. An answer phone operates for your convenience. You can also email Mrs Mills at GMills@buckland.school.nz
- ◆ **Dates for the Term**—These are on the next page. We will place proposed dates on our school website and the Skool Loop. Please be aware that there may be some changes once the Franklin Sports Meeting is held to confirm sports dates.
- ◆ **School Times:** School begins with a handbell at **8.55a.m.** and finishes at **3 p.m.** Children need to arrive **before this time** so that they can be prepared for a start at 9 a.m. and do not interrupt classes that have already started. Would parents of younger children please settle children and depart on the 8.55a.m. bell. Interval is 10.10—10.30 with lunch break 12.40—1.30. The first 15 minutes of lunch are assigned to sitting down and eating. Teachers

will be on duty to check that children eat their lunch. If however, you notice your child is bringing home their lunch please let us know.

- ◆ **Rash shirts** – Thank you to all who are wearing these to protect your skin. For others who have yet to start wearing these at school, please do so. Naming them, and other items, helps teachers return them if they are left in the changing room.
- ◆ **Sunscreen/Hats**—Thank you to children - you are being very sensible about using sunscreen and hats.
- ◆ **After School Swims** for families will begin this week. 3 - 5p.m. Please parents inform the office that you wish to use the pool prior to lunchtime so the covers are left off. Rules for using the pool are on the wall of the changing room. These must be adhered to, to ensure the safety of all. Please put covers on carefully and lock gate. Return the key to Mrs Glasgow after use.
- ◆ **Safety at the School gate**— Children will assemble at the front of the school for pickup. Please come onto the grounds to collect your children. 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 or Mrs Beckett at bucklandwsb@gmail.com. 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, in the bus bay (until minibuses have left), in the staff carpark or on the grass outside the carpark **please**.
- ◆ **Dates for EOTC Activities and Camps-Please diary these dates:** Yr 1 & 2 - 6 - 8 March. Yr 3 & 4 -

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29th - 30 April. Yr 5 - 21st - 23rd Oct. Yr 6 & 7 - 25 - 29 Nov. Yr 8 - Yet to be confirmed.

- ◆ **Homework Procedures**—Our school procedures state that homework is optional and at the discretion of parents and caregivers. If you do not wish your child to do homework that is allocated please inform their teacher. The full procedure is on the website.
  - ◆ **School App**—have you joined this?
  - ◆ **In-School Seasons programme** - this was advertised at the end of last year and again last week. This is a programme to support children through a loss of someone close to them, separation of parents, or an upheaval/change in their lives. We have had the programme in the school several times and those involved in it have felt very well supported. At present only one parent has asked for their children to take part. If you would like your child/ren to be part of this valuable group please let Mrs Glasgow know by Thursday as I need to accept or decline the offer of the programme for this term.
- Thank you to:**
- ◆ Parents who have bought stationery and paid school donations.
  - ◆ Our Uniform Shop parents for the extra day you provided last week. The uniform shop will be open each week on Tuesday mornings from 8.30a.m. - 9.15a.m. unless extra time is required.
  - ◆ The McCallum family for donating a picnic table to the school.

### Parent Information Meetings

#### Friday 15 February

- We invite and encourage parents and whanau to attend class meetings where you can meet the teachers, discuss routines and expectations and ask questions of class programmes, etc. Teachers will repeat the sessions twice which will allow parents with more than one child to attend each

class meeting. The first session will be at **3.10p.m.** and the second at **3.30p.m.** in each classroom. If you require an individual meeting you can arrange this with the teacher concerned for the following week.

- **Defibrillator**—thanks to the PTA and our local Z Service Station for the defibrillator for the school and community. Thanks to Mr Lindgreen who has installed this on the front office wall. If needed a 111 call stating the number 406 Buckland School will give the code to open the cabinet and give directions for use. It is available for use 24 hours.

## Congratulations to:

- ♦ Mrs Beckett who won a Mega Star Award for our area from Auckland Transport for the work she does with the Walking School Bus.

## Events for This Week

- Wed 6 Feb—Waitangi Day—School Closed
- Thurs 7 Feb - Yr 3 & 4 Camp meeting - see note sent from teachers.
- Fri 8 Feb—First School Assembly 2.15p.m. All Welcome. We will hold this out in the front of the school to utilise the shade.

## Events for Next Week

- Tues 12 Feb—First School Council meeting
- Tues 12 Feb—BOT Meeting 6p.m. in the Board room.
- Wed 13 Feb—Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate. Bus leaves at 8.45a.m.
- Thurs 14 Feb—PTA Meeting 3.30p.m. at school. It would be great to see some new faces at these meetings, along with the existing ones too!
- Fri 15 Feb - Meet the teachers followed by BOT BBQ, Swim.
- Fri 15 Feb—BOT BBQ Swim and Sports Get Together

## Dates for Term 1

- 6 Feb—School Closed - Waitangi Day
- 8 Feb—School Assembly (fortnightly)
- 12 Feb—School Council meeting
- 12 Feb—BOT Meeting
- 13 Feb—First Yr 7 & 8 Technology
- 14 Feb—PTA Meeting
- 15 Feb—Parent Meetings
- 15 Feb—BOT BBQ & Swim
- 19 Feb—School Yr 5 - 8 Swimming Sports followed by Yr 3 & 4
- 26 Feb—Pukekohe East School to use pool
- 27 Feb—Yr 1 & 2 Swimming Demonstration
- 28 Feb - North Grp Yr 6 & Below Swimming Sports
- 28 Feb - Yr 7 & 8 Immunisation talk
- 5 Mar—North Grp Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Sports
- 6 - 8 Mar—Yr 1 & 2 EOTC activities
- 12 - 14 Mar—Food for Thought lessons (Yr 5 - 8)
- 12 March—Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Swimming
- 15 March—Franklin Yr 6 & Below Swimming Sports
- 18 March—School Photos
- 19 March—School Council
- 20 March—Orienteering lessons
- 21 March—BOT Meeting
- 22 March—Travelwise team course
- 20 March—Franklin Rippa Rugby
- 26 March—Franklin Ultra Rippa Rugby (Yr 7 & 8)
- 28 March - Franklin Rippa rugby - Yr 6 & below
- 4 April—Auckland Swimming
- 9 April—Orienteering
- 10 April—BOT Meeting
- 11 April—Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations
- 12 April—Final Day of Term 1

## Community Notices

**RIDE WANTED**—help required to transport 2 boys home after school to John Street, Pukekohe. Please phone Destiny on 021 039 5683 if you can help.

**LOST** - Black Converse High Top shoes (elastic laces) taken from outside Kereru Room at the end of last term. Please return them to Sam Lyall in Weka Room.

**PUKEKOHE TENNIS TWILIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS** Team Competition—Wednesdays from 6 Feb from 7pm to 8.30pm. Entry \$240 per team of 4 adults of \$60 individual. For more info contact Cherie Arnet on 027 459 6075.

## Community Notices

**GUITAR TUITION**—Mr Brown is taking enrolments for guitar tuition on Tuesday mornings for children Year 4 and above. Permission slips are available from the noticeboard in the school office. Returning students also need to re-enrol.

**BUCKLAND NETBALL CLUB** will be having a muster / trials on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 for Year 5's and above from 03:30PM to 05:30PM at the Pukekohe Netball Centre. Please let Sara Stapleton at [sstapleton84@gmail.com](mailto:ssapleton84@gmail.com) or text on 021 0292 8772 know if you will be attending. We also wish to invite any girls in Year's 3—7, who wish to play netball in the 2019 season to register their interest to play with the club for the 2019 season as soon as possible.

### FRANKLIN BASKETBALL Hoopsters Beginner Program- Pukekohe

Monday's starting 11 February  
Years 1-8 at School  
4:00-5:00pm & 5:00-6:00pm  
Franklin Pool & Leisure  
\$92 per term, includes basketball & T-shirt

### Free Girl's Only Program

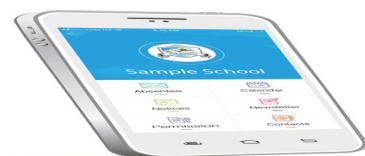
Wednesday's starting 13 February  
Years 5-9 at School  
4:00-6:00pm  
Franklin Pool & Leisure

For more information or to register please check out [www.franklinbasketball.org.nz](http://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz)

**FREE HELPLINE FOR PARENTS**—available from 9am to 9pm 7 days a week giving families easy access to the support they need to raise their children in a positive environment free from abuse and neglect. Phone 0800 568 856.

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