



## BUCKLAND SCHOOL BOT

### TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2019



#### 2019 Highlights:

It's been another fantastic year for Buckland School, with many highlights and key events to look back on! Here's a quick recap of just some of the things achieved and enjoyed at school this year:

- EOTC days and camps
- Ag Day
- Launch of new school values
- Community survey
- Athletics, swimming, sports etc
- School production
- Dance lessons and performance
- Enviro group
- After School Care launch
- Breakfast Club
- IT and Art Club
- Kapa Haka group

Well done to all staff and students who made the above successes possible.

#### Thank you to our staff:

The Board wishes to thank our dedicated school staff for their stellar efforts this year. Buckland School continues to be a safe place for our children to learn, grow and thrive because of their commitment and passion. Thank you also to parents and caregivers who treat our staff with kindness and respect. We are sure you will agree that our staff work very hard and deserve an enjoyable and restful Christmas break! We look forward to working with you all again next year.

#### Things to look forward to:

- 29 November Grad Dinner
- 25-29 November Year 6 & 7 Camp
- 2-8 December Book Week
- 3 December Rainbows End Care Day
- 11 December Prizegiving
- 13 December last day of term
- 21st Feb BOT BBQ
- 2-6 March Jnr EOTC experiences

#### Thank you to our PTA:

Another big thank you from the Board to our PTA for all their awesome fundraising efforts this year, and in particular, for their incredible work in running another highly successful Agricultural Day. The funds raised by the PTA go towards subsidising activities like EOTC, school camps, dance lessons, Athletics subscriptions and so much more. Without the efforts of our PTA, these donations towards reducing school costs would not be possible. We urge parents to get involved and help out wherever possible, because every little bit helps and benefits our children. Keep an eye on school newsletters in 2020 for PTA meeting dates, and come along!

#### Staffing:

This year we farewell Liz O'Brien and Tony Wisnewski; we wish them all the best for their future travels and positions at new schools and thank them both sincerely for all their contributions to our school. Mrs Reddish is also taking maternity leave; congratulations and best wishes to Christina and her family. We also farewell Nicky Bleakley and wish her all the best for her next adventure. New appointments yet to be confirmed. Congratulations to Neena Hari for her graduation.

#### School values:

Are you familiar with our new school values? This term, our teaching staff have been familiarising our students with our new values of:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience

We are already seeing these positive behaviours displayed, celebrated and reinforced at school and encourage parents to support these values at home as well. We can all lead by example!



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#### Community Survey Response:

Thank you to the 59 families that responded to the Board of Trustees. The Board is elected to reflect the views of the community to which the School belongs. The full results of the survey are available on the School Notice board.

The results were generally positive, but three highlights from the survey are;

- Health and EOTC programmes are seen as appropriate
- Community participation in the school is encouraged
- The Classrooms are seen as caring places with students with additional needs included

Some issues raised, that the board is keen to help with include;

*Whanau are comfortable raising issues / concerns:*

The school has an open policy and robust measures for reporting concerns. However, focus will be on improving the communication of these policies and avenues available for people to be listened to.

*Te Reo Maori integration and time on Sport is appropriate:*

With community responses ranging from too much time is spent on one activity or another, to not enough time is spent on the same activities respectively it will be difficult to meet all expectations. The School will continue to offer a wide range of curriculum and co-curricular opportunities meeting obligations and more from the NZ curriculum.

*The school supports children to manage relationships and conflicts are dealt effectively by staff:*

In the modern education environment, the demands on the school and staff are high and increasing. The school and the Board of Trustees are engaging in creating a

new values system, designed with input from the students, based on respect, resilience and responsibility. The aim is to create an environment where these values are supported by all parties in the school and community.

#### Swimming Pool:

New shade sails have been purchased for around the pool area. It is compulsory for students to wear sun safe rash tops when swimming in the pool.

#### Donations:

Decile 1-7 schools can opt into a new scheme after consultation with their communities for 2020. As we are Decile 8 we do not meet the criteria for this option, therefore we will continue to ask for voluntary donations.

#### Term dates for 2020:

- Term 1 Monday 3 Feb- Thurs 9 April
- Term 2 Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
- Term 3 Monday 20 July -Friday 25 September
- Term 4 Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 Dec

Merry Christmas and enjoy your holidays, from all the BoT; Darryl Goldsack, Dave Honiss, Sarah Herring, Brandon Foster, Andrew Maunder, Mavis Glasgow, Lisa Robertson.

