

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.



Our School Values

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Events for This Week

- Matariki Week—Cultural Performance and Lunch—Friday 24
- Wed 22—Yr 7 & 8 Technology Pukekohe Int.
- Wed 22—Launchpad & Values groups
- Thurs 23—Otago Maths Problem Challenge
- Thurs 23—Sushi Lunches
- Fri 24—School Assembly—2.30p.m.

Events for Next Week

- Tues 28 & Fri 31—Breakfast Club
- Wed 29—Board Meeting
- Thurs 30—Sushi Lunches
- Fri 31—PTA Casual Dress—Mystery Bottle
- Fri 31—School Cross Country—details next week
- Fri 31—Junior/Middle Team Assemblies

Monday 20 July 2026

Week 1 Term 3

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou.

- ♦ **Welcome** to the following teachers who are joining our staff: Ms Hilary Knee (Titipounamu 2), Mrs Claire Low (Kea Chicks) and the return of Mr Tony Wisniewski who will be working in the senior school classes. Welcome also to our new students and their families: Keira, Heata, Kacie, Leopold and Isabella.
- ♦ **Congratulations** to Salwa and Ayaan who represented us in the Franklin Speech competitions at the end of Term 2. Both shared their speeches confidently and did us proud.
- ♦ **Congratulations** to students who received attendance certificates for Term 2
- ♦ **Thank you** to those who supported the **School Council** Casual Dress Day for Westpac Helicopter—\$348.20 was raised. Thanks also to those who assisted with the Ki-o-Rahi tournament supervision and transport.
- ♦ **New Class—Kea Chicks**—We have opened a new class for New Entrant students for the rest of the year. This class will operate in the first Kea room and will be called Kea Chicks. Mrs Brady and Mrs Low will be the teachers for this room.
- ♦ **Change of Clothes**—As we will be training for cross country each day students need a change of clothes for this as well as when they want to play on the field during intervals. A suggestion is to put a change in a named bag that they can leave at school for the week and take home on Friday for washing.
- ♦ **Board Casual Vacancy**—As no requests to hold an election for the casual vacancy on the Board have been received, the Board will fill this position through selection. If there is anyone else interested in putting their name forward to be considered for this vacancy on the Board please send a brief introduction about yourself and why you are interested in joining the Board to admin@buckland.school.nz by the end of this week.
- ♦ **Matariki Celebrations—New Beginnings** With Matariki falling in the holidays there will be a focus this week in classes on a range of Matariki activities. **This Friday 24 July** we will hold our annual cultural lunch. We encourage students to dress in cultural dress this day. Students may wear dress that pertains to their cultural group or normal school uniform. (This is not a casual dress day.) Our lunch will start with performances from our Kapa Haka groups at 12.15 followed by a shared lunch. Please send along a plate of food from your culture or a family favourite to share. A paper or plastic plate and a fork is also needed for each child to put their food on. We would love to have parents and whaanau join us. All are Welcome!
- ♦ **Dates for the Term**—These are listed on the back and are also on the school website. Please be aware that any necessary changes will be communicated through the weekly newsletter in the Events section.
- ♦ **Class Agricultural Day Notices**—these will be coming home this week (if they haven't already been sent) and will also be on class website pages. Teachers have reduced the amount of support parents will need to give and will be completing the majority of activities in class. The project (an outdoor clock made from natural or recycled material) for students (Yr 4—8) who are not having animals was discussed and posted on the website at the end of Term 2.

School Gardens

Lots of work is planned for additions to our vegetable garden and bush block. Mrs King & Mrs Butler picked up 250 native plants that were donated from Awhitu Peninsula Landcare over the holidays. These will be planted around the school and in our native bush. Watch for Class Dojo messages about planting and if you can join your children please do so. We have also cleared the front garden and hope that our flooding problem has been solved. We would like to put an old agricultural/farm implement in this garden. If you can help or know of someone who might like to donate a piece please let us know.

School Times: Please make sure your child/child is at school prior to 8.55a.m. The handbell rings at 8.50a.m. Automatically generated emails will be sent for students who have 5 / 10/ 15 days away from school in a term or who are late.



SUSHI LUNCHES EVERY THURSDAY

Details on how to order and the menu are on the school website under School Lunches

Yummy Sports Coupons



Please keep saving stickers from fruit this year and send these along to school.

- ♦ **Road Safety**—Care needed. Please take care when dropping and picking children up on George Crescent. Please model correct behaviour by using the crossing and being a positive role model for children. Please respect our neighbours by not parking over their driveways. Unless you have permission from the owner, the spare section adjacent to the school should not be used for parking.
- ♦ **Ag Day Chickens**—The supplier has advised a change of date to collect the chickens. It will now be **this Wednesday 22 July**. Chickens will be available to collect from approximately 1pm onwards. Please bring a **small** box to collect them in.
- ♦ **Agricultural Day Animal Entries**—Entries are now open for Agricultural Day. All calves, lambs, goats and chickens need to be registered by Tuesday 18 August. Entry forms are on the school website under Agricultural Day or available from the school office and should be placed in the drawer in the office foyer.
- ♦ **Year 6-8 Oxford Pie Fundraiser**—A reminder that orders need to be in by Friday 31 July. Forms should be placed in the drawer in the office foyer. Payment is to be made by one online payment only.

♦ **Term 3 Reminders**

No phones or personal devices (e.g. Smart Watches) are to be used at school. If children require a phone for after school, permission should be requested from the Principal and will be stored during the day in the Board room.

Uniform—Only uniform items are to be worn, and must be worn correctly (the exception are jackets on cold days). School beanies, scarves, sweatshirts, jackets, etc are available from the uniform shop which is open on Monday mornings from 8.30a.m.—9 a.m. Girls may wear blue or black tights (only) under skorts. Long hair must be tied back.

Sports Uniform—All children representing the school in sports events **must** have **blue** shorts. School T-Shirts will be provided for each event and must be returned once washed please.

Jewellery—Should not be worn (unless of cultural significance and approval has been given from the Principal.) Jewellery can be dangerous in the playgrounds.

PTA News

- BBQ tables have arrived and children are enjoying using them.
- Thank you to those who have sold Raffle tickets for the Ag Day grocery raffle over the holiday period.
- First Mystery Bottle Casual Dress Day next week—see next week's newsletter for details.
- **BOOKS, GAMES, PUZZLES WANTED!** We need GOOD QUALITY books (kids, adults, fiction and non-fiction) & games (board games/family games) to sell at the Ag Day book stall. Please feel free to drop at the school office or message Kayla 0278576578 to sort a collection point.

Community Notices

Year 4/5 Netball Players Needed

Our Year 5 netball team need 1-2 more players to fill in for us on Saturdays from time to time. If any Year 4 or 5 girls or boys are interested in playing a couple of games of netball please contact us. Vanita 021591248 or Lauren 0274273197.

Dates for Term 3

20—24 July—Matariki Week—Kapa Haka performance and Cultural Lunch—Friday 24
22 July—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
29 July—Board Meeting
31 July—School Cross Country
31 July—PTA Adult Mystery Bottle Casual Dress day
3—7 Aug—Peace Week
3 Aug—Meeting for Yr 6 parents
4 Aug—PTA Meeting
4 Aug—Yr 7 & 8 Girls & Boys Franklin Netball
5 Aug—Literacy/BSLA Parent meeting
5 Aug—Yr 5 & 6 Girls Franklin Netball
5 Aug—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
6 Aug—Yr 3 & 4 Girls Franklin Netball
7 Aug—2nd School Assembly for the term
11 Aug—North Group Cross country
12 Aug—School Council meeting
14 Aug—Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Mathex competition
17 Aug—Open morning for whanau
18 Aug—Franklin Zone Cross country
19 Aug—Board Meeting
20 Aug—Otago Maths Problem Challenge
21 Aug—Franklin Yr 6 & below Mathex competition
21 Aug—School Assembly
24—28 Aug—Yr 6—8 Camp Bentzon—Kawau Island
28 Aug—Daffodil Day
2 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
4 Sept—School Assembly
9 Sept—School Council meeting
11 Sept—PTA PJ Day
11 Sept—Opening Night Franklin Arts Festival
14—18—Maori Language week
14 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Ki-o-Rahi tournament (TBC)
14 Sept—Yr 5 & 6 Franklin Basketball Boys
15 Sept—Yr 5 & 6 Franklin Basketball Girls
16 Sept—Board Meeting
17 Sept—Yr 3 & 4 Franklin Basketball
18 Sept—School Assembly
21 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Basketball Boys
22 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Basketball Girls
23 Sept—Yr 7 & 8 Technology
24 Sept—School Council Casual Dress day
25 Sept—Indoor Preparation day
Sat 26 Sept—Agricultural Day