



# BOARD Newsletter

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## PROPERTY UPDATES

- ✓ We hope you are all enjoying the school's fresh new look following the painting work completed over the Christmas break. We will continue to enhance our spaces by adding colour and graphics throughout the school, creating a cheerful, welcoming, and fun environment for all.
- ✓ The roofing project is nearing completion, with the final stage being the replacement of the hall roof during the next school holiday period. As this work involves the safe removal of asbestos-containing materials, the hall area will be strictly out of bounds and possibly the school grounds throughout the project. We will provide further details and updates closer to the time, so please keep an eye on the school newsletter for the latest information.
- ✓ Now that we have completed several Ministry of Education requirements, including the completion of the new toilet block and classroom upgrades, we can move forward with the long-awaited canopy project over the turf area between Kea, Piwakawaka, Takahē, and Kererū classrooms.
- ✓ Subject to council and building consents, construction is expected to begin in early 2027. We are incredibly excited about this development, as the canopy will create a versatile all-weather space for learning, play, and whole-school gatherings.



The area will also be equipped with audio-visual technology, including sound systems and screens/projectors, making it an ideal venue for assemblies, performances, celebrations, and other school events.

- ✓ We have recently purchased a new defibrillator to further enhance the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and wider Buckland school community.



## DONATION SCHEME

For those of you who are new to Buckland School, we would like to share some information about how the school donation scheme benefits our students and families.

Buckland School is part of the Government's school donations scheme, which means families are not required to pay school donations.

This funding helps the school cover a wide range of costs that directly benefit our students, including Life Education (Harold the Giraffe), Year 7 and 8 Technology lessons, Reading Eggs and Mathletics programmes, music and dance lessons, performers, sporting events, Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experiences, bus transport and camps, to name just a few. In the past, many of these costs would have been passed on to families.

We are fortunate to be able to provide so many valuable learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom without placing a significant financial burden on parents and caregivers. Through careful budgeting, fundraising, and the support of our PTA and school community we work hard to keep costs to families as low as possible.

While the school covers many expenses, voluntary contributions may still be requested for certain activities, such as overnight camps, where additional costs are incurred.



## PTA



We would love to encourage parents and caregivers to consider joining the PTA. The time, ideas, and support you contribute have a direct impact on our students, helping to fund valuable resources, experiences, and projects across the school.

We rely heavily on parent volunteers to help organise and run events such as Ag Day, which play a significant role in our fundraising efforts. These events have contributed towards camps, EOTC events, Year 8 Graduation dinners, extra classroom consumables, sports shirts, sports equipment etc.

If you would like to get involved or learn more, be sure to visit the [Buckland School Parents & Teachers Association Facebook page](#).

*Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference for our tamariki.*



## THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Darryl Goldsack for his outstanding contribution to the school and Board over the past 13 years.

His dedication, expertise, and the countless hours he has generously given have made a lasting impact on our school community.

We are incredibly grateful for his commitment and service, and while he will be greatly missed, we wish him all the very best for the future.

*Thank you, Darryl!*

## BOARD VACANCY



Following the resignation of Darryl Goldsack, we have a vacancy on the Buckland School Board for a parent representative. The Board will fill this position through a selection process.

### WHY CONSIDER BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER?

- ✓ Make a positive impact on the future direction of the school
- ✓ Support student learning and success
- ✓ Collaborate with fellow Board members, staff, and the wider community
- ✓ Develop valuable governance and leadership skills
- ✓ Have a voice in important school decisions
- ✓ Give back to your local community



Serving on the Board is a rewarding opportunity to help shape the educational experience of our students and contribute to the ongoing success of Buckland School.

## INTERESTED?



If you are interested please email a brief introduction about yourself and why you are interested in joining the board.



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## BUCKLAND SCHOOL BOARD

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