



Banks Avenue School



"Learning today to succeed tomorrow"
Kia mau ki ngā akoranga, kia tau ai āpōpō

NEWSLETTER

22 April 2015

Hi, kia ora, goeie dag, haileo, jou sanh, goedendag

Number 11

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Thursday 23 April

Friday 24 April

Monday 27 April

Tuesday 28 April

Friday 1 May

Monday 4 May

5 – 8 May

7 – 8 May

Tuesday 12 May

Friday 29 May

Friday 12 June

Ferrymead Heritage Park Visit – Room 15, 16 and Year 2s in Room 7

ANZAC Ceremony 2:30pm at school

ANZAC Day Public Holiday – school is closed

BOT meeting – 6:15pm in the Sky Room – all welcome

Mufti Day – Super Heros and grownup

PTA AGM – 7:00pm in the staffroom – All welcome

Year 5 – 6 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp

Year 4 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp

Cross Country – postponement day 14/5

Teacher Only Day – School is closed for instruction

PTA Disco

**Banks Avenue School trip / event postponements and or cancellations will only be heard on
NEWSTALK ZB 1098AM and CLASSIC HITS and viewed on our website: www.banksave.school.nz**

SCHOOLGEN LINK: <http://schoolgen.co.nz/schoolgen-schools/banks-avenue-school-christchurch>

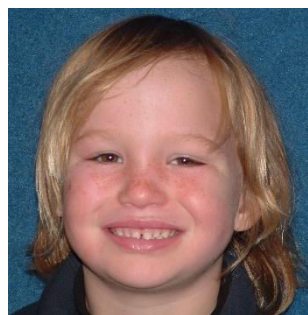
Dear Parents and Whānau



Aiden Kerr
Rm 8



Matias Romero
Rm 8



Areka Arps Kahui
Rm 8



Jorja Carr
Rm 8



Isileli Haunga
Rm 8



Valentina Mitton
Rm 11



Duncan Munro
Rm 26



Riley Davidson
Rm 26

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou – a warm welcome to you all.

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils. Term 2 promises to be an exciting term with many engaging activities and learning opportunities planned by all three teams.

Staffing

There are a few changes to staffing this term with teachers on leave and a new entrant class beginning. Welcome to Phillipa Ford in Room 9 (Helen Denny on leave for the term). Suzanne Nilsson will be Acting Team Leader for Team Torara while Helen is away. Welcome also to Sharon Walsh-Grieve who is teaching our next class of new entrant children in Room 8.



Ferrymead Heritage Park Visit – Team Kahikatea

All classes from Team Kahikatea will have the chance to attend Ferrymead for a full day of emersion as a Canterbury immigrant. Three rooms attended yesterday and Rooms 15 and 16 will attend on Thursday.



ANZAC Ceremony

This Friday, 24 April @ 2:30pm

We will be holding an ANZAC ceremony to mark 100 years since Gallipoli in 1915. Children have been learning about ANZAC Day in preparation for this. We invite parents to attend the ceremony at 2:30pm outside the administration block. Poppies will be on sale (gold coin donation) each afternoon this week outside our administration block.



Look What is Coming Up on Friday 1 May!

We have several things happening on Friday May 1.

Mufti Day

On 1 May we will have our first **mufti day** for Term 2. The funds for this will help to pay for a group of our young leaders to attend a leadership conference. Our theme is a super hero / grown up. Children are asked to make a gold coin donation for wearing mufti.



Assembly

At 2:15pm on Friday 1 May we will have our first assembly for Term 2. Parents are invited. Our choir will be singing, our jump jammers performing and we have our pumpkin weigh in.

Pumpkin Competition

Last year senior students were given pumpkin seeds and asked to grow them. It is now time to harvest your crops and bring your pumpkins to school so we can have our weigh in during assembly and present prizes.



Children are to bring their named pumpkin to Room 22 in Dudley on Wednesday 29 April. Children may enter in more than one category. Categories include the largest pumpkin, the cutest pumpkin, the ugliest pumpkin, the best dressed pumpkin and we may even come up with more on the day.

The Student Health Team.

Pasifika Performance

Team Totara are going to be entertained on Friday 1 May in the morning by the Shirley Boys High Pasifika group.

What an eventful day we will have on 1 May!!

House Keeping / Reminders

School Absence- please either ring the school on 385 4163, text 027 422 8032 or email: office@banksave.school.nz by 8:30am, to leave an absence message for your child if they are going to be away from school, for any reason. This makes it much easier for office staff to track attendance and also means we will not expect a note to come to school when your child returns as we will already have heard from you.

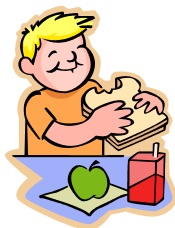
Punctuality- our first bell rings at 8:55am so please ensure children are at school no later than 8:45am as this will enable them to be organised and ready for learning.

Rubbish – we have a huge amount of rubbish left daily in our playground by children. In order to help reduce this we ask that minimal wrapping and packaging is included in lunchboxes.



PTA Reminders

Lunch On Line – this gets underway again tomorrow, Thursday. We have been asked to remind parents that they need to order lunch on line by 8:30am (note the earlier time) on a Thursday. If you would like to benefit from this great service go online to <http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to register and open an account.



Second Hand Uniform Shop - will be open on the following days:

Friday 24 April 2015

8:30 – 9:00am and 2:45 – 3:15pm

Friday 8 May

2:45 – 3:15pm and 2:45 – 3:15pm

Enquiries outside of these times can be made to Katrina (PTA) on 021 899 141

Next meeting – AGM

Monday 4 May at 7:00pm

In the Staffroom

All welcome



Site update

We are still waiting to hear from the Ministry of Education (MoE) where our new site will be. The Board of Trustees continue to be frustrated by the delay and have invited the MoE to our next Board meeting in an effort to hasten an announcement.

Remember, school will be closed on Monday 27 April for Anzac Day Public Holiday.



PIA 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER!



Congratulations to Phoebe Ingram Room 27, who has completed an awesome PIA challenge in an effort to gain her gold award. Phoebe organised an orienteering event for her extended family that involved finding out about orienteering, setting course, making the materials, inviting people along, putting them into teams and then completing all of the documentation for her PIA. This was truly an outstanding effort!

Well done Phoebe 😊

Self-Review

Last term we reviewed our Home Learning Policy. Thank you to all the parents who responded to this. This term we are reviewing our Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement policy. Parents can access this policy on Schooldocs. Log in with **banksave** as our user name and **banks** as our password to <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Click onto documentation and self-review in the drop down menu on the left and find this policy. Once you have opened up the Reporting policy then you can review by clicking onto the feedback button in the top right hand corner. This is a great opportunity for parents to give feedback on how you currently find our processes of sharing student progress and achievement. As we are perpetually in the mode of self-improvement all feedback is most valued!

As a staff we are also in the process of reviewing our reporting practices therefore there may be changes to reports in the middle of the year.

Chicken Pox

We are aware that there are cases of children or siblings having chicken pox therefore we need to be very proactive in limiting the spread of this disease. Chickenpox is contagious from 5 days before the blisters appears. It's most infectious in the last 2 days. It stays contagious until all the blisters have crusted over and no new ones are appearing – which usually takes another 5 days. Avoid close contact with other people during this period if you or a family member has chickenpox. Keep children home from school or day care.

Remember: chickenpox is serious for pregnant women and people who are have a reduced immune response (eg, children with cancer).

The chickenpox virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough.

- Always turn away from others and use tissues when you cough or sneeze.
- Always wash your hands after coughing sneezing or blowing your nose.

Chickenpox can also spread through touching the blisters and then touching objects or other people.

- Wash your hands often, especially if you're the caregiver of a child with chickenpox – and make sure they do the same.
- Discourage children from scratching the blister

Please don't bring children with chicken pox to school even if you are picking up a child as this still poses a potential threat to others.

School Donations

As you are aware we waived school donations for Term 1 and we have reduced school donations for Terms 2-4. We ask that parents donate \$20 a child per term or \$30 per family (two or more children) per term. This money can be paid per term or as one whole amount for the year (\$60 for a single child or \$90 for a family).

School donations allow us to offer and provide extra resourcing and opportunities to children that our budget from the Ministry of Education would not allow e.g. jump jam, choir, sports equipment, library books, ICT resources, kapahaka, uniforms

for teams, gifted and talented opportunities, support with remedial programmes etc.

We realise that many families are under financial stress so we genuinely appreciate it when families do support us by paying donations. As always we are thankful for your continued support!



A tradition for children attending the Hammer Camp is to design the front of a calico drawstring bag to hold their plates and cutlery. We would appreciate help in sewing these bags. If you could assist here please see Ms

Haig in Dudley. The calico is cut ready for sewing. Thank you. Miro Team Teachers

Pause Prompt Praise Programme - This term I would like to set up the Pause Prompt Praise (PPP) Programme. You may recall this was operating in the school in 2014 and was most successful. This is a reading mileage programme where parent tutors listen to individual children read. The programme has clear guidelines for parent tutors who are also supported by our Resource Teacher of Literacy – Anna–Maria Williams and myself as the Learning Support teacher. The programme runs in the mornings 9:00 -10:40am and last year operated in the library.

The programme had a wonderful group of parent tutors last year whose dedication and support played a key role in supporting children with their reading. Presently I do not have enough tutors to run this programme with the same success as in 2014.

If you are interested in participating in this programme as a parent tutor, I would be most appreciative if you could complete the reply slip either at the office or from our website by Friday 1 May.

This programme has tremendous benefits. The feedback I received from all involved in 2014 was very positive.

Thank you
Rhonda Aitken, Learning Support Teacher

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Tuesday 28 April at 6:15pm

In the Sky Room

All welcome



“Stand up for what you believe in, even if you're standing alone.”