Banks Avenue School

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

NEWSLETTER

02 December 2015 | **Hi, kia ora, goeie dag, haileo, jou sanh, goedendag** | Number 36

Phone: 03 385 4163, fax: 03 385 6581 email: office@banksave.school.nz, website: www.banksave.school.nz

Thursday 3 December	***Family Celebration Evening from 5:00 pm***
Tuesday 8 December	New Entrant Parent meeting 1:45 pm – 2:50 pm by invitation
Thursday 10 December	Junior Module Fun Day
Thursday 10 December	Transitional Cathedral – Christmas Carols @ 10:00 am – Team Miro
Friday 11 December	MUFTI DAY – to support the City Mission Food Bank
Monday 14 December	Year 6 Prize Giving - 7:00 pm at Shirley Intermediate School
Tuesday 15 December	Junior Module Carols at 2:30 pm
Wednesday 16 December	Final Assembly 12:00noon. Children dismissed at 12:30 pm

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

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please let our school office know using one on the following options: Phone: 385 4163 / option 3 text 027 422 8032 email: office@banksave.school.nz
Or notify us via our website: http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html
If your child arrives at school after 9:00 am they must check in at the office. This saves a lot of phone calls for unexplained absences in order to ensure the safety of all our children.

Dear Parents and Whānau

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

A lovely warm Banks Avenue School welcome to Irmhild and her family to our Banks Avenue School community.

Speeches

Congratulations to the ten children who presented speeches on Monday afternoon. All speeches were of a high quality. I liked 'the lessons I've learned' section from children's speeches

Speak out – share your ideas
Don't worry what others think – be yourself
You don't need lots of friends just a few good friends.
Hands are not for hitting
Face your fears

The winning speech was written by Josh in Room 27. Jesse and Phoebe were 2nd equal and Trisha was 3rd.

Learning Celebration – Tomorrow Night!!!

Bring a picnic dinner or money for a sausage sizzle ($2) – set yourself up on the field.
Our school performances are due to start at 5:00 pm – so if your child is in a performance group they will need to be here a little earlier to report to where they are meeting their teacher.
All performances will take place on the stage at the back of Rooms 9 and 10.

There will be performances from our:
Kapahaka group Jump jam
Choir
and Team Miro RAD Rythym

After the performances have finished all classrooms will be open for 30 minutes. Please make the effort to visit them. The first five visitors to each room will get a chit for an **icee** (to be redeemed by the sausage sizzle). There will also be drink bottles to give away to children who visit rooms – be one of the first to hand your chits into the sausage sizzle to get a drink bottle. All other visitors to rooms will get a small treat.

Activities - there will be a number of activities happening that children can participate in for **FREE:**

The bouncy castle, cycles, jeeps,pony rides and face painting (thanks Juanita for offering).

There will also be a few things for sale:

Sausages $2
Coffee van - $4 cup
Candy floss - $ 2 (I am still short a person to make and sell candy floss – can anyone help?)
Icees - $1

Vote for Charlotte!

Congratulations to Charlotte who has made it into the final five for The Christchurch Urban poetry competition. As a community we need to support Charlotte by going online and voting for her. The poem with the most *likes* will win.
https://www.facebook.com/Poetica.christchurch

Reading, absorbing words
Lost in a book, cuddled into Mum,
Discovering my cat in a closet, safe
Reunited with my family and friends
Hands trembled as I turned the page
Slowly I calmed
Gripping my mother's hand
We read together.

By Charlotte

It is tricky finding the right place to vote but persevere – Charlotte needs us!

Year 7 Enrolments

If your child is in year six you should have enrolled them at an intermediate by now. If you have not done this could you please do so immediately as it helps your child's new school with 2016 organisation.

Old Guitar Wanted

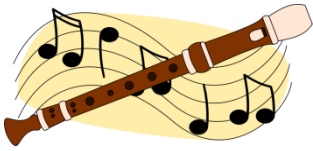
One of our families would like an old guitar. Do you have one laying around that you would be happy to give away? If so please drop it into the office. Thank you.

Room 5 children has been busy growing some beans for their garden ☺

Horsing Around

Colleen and I had a little fun on Wacky Friday dressed as cowboys.

The Junior Module children of Banks Avenue School invite: parents, caregivers and grandparents, to join us on Tuesday 15 December, 2015 in our school grounds at 2:30 p.m. for an afternoon of joyous carol singing and recorder playing.
(Some of our local preschools will be joining us too ☺).



From time to time we have tummy bugs that are passed around pretty quickly at school. We have one moving through our school at the moment. If your child has vomited a good rule of thumb is for them not to return to school until 48 hours after they have vomited. This is helpful as we try to minimise the risk of infecting other children and staff.
Thank you.

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'

Hank is a kind boy who smiles and is happy and helpful. He gives of his best. Even when the learning is tricky he perseveres with his learning tasks.

Well done Hank. Keep up the great work. ☺

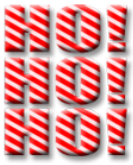
Book Amnesty

We have many library and reading books yet to be returned to school. Please have a good look at home and return any school resources back to us A.S.A.P. Many thanks.

A Lesson Everywhere

Look at these faces – Rebecca is holding a baby bird that had fallen from a tree. You can see the deep concentration and wonderment on these tamarikis' faces.

Christmas Cheer



MUFTI DAY
Friday 11 December

Payment is a non-perishable food item to go to the Christchurch City Mission.

This could include: pasta, rice, tea, biscuits, popcorn, dried fruits, chips, cereals or canned food…

Take your food item to your classroom teacher.

Phoebe: Room 27

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Tuesday 15 December at 5:00 pm
In the Sky Room
All welcome

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Lost Property – There is a large amount of lost property still at school. Please make sure you come and check it for any of your child's lost uniform items of clothing. At the end of the year the PTA will sort, wash, repair and put what is left in the second hand uniform shop for sale.

Lunch Online - is available every Thursday. You can sign up at https://www.lunchonline.co.nz

The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help get each order to the right classroom. If you can spare half an hour at 12:00 pm on a Thursday please contact Katrina on 021 899 141 or Wendy at wendypreston@clear.net.nz

Dallington Oscar is having a fundraiser stall at our After School Programme this week. We will have Xmas goodies on sale for $1 each. Proceeds will go towards our end of term treat for our Oscar children. Thanks for your support.

They are delicious too ☺

Room 15 and 16 children have been involved in the Bunnings 'Spud in a Bucket' project this term. This week 6 finalists will be picked to be entered into the bigger competition with others local schools at Bunnings, Marshland Road next Wednesday 9 December. Get along and have a look. It will be a great family night in store!

"No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all. Integrity is everything"