



# Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau



## NEWSLETTER

3 July 2019

Hi, kia ora, Kon-nichiwa, An-nyong, Salaam, Teanastellen

Number 20

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<i>Thursday 4 July</i>	<i>Team Totara Hot Chocolate day</i>
<i>Friday 5 July</i>	<i>Term 2 ends</i>
<i>Monday 22 July</i>	<i>Term 3 begins</i>
<i>Tuesday 30 July</i>	<i>School will close at 12.30pm for Learning Conversations</i>
<i>Thursday 1 August</i>	<i>School close will close at 12.30pm for Learning Conversations</i>
<i>Thursday 1 August</i>	<i>Shirley Intermediate Open Night (6.30 – 8pm)</i>

*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](http://www.banksave.school.nz)*

**If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please let our school office know using one of the following options:**

**Phone: 385 4163 / option 3 text 027 422 8032 email: [office@banksave.school.nz](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)**

**Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html> or via our Flexibuzz app: [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com)**

**If your child arrives at school after 9:00am 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

### School Office

Colleen Lucas, our office administrator will be away until next year. This term we have had Julie filling in for Colleen. Julie leaves us on Friday so we are pleased to welcome back Jenny Macdonald. Jen ran the office a couple of years ago so is familiar with our routines and processes. Jen will start on Friday 19 July; her email address is [jmacdonald@banksave.school.nz](mailto:jmacdonald@banksave.school.nz). The school office will be unmanned over the school holidays however it will open for half a day, 9 -12 pm, on Friday 19 July. If you have anything urgent to communicate during the holidays please email [principal@banksave.school.nz](mailto:principal@banksave.school.nz)

### Banks Ave Mentors -BAMP

We desperately need about another ten mentors to work with individual young people at school. We have a number of children who need some extra TLC (tender loving care) and an hour a week with a mentor works wonders. Can you come in for one hour a week on a regular basis? Would you like to make a difference in a wee person's life? Would you like to know more about being a mentor? Email Belinda Walsh or call into room 26 to chat to her. [bwalsh@banksave.school.nz](mailto:bwalsh@banksave.school.nz) Together is better!

### Learning Conversations

Please make sure you have booked an appointment for next term's learning conversations. This can be done online or you can return the slip you got last week to the office. If you are unsure what to do come and see the office ladies for help.

**We will not be running a creche** this year during learning conversations. We have found over the last two years we have less than ten families use it over the two evenings.

### Staffing Update

Tricia Carroll will be acting principal for all of term 3 while I am on sabbatical. Emma Derrick will be deputy principal for term 3. Emma will be teaching two days a week and then supporting in the office the other three days.

Shortly we will be starting our fourth new entrant class for the year. This position will be advertised in term 3 and the new class will likely start at the end of August.

### Bullying Resource

At school most classes have been talking about what bullying is and what strategies children can use if they are being bullied. One of the things that has become apparent is the need to differentiate between one off rude or mean acts, e.g. burping in someones face as opposed to bullying behaviours which have four clear factors.

- Bullying is deliberate - harming another person intentionally
- Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- Bullying is usually not a one-off - it is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time
- Bullying involves behaviour that can cause harm - it is not a normal part of growing up.

Bullying can happen anywhere, in person or online (cyberbullying), at any time, and can be verbal, physical or social (relational). It can be obvious or hidden.

Fortunately we are a PB4L school so by explicitly teaching expected behaviours in a range of contexts we support children to make wise choices and to have skills and strategies to address mean, rude or bullying behaviours.

There is also a great resource parents can access [Bullying Free New Zealand](#). This website has a great range of resources for schools and parents.

As always, if you are concerned your child is being bullied please speak to the class teacher in the first instance and then if necessary involve management.

### Thank You

On Tuesday, after school, we had a pupil fall from the senior playground. We were concerned he had broken bones so we called an ambulance; fortunately he hadn't and he is recovering well. Two parents in particular were amazing in this emergency; one sat with the child calming and soothing him and the other helped with liaising with emergency services. Thanks Mike and Linzee for stepping up and showing so much aroha. Also a big thanks to the staff involved in this situation. Our tamariki are well cared for and well loved!

### Mid Year Learner Profiles/Reports

All children should have a copy of their mid year Learner Profiles/reports in their bags. Have a look! These can be discussed at next terms learning conversations.

### Matariki

Thanks to all the whanau who turned up on Tuesday evening for our Matariki celebration. There was an incredible turnout across the school and an awesome buzz of activity as I walked through the classrooms.



### Winning House

Each term we add up all the HEART tokens that have been given out during the term and give children in the winning house a lolly pop.

In term 2 the winning house is Tawhirimatea -Yellow house!

Class teachers will give out lollipops on Friday to those children who are in Tawhirimatea House

### Health and Safety

- Sign in: Please remember to sign in at the office if you are here working in a class or with a group of children. If you are down watching a sports event you do not need to sign in.
- Parking on Banks Ave: Last Thursday we had a near miss on Banks Avenue. A parent was reversing out of a carpark when another parent called a child over the road to her parked car. The wee dot crossing the road was nearly reversed over. Please don't call children to cross the road to you; walk across the road and accompany them to your car.

Yellow lines and driveways: We have the CCC traffic wardens coming in to monitor our car parking around the school. They will issue infringement notices to people who are parked illegally or dangerously

### Junior Module Assembly

We often have an assembly once a term, which is lead by some of our year three students. This photo is of our practice where you can see us going over what we were going to say. You can also see us learning how to use the microphone too. We practiced and practiced and tried to learn our scripts off by heart. Knowing when it's your turn to speak was an important part of our practice too.



*Well done Oscar, Alex, Kayleigh, Rihot, Max, Samantha and Luke. You remembered your parts, used the microphone well and did 'better than before' at*

*the assembly. We were proud of you. 😊*

The teachers have a part to play in the assembly too because they get to give out certificates to some of the learners in their classes. Sometimes Ms Carroll gives one or two of the teachers a certificate as well.



At our last assembly we were learning how to use NZ sign language (NZSL) when we sang our National anthem. Do you know how the sign for Aotearoa?

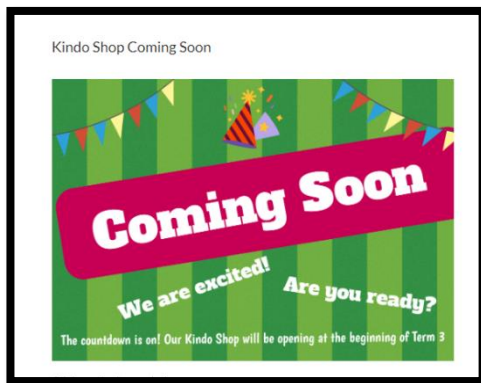
## Kindo - our new Banks Avenue Shop

We are really excited that we will be launching our **Kindo Banks Avenue Shop** next term. This is a one stop shop for ordering and paying for all goods and services related to school.

We are keen to get as many parents as possible to create an account on Kindo, our BAS shop. By having an account you will be able to:

- See and pay all accounts associated with school
- Pay for PTA activities like discos
- Order lunch online.

If you currently have an automatic payment coming into our school account please set up a Kindo account and redirect your regular payments into the Kindo online shop. You can now register on line. All the details on how to register for Kindo is at the end of the newsletter. To set up a Kindo account go onto our [Banks Ave Website](#) . You will see the picture below on the first page, click on to it and it will take you to the Kindo shop where you can register as a new user.



**We will do a draw for fifty dollar grocery voucher for all families who have registered on Kindo by Monday July 22, the first day of term 3.**

## Children's Writing.

Children in Awa have been learning how to write persuasive texts. Here is some awesome writing from Tai and Kate ☺

### School Pools

*I strongly believe that all schools in New Zealand should have swimming pools.*

*Firstly, students need a cold place to cool off on a hot day. Secondly, we can have weekly swimming lessons (either one class each week or a few classes each week, but it's up to the schools if they bring back pools.) so students can be more confident around water.*

*Lastly students can have fun at lunchtime on Fridays or something. We did this at my old school in Whakatane.*

By Tai

*I strongly believe that schools these days need swimming pools. Here are just a few reasons why.*

*Firstly swimming is part of the school curriculum so every child school get to learn basic swimming skills. Only around 60% of schools have swimming pools.*

*Secondly swimming is a healthy sport and it can benefit everyone at the school because it would offer more activity and opportunity to learn about swimming.*

*Thirdly swimming is just fun and it exercises your whole body and brain.*

*In conclusion we should have swimming pools in our schools. So lets make 60% 100% again.*

By Kate

## School competitions

This term the school competition has been about skipping with others with a long rope, i.e.,

- *Competition 1:* A group of people, from a class, all start jumping together at the same time. The group who jump for the longest time will be declared the winner(s).
- *Competition 2:* One person runs in to jump while the rope is turning, then the next person follows and so on. The class who has the most people jumping at the same time and or for the longest time will be declared the winner(s).

## The winners are

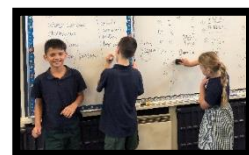
- *Competition one:* Each team had six people jump. The mixed team from Miro did 19 jumps.
- *Competition two:* The teams from Kea did well. One team of five people did 24 jumps and one team of six people did 16 jumps.



Due to popular demand this competition will be extended into next term with *who (one person) can do the most continuous jumps with a long rope and who do the most with a short rope. There will be a skipping forwards and backwards competition for the small rope section too.*

## From Team Miro.....

Tom Davies from SBHS is coming in twice a week to work with nineteen of our Year 4-6 students in an extension maths programme. The children are working collaboratively to complete a number of challenges with the learning being as much about the process as the end product. Tom says 'I am absolutely loving it'.



## Pasifika Learning

A huge number of children are taking part in our new Pasifika. group with our lovely tutor Feleti. Check out this awesome video.

<https://drive.google.com/a/otakaro.school.nz/file/d/1-f27cJaWTofmPDMEeYRqKZN9sooYxaZL/view?usp=sharing>

## Staff profiles

Over the next few months we are going to be sharing profiles of our staff, our BoT and our PTA. We would like our parent community to be able to put names to faces.

### Tracey Mora - Deputy Principal

Family is the most important thing in my life and I spend a lot of time with my two daughters and their families.

I am pretty keen on the outdoors and enjoy tramping, mountain biking and kayaking. I also have a strong interest in martial arts. I

like to do things that scare me a little. I have been skydiving numerous times, paragliding and bungy jumping. I also make it a goal to learn something new every year. Last year it was learning how to ride a motorbike and this year I am giving downhill mountain biking a go.

*What do you do at BAS?*

I am the Deputy Principal of the Senior School (Years 4 -6) and work alongside senior leaders and teachers in Team Miro to provide the best learning programmes and learning environment for this age group. SENCO is also a big part of my role. I oversee the pastoral care of the team, in particular, providing support and programmes for specific learning needs or behaviours.

*What do you enjoy most about your role at BAS?*

I love being with the children, which is the reason I got into teaching. Although not in a classroom I ensure that being with children is a big part of my week. I work with the student leaders, the student council, the peer mediators, the media team and with the children presenting on our radio station. I also take groups of children for 3D Printing lessons and work with a group of children for maths.

*What improvements would you like to see in Education in the future?*

I believe that wellbeing is crucial to learning. I would like to see improvements in our Education System so that funding and support is provided for all learners and that there are also many different options on how a child can be educated. A big social environment, like a school doesn't always suit all children. What is best for the child is what we should be able to provide in New Zealand.

I also believe strongly that children should be taught to value the past, but at the same time feel it is critical that they are educated for the future...the world they are walking into.



***Parents, if your child has been given a change of clothes from us, please return them to school washed. We have a short supply of clothes and urgently need any back.***

### PTA Profile Susan Turner (Sue)

Hi I am Sue and I am on the PTA . My granddaughter Blake Mc is in Room 15/16 (Tuis). Banks Avenue School has a lovely family atmosphere. I retired early from nursing and was privileged to be able to look after Blake a few days a week from a young baby to starting school.



A Newsletter came out about the PTA wanting to welcome more members. I thought I'm not a parent of a child at school but I would like to help. I arrived at my first meeting in May 2018 and since then have been helper for swimming, Disco helper, Online lunches, Celebration Evening Sausage Sizzle organiser etc and Secretary.

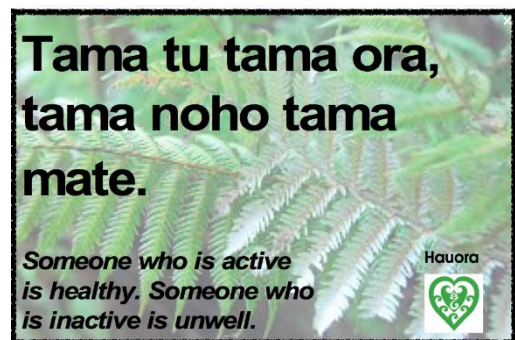
I am married to Alan and we have two lovely daughters and sons in law with three grandchildren.

During the school day I'm lucky enough to potter around doing the housework, catching up with the news and watching the Jones channel. Weekends can be a number of different things: a Lions project (Christchurch Marathon Marshalling), Sausage Sizzle, having a meal with friends or catching up on recorded programmes. I love having Blake for sleepover.

### Latest News

Click on the link below to check out the Latest News page on our school website. The children in our school Media Team capture all the events that are occurring in the school. You will find their news articles here.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news-20189.html>



***Learning Conversations Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 1 August  
Online bookings are now open – to book your learning conversation go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the school code: qb76b***

## HEART Values

Our school HEART values are central to all that we do at Banks Avenue School. You will read about our values in newsletters and I know your children will talk about them at home.

All children are able to earn HEART tokens. These will be given out for showing explicit expected behaviours in the classroom by the class teachers and relievers. They will also be given out in the playground by duty teachers. Teachers will identify to the child why they have earned the token e.g. *Amber this token is for aroha - you were very kind asking Moana to join in with your group.*

Once a child has received a HEART token they will hand it into a collection box in their classroom. Teachers will tally and record how many tokens each child earns under each of our values.

25 HEART tokens (same value) - name in newsletter

50 HEART tokens (same value) - a wristband

Two or more wristbands the same - lunch with the principal. Ultimately, children are trying to earn all five wristbands. Once they have done this and then collected an additional fifty tokens they will receive the black HEART wrist band which depicts strong school citizenship.

Congratulations to the following children who have all earned **25 HEART tokens** - well done!

**Hauora:** Zaiden B, Mythis E, (Roto) Jasmine Cook  
Isla-Rose Cullen (Dudley) Chris M Will S, Caitlin M,  
Doug B, Shikaylah G

**Excellence:** (Dudley) Jorja C, (Roto) Tumeke H  
**Aroha:** Karl B, Ashton S, (Dudley) Quinley G  
Makayla W, Zac W, Xavier S, Kiera B, Aiden S  
Shaista A

**Respect:** Billie H, Djuna SN (Dudley) Ruby W (75)  
Callum W, Billy S, Emily-Rose S, Lily S, Marcus M

**Togetherness:** Braxtyn G, Crystal-Ann B, (Dudley)  
Josh CC, Emily H, Charlotte B, Kiera B



**Fifty HEART Tokens** - Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

**Hauora:** Paige D, TJ C, (Roto) Rylan O'D, (Dudley) Vanessa S, Rylee G, Kaia M, Alydia M, Bella L, Xavier S, Keegan V, Makayla W, Althea C, Isileli H,  
Emily-Rose S

**Excellence:** Karl B (Kuaka) Taylor T (Roto) Jackson K,  
(Dudley) Alydia M, Shikaylah G

**Aroha:** Heidi L, Jaden D, (Dudley) Ashlyn G, Caitlin M,  
Lucas B, Irmhild B, Rylan E, Rylee G,  
Kaia M, Will S, Solomon T, Charlotte B, Bella L,  
Hamish P, Althea C, Callum W

**Respect:** Luca WD, Mikayla M, (Dudley) Will S,  
Keegan V, Mary-anne S

**Togetherness:** Jamieson McT, (Dudley) Chris M,  
Ruby M, Hamish P, Xavier S, Keegan V, Quinley G

Congratulations to these children who have earned two wristbands of the same colour - they get to have lunch with Mrs Burnside Thursday 4 July. Parents do not need to send them to school with lunch that day.

**Oscar B, Keegan V, Nevaeh H, Rylan O'D, Aiden McG, Liam S, Meliame H, Will S, Alyssa U, Kate B Dallys R**

## From the PTA....

[Buy your honey online here.  
\(www.thebeekeepershoney.nz\).](http://www.thebeekeepershoney.nz)

**Remember to use the code BANKSAVEPS** to have your honey delivered FREE to school. Orders will be able to be picked up by Room 17 (Keas) from a PTA member each Friday after school. If you can't make it to pick it up then just send Susannah a text 0276782031.

Or use the code **BanksPS** to have your order delivered. Fantastic winter \$15 deals on their website at the moment. We are getting some really good feedback about the honey – *"Absolutley love, love, love this honey, thank you.*

## Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2019-2020 are out now and available in either digital (works on all app capable phones) OR hard copy and cost \$70, with 20% from each book coming back to the school! There is some amazing

deals and savings in them. Purchase through our online link: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/1348e93>

Or contact Cassie to order on: 027 3338994 or [cassie.olivia@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.olivia@gmail.com)

## Flipout

Wow!! We raised over \$150 on our Flipout night.

We run this each year with the primary aim of providing a fun, social night out for our school community. Any profits from the night are an added bonus so thanks everyone for coming, it was a lot of fun.

## Honey

A new product has been released. **MANUKA HONEY FUDGE.** Their throat lozenges have proven their worth keeping an annoying cough at bay!



## What is the PTA?

PTA, BoT.. Two acronyms you have heard in conversations or read in the newsletter. The role of the Board of Trustees (BoT) has been explained earlier in the year so now we would like to explain the PTA.

PTA is short for Parent Teacher Association. We are a group of Mums and Grandparents (Dad's are welcome too!) and two fantastic teachers who work together to help support our school team and provide our children with extra resources. Fundraising is a major part of the PTA, essentially the more we raise, the more opportunities and resources we can provide our school with. We also oversee lost property, run the second hand uniform shop, organise lunch online and organise social functions for our students, like discos and FlipOut as well as treats for our students through the year.

Over the last year we have been focusing on documenting all our events and fundraisers and storing these files to Google docs. Why are we doing

this? We know that parents are short on time, some people don't want to commit to attending monthly PTA meetings, plus we recognise that PTA members come and go over time. By streamlining our projects and having everything in one place we are hoping to make it easier for parents to help us out.

We pride ourselves on our willingness to help each other out. While an individual may volunteer to oversee a particular project, if illness hits their family or a flyer needs to be proof-read we have always had another member(s) to help where needed. Many hands make light work, if we can share the jobs around then we keep being a PTA member enjoyable as well as rewarding.

Anyone is welcome to pop along to a PTA meeting and see what we do. Our Chairperson's report from earlier in the year is attached outlining 2018 for the PTA. If you would like to help out now and then but aren't wanting to commit to monthly meetings then we are going to set up a 'Friends of the PTA'. More details about how to join this will be coming in Term 3.

Lunch online would love more helpers. One set Thursday a month at 12.45pm-1.15pm - Text Randi if you would like to help 021 242 1000 or e-mail: [ratkinson@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:ratkinson@hotmail.co.nz)

**LAST WEEK FOR USING LUNCH ONLINE - DO YOU HAVE ANY CREDIT LEFT??**

**REMEMBER LUNCHES WILL BE DONE THROUGH KINDO NEXT TERM.**



Photo: Names from left to right  
 Phillipa Ford, Marilyn Stewart, Sue Turner, Susannah Black, Randi Atkinson, Abbie Pickrill, Jo Lill, Rhonda Aitken, Leanne Wratt  
 (absent: Vanessa Godkin, Lynda McKay, Cassie Woods, Verity Verster, Tracey Formosa-Archbold)

Thanks Cambridge Homes for coming to see us and giving us a yummy lunch. You rock!!!



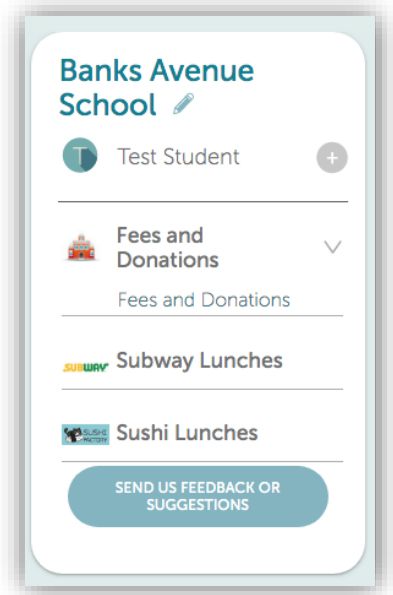
Welcome to our new students, Libby, Alissa, Alex and Tyler who joined us here at Banks Ave.



*Kids Club Holiday Programme  
 – 8 July – 19 July – Mon – Fri  
 7am – 5.30pm  
 60 Shirley Road, ChCh. MSD &  
 WINZ approved, for more  
 details, contact Trudie on 021  
 237 8297*

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*Kids Club Hip Hop Classes,  
 Wednesdays from 5.45pm –  
 6.15pm - Cost is \$5 per child  
 60 Shirley Road, for more  
 details contact Trudie on  
 021 237 8297*

# Introducing our online school shop



Next term is the launch of our new Kindo online school shop...designed to make it easy for you to manage school payments and complete permission forms.

You can view and make full or part payments on your family account with our Fees and Donations service, order subway and sushi lunches, and support fundraisers.

We'll be adding other items to our school shop as the year progresses.

- You can make payments or purchases when it suits you... anytime, anywhere.
- You no longer have to rely on sending cash and forms with your children, looking up bank account numbers, amounts and details, or visiting the office. Just log in and click. Even small amounts can be paid quickly and securely through Kindo.
- You can use Kindo as a school savings account, so you have school funds when you need them. Or choose to pay at the time using by making an instant transfer using POLi (no fees) or by using a credit or debit card (fees apply).

"I can organise stuff from work - rather than a rush in the mornings to get the right change, and make sure it gets handed in."

"I enjoy having one service for all aspects of school donations, orders or permission slips. I feel more confident there is a record of payment documented, plus I can complete the transaction quickly."

Questions? If you need help, call the Kindo helpdesk on free-phone: 0508 454 636 (0508 4 KINDO).

"So utterly convenient – one less thing to worry about when juggling work and kids."

**SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE**

