



Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau



NEWSLETTER

26 June 2019

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

Number 19

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<i>Thursday 27 June</i>	<i>Shirley School Music Festival (tickets available at our school office)</i>
<i>Monday 1 July 7pm</i>	<i>PTA Meeting in school staffroom</i>
<i>Tuesday 2 July 5.30-6.30pm</i>	<i>Matariki Celebration</i>
<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

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

Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html> or via our Flexibuzz app: 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

Term two is fast coming to an end. Our last day of term is Friday 5 July. We start back on Monday July 22.

It has been another very busy term with a number of highlights both in and out of school. Earlier this week we had four staff staying over at Rapaki Marae as part of a professional development initiative we are participating in. Tomorrow we have 65 children performing at Shirley Intermediate in the local music festival. A huge thank you to *Belinda Walsh* for all of the time she has put into organising this festival and preparing our tamariki so they can perform. Next week we welcome all whanau to school on Tuesday evening as we once again celebrate Matariki. Schools are very exciting and busy places; no two weeks are ever the same therefore we never have the chance to get complacent or bored!

Learning Conversations and Reports

Each year we plan two formal occasions for parents to come to school to meet with teachers to discuss their children's learning. The first of these sessions was in term 1 and the next opportunity occurs in week two of next term. **School will close at 12:30 on Tuesday 30 July and Thursday August 1.**

Parents will get information home today about how they can book a meeting with class teachers. We expect students to attend these meetings as well as parents so they can talk about their learning.

Reports are due to come home next Wednesday. There may be points raised in the reports that you would like to discuss with the teacher; the learning conversations are a great opportunity to do this.

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. Shortly we will be sending details out for how parents can create an account within this shop. Our Kindo shop will allow parents to:

- Book and pay for all PTA events and goods
 - Discos
 - Calendars
 - Pizza orders
 - EZ lunch on line
 - Entertainment books
 - Flipout
- See and pay for all school events
 - Class trips away
 - Swimming
 - Camp
- Accept and pay for extra-curricular activities
 - Cowles stadium basketball
 - Friday sports

Parents will be able set up regular automatic payments into their Kindo account instead of making automatic payments into our school account or they can make one off payments

to cover specific items. Our office ladies will be available to help you set up these processes if you are unsure.

Parents will be able to allocate where the funds are to be used, e.g. \$20 could be split and used as a part payment on a number of things or assigned to go against one expense. When parents log into their Kindo account they will see an accurate and updated account of what is owing for school events. Accounts are updated on the hour every hour so there should be no need to wonder if you paid for a disco ticket or how much is still owing for swimming etc. You will be able to log into your account to see.

Over the last week Rebecca has been checking on some email addresses as we need to make sure we have up to date email addresses in our system for parents to be able to set up Kindo accounts

Absences

We still have a lot of illness with students and with staff. This is causing a huge workload in the office as we endeavour to contact parents if children are not at school and if we have not heard why they are absent. Some days Rebecca and Belinda can spend two hours contacting families to see why children are not at school - over a week this adds up to more than a working day.

Please help us out by contacting us to let us know why your child is absent from school. You can do this in a number of ways:

Email: office@banksave.school.nz **Phone:** 03 385 4163
Flexibuzz: www.flexibuzz.com **Text:** 027 422 8032

From Team Miro.....

Antarctic Centre visit

As part of our Term 2 science inquiry on 'Light and Dark', Team Miro children travelled to the International Antarctic Centre last week to participate in the educational programmes there. The children learnt about light, seasons, wildlife and other natural phenomena that occurs in Antarctica. They experienced an Antarctic Snow Storm, took part in a husky encounter and learnt about the path of the earth in relation to other planets and the moon.



Rawhiti Weekly Sport

55 children in Team Miro are participating weekly in Rawhiti Sports at Rahiti Domain. This gives our children the opportunity to play regular competitive sport, develop skills and build relationships with other children in the East Zone Schools. Sports children are participating in are Football, Hockey, Netball, Rippa Rugby, Bowls, Kaiorahi, Table Tennis and Circus Skills. This opportunity fits with our wellbeing focus for our senior school children.



Sports

This term we have had a large number of senior students opt into playing Friday sports against other schools on our side of town. We are really pleased and proud of how these students have been representing Banks Avenue School. *Thanks Scott for all the work you have put into organising this.* We also have a number of teams play basketball at Cowles Stadium each Thursday. Once again these students represent Banks Avenue with pride.

Thanks Abby for all of your effort with basketball.

Gymnastics Competition

On Wednesday the 12th of June, the Canterbury Artistic Gymnastics Competition was held at the Christchurch School of Gymnastics. Three students from Banks Avenue School competed: Verity H, Aria H and Nation R. Verity came in 6th Place overall in Silver Grade. Aria came 3rd Equal Place overall in Step 3 Grade. Nation came 3rd Place overall in Step 2 Grade. Well done girls, an awesome effort! A big thank you to Verity and Aria's mum Kerrie who took all the girls along and supervised and supported them on the day."



A new blue scooter has gone missing from the school bike/scooter shed about 4 weeks ago and an older blue scooter was left in its place, parents can you please check your child has his/hers correct scooter.

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 Formosa - Archibold - Learning Assistant



Hi I am Tracey and I have been a parent at BAS for the last 2 and a half years and I began working her this year. I am a busy Mum to two children and a part-time step-mum to 3 gorgeous children. As my oldest has a range of special needs, much of my parenting life has been spent researching and advocating for his needs. I have a passion for child psychology and my long term goal is to work in a role supporting families with children with special needs. Our favourite family activity is biking around the red zone in the weekends and exploring our local community. I am a learning assistant in the junior school at BAS. I am also on the PTA and currently run the uniform shop. I love working with the juniors as they are always full of fun and laughter, I love coming to work. In education we need some improvements. I am in awe of the level of work and commitment given by our teachers; I would love to see them appreciated and valued for their worth.

BOT Profile - Michael Stewart

Bonjour, je m'appelle Michael Stewart.



I am married to Marilyn and we have 3 lovely girls that are aged 11, 8 and 3. Our eldest was at Banks Ave but has moved on to Chisnallwood. Our 8 year old is in Roto and our youngest will be attending Banks Ave school, hopefully (time frames allowing) at the new site in a little over 2 years time. I was born here in Otautahi, but raised in Montreal, Canada. I have worked as a FireFighter for a little over 20 years. I started my firefighting career in the NZ Army at Burnham Camp then moved on to The New Zealand Fire Service which has now changed its name to Fire And Emergency New Zealand, which better tells the story of what we actually do as an organization. I love spending time with family doing anything we can to have a laugh.

I am a Board Member at Banks Ave and I am on the Health and Safety Committee and the Disciplinary Committee.

As a board member I enjoy being a part of the workings behind the scenes that keeps the school ticking like clockwork. I enjoy the interactions with other board members and seeing that we all have the same goal, to run the school the best way we can for the benefit of our children and their future children. None of this would work without the fabulous team we have at Banks Ave and in my opinion, we have the best teachers and staff around which is why this is such an amazing school.

In my opinion, the only improvement I see benefitting the education system is to depoliticize the education system. Too many politicians have ideas stemming from a monetary agenda where ideas and policy are written to benefit the system, not the children. Who better to ask than the teachers and principals what they need to guide our Tamariki to be the best they can be.

If you see me about, and want to have a chat about the school or anything else don't be shy.

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: **Michael O, Lucas S**

Excellence: **Jordae L, Mina B, (Roto) Willow N**

Aroha: **Harlow W, Mina B**

Respect:

Togetherness:

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

Hauora: **Ryder L**

Excellence: **Kayla E, Natalia K, Tane**

Aroha:

Respect: **(Kuaka) Charlie S**

Togetherness:



Black Wristbands

Congratulations to these three boys from Tui who have all earned their black wristbands - this is an amazing effort. Well done boys. *Orlando, Aiden and Makaii* Congratulations to these children who have earned two wristbands of the same colour - they get to have lunch with Mrs Burnside next 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



Lunch with Mrs Burnside Postponed until next week.

This Thursday I had planned to have a pizza lunch with the children who have earned double wristbands this term however we have a number of children at the Shirley Music Festival that day so we will now do our pizza lunch **next Thursday, 4 July.**

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>

Open Evening at Chisnallwood



3 July 2019 6.00 – 8.00p.m - Come along and find out how we challenge the margins of time and explore what's beyond. Open Night is a chance to meet with staff and students and we invite you to come and find out about

the vast array of opportunities on offer. Chisnallwood is part of Kahui Ako with strong relationships to Shirley Boys and Avonside Girls High schools.

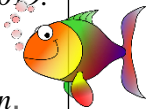
Lunch on Line

From term 3 this year we will no longer be using Lunch on line for Lunch Orders, instead you can order lunch through our new school Kindo Online Shop (more information coming soon). Easy lunch orders will be available Thursdays, commencing Thursday 25th July. From term 3 you will be able to order Sushi and Subway on a Thursday (same great menus), as well as making all school payments (even filling in permission slips) through our Kindo School Shop. Just one login for every school payment including lunch orders and disco tickets. Simple and easy! You can order (or cancel) any time before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school in time for lunch.

Lunch on line Account Balances - If you still have money sitting in your lunch on line account try to use it up before the end of this term. If you have a credit balance at the end of this term you simply need to log into Lunch on line as you would to order lunch, click on the person icon in the top right hand corner of the page, click my account, then scroll to the bottom of the page and then click close account. Please note that Lunch Online do charge a \$5 administration fee in order to close accounts that's why it is important to use up as much of your balance as possible before July 6. Ezlunch have kindly offered to add \$5 funds to your new Kindo account balance so you're not affected by the Lunch online policy.

Once you set-up your account on mykindo.co.nz (details will be coming soon on how to do this) then send proof (like a screenshot) of the money forfeited to Lunch on line (with your ezlunch/mykindo account email address) to hello@mykindo.co.nz . They'll get it sorted out for you.

*Dalton Swim Club - July Holiday program
15th- 19th July (Mornings)and term 3, 2019.
Contact us on: 03 3887216
daltons2013@slingshot.co.nz
44 Bowhill Road, North New Brighton.*



Please remember to send back any clothing your child may of brought home from the sick bay during the term.

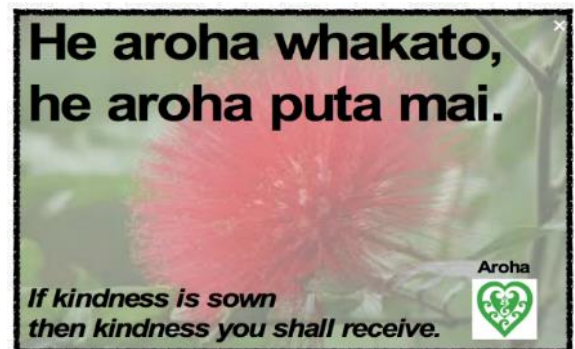
Flip Out

Thank you to Andrew and his team at FlipOut for another fun filled night. It was great seeing all the students (and some parents!) bouncing around with their friends. Total raised will be reported next newsletter. And a BIG thank you to our lovely PTA team for organising this night



My School Rules

The Palms Shopping Centre is planning to run this competition again in August 2019. We are looking to seek your support and involvement to make this a success again. In 2017 we won \$3000! The key elements and tactics of this campaign involve encouraging our families to collect as many points as possible over a three week period for the chance to win a major prize for BAS. If you are thinking of buying a major item from The Palms think about holding off till August.. Every dollar spent at The Palms in August will equal one point or one step on the leaderboard. 1 st Prize: \$3,000, 2 nd Prize: \$2,000 3 rd Prize: \$1,000 4 th Prize: \$500 5 th Prize: \$500 \$3000 would help us fund new playground equipment ☺



Whakatauki

From the PTA....

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

Uniform Shop



Open this Friday 28th June
2.45pm-3.15pm. Size 5
Sweatshirts - buy one and get one FREE)
Winter Jackets \$5.00

PTA MEETING MONDAY

1st JULY 7pm

in staffroom - All welcome

Help Needed ☺ Help Needed ☺ Help Needed

Lunch online would love more helpers.

It is 30 min on a set Thursday ex first Thursday of the month 12.45pm-1.15pm. 4 more helpers would mean that we only need to do one shift every second month. At this moment we are 3 ladies that share the shift and we have volunteered our time for over a year. It is not hard, it is only 30min and you get to see your kids at school as a special treat. The money from Lunch online goes to the kids' duffy books, sports gear, games, theatre discounts etc. so get behind it please. Text Randi if you would like to help 021 242 1000 or e-mail: ratkinson@hotmail.co.nz

SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

2-HOUR BAKING COURSE FOR KIDS!

Book now as spaces are limited!

FRIDAY 12TH OR FRIDAY 19TH JULY
ONLY \$22 PER CHILD

Not only will the kids learn how to bake a tart with Chef Steph, they might also learn a few French words along the way!
For more information email lafrenchtarte@gmail.com

@lafrenchtarte
 La French Tarte

Banks Avenue School Matariki Whanau Celebration

Tuesday 2 July
5:30 - 6:30pm
In your child's classroom



We invite all whānau to bring their dinner to school on the 2 July to help celebrate Matariki 2019.

Come along to chat with other whānau and to see what your child has been learning this term.

New School Update

We have two meetings booked in before the end of the term in relation to our new school. The first of these sessions will deal with things related to our information technology infrastructure like alarm systems and the second meeting is to discuss our outdoor spaces and landscaping.

Last week we met with a traffic engineer to discuss our need for a drive through *pick up drop off* area like at the airport. We know all of the hazards and limitations we currently face in relation to peak time pickups and drop offs so we want to make sure these issues are considered and mitigated at this stage of our design. We continue to work with Ngai Tahu in relation to how our new school can reflect the cultural narrative and history of our local area. These are exciting partnerships and we look forward to sharing some ideas shortly. By the end of this term we will have finished the current design phase and we should be ready to present back to our community some of the things we have been working on early next term. We will then move into a detailed design phase which will look more at fixtures, fittings and colours.

The Ministry are currently getting ready to demolish the old Shirley Boys and to prepare the site for building on. This will involve bringing in a considerable amount of soil to lift the level of the site by over half a meter. Our Board continue to work with the Ministry of Education so they can take over the management of the existing gymnasium and hockey turf; these are two key assets we get to keep.

I realise that for many parents and families the idea of the new school seems like an illusion; something that has been promised and alluded to for a very long time but still nothing really to show. I assure you we have been working behind the scenes to make sure that we build a 21 century learning environment that we as teachers and you as whanau can be proud of.



Free Te Reo Maori Course for Parents

If you are interested, there is a **free** te reo Māori entry level course to be held at the new Shirley Boy's High School from 6-8pm on the following Thursdays..

27th June, 4th July, 25th July, 1st August, 8th August. If you are interested please come to see Helen Stowers in Room 17/18 or send her an email hstowers@banksave.school.nz



*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*

*Kids Club Hip Hop Classes, Wednesdays from 5.45pm – 6.45pm - Cost is \$5 per child
60 Shirley Road, for more details contact Trudie on 021 237 8297*

***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 and
enter the school code: qb76b***

