



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

01 July 2015

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

Number 19

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

Wednesday 1 July	Reports go home
Friday 3 July	Last day Term 2 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Sunday 5 July	PTA Family Portraits
11-12 July	PTA Hip Hop Fun Classes
Monday 20 July	Term 3 begins
Friday 21 August	Teacher Only Day – school will be closed for instruction
Thursday 27 August	PTA Quiz Night

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 go to our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html>
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 to ensure the safety of all our children.

Dear Parents and Whānau

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

This is our final newsletter for term two. I hope all children and families have a relaxing and safe break and come back refreshed and ready for another term of engaging and purposeful learning opportunities.

We would like to say a big thanks to all of our great staff at Banks Avenue School for all of your efforts. We have a great team of teachers and support staff who always go the extra mile for our students.

Learning Conversations – Term 3, Week 2

Details on how to book in for a *learning conversation* have now come

home. Any parent who fails to request a set time will be allocated a time by our administration

staff so in order to not be disadvantaged please ensure you select the best time suitable for you by the set date.



Learning conversations are a great opportunity to discuss your child's mid-year report and to have

your child share their successes and next steps with the teacher present. Children will be dismissed at 12:30pm on the two days we have our learning conversations.

Online and office bookings open today (1 July 2015).

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - enter our **school code - Z243Z** Follow the three simple steps to choose your booking time/s. You will then receive your booking confirmation back via email or alternatively complete the return slip and we will book a time for you and send confirmation home to you with your child/ren.

Bookings close on Friday 24 July 2015.

Choir

Our choir performed beautifully at last week's Shirley Music Festival. Miss Mora filmed the performance so you can view it on our website under latest news. Click on the following link: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news.html>

Assembly and Parent Meeting

This Thursday we have a full school assembly at 1:40pm. Parents are always invited to our school assemblies. Following our school assembly Constable Swaney will be taking a parent meeting in our school library in relation to next terms health unit *keeping ourselves safe*. If you just wish to attend the parent meeting it begins at 2:30pm.

Shortened Lunch Hour – school staying open to 3pm

Many thanks to all of the parents who offered feedback on the proposal to shorten our lunch hour and finish school at 2:45pm.

In response to all of the feedback we have altered our original proposal. School will **not now be finishing at 2:45pm** but will continue to finish at 3:00pm. We are shortening the lunch hour by 15 minutes. We will give children a break from 2:00 - 2:15pm. This will give children the opportunity to drink their daily milk, have a quick run around and go the toilet. We are trialing this for our winter term.

Next year we intend to review our break times within the framework of 9:00am -3:00pm. One option we will consider will be three half hour breaks.

Staffing Term 3

Room 9: In Term 3 we welcome back Miss Denny as classroom teacher and team leader.

Room 5: We start our fourth new entrant class for 2015 in Room 5. We're lucky to have Mrs Ford teaching in Room 5.

Banks Avenue School Values

Well done to Sienna and Charlotte from Dudley for showing responsibility for our school by keeping our grounds tidy. It is great to see two young ladies showing initiative.



Kapa haka Update

The extra kapa haka poi practice which was scheduled for the Sunday 12 July has been postponed to a later date, yet to be advised. More information regarding this will be out in the new term.



Cultural Festival

The Cultural Festival is coming up in Term 3 from 31 August to 4 September. There will be a newsletter for our kapa haka group coming home this week regarding the Cultural Festival.

Learning Experience Fee Team Miro Families

Reminder: these must be paid by the end of this term. Unpaid fees will mean your children cannot attend future events/activities until this is done. First activity is on day 2 of next term!

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER



Otis from Room 27 has a sharp intellect and he shows leadership with his opinions and acts as an advocate for change. He initiated the idea of wrist bands for our milk monitors and wrote to Fonterra. They are now rolling out this initiative to all schools nationwide.

Well done Otis! 😊

New Website

Have you had a look at our new website yet?

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/>

It is amazing.....lots of good information and great articles and photos of what exciting things your children are doing at school.

It is great to see you using our website to notify us of your child's absence from school.



<http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html>

House Keeping / Reminders

Lunch On-line

Remember lunch on-line every Thursday.

Orders must be in by 8:30am. Go to:

<http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to place your order.



Once a week, on a Thursday at 2:30pm, we have a coffee van in the junior school area for any parents who would like to come early, buy a coffee and sit around for a chat with other parents.

PTA News and Events

Talofa lava!

Last week I wrote about what a PTA is and the function it serves. I hope those of you who read it gained a clearer understanding of why we have a PTA and the benefits that come from being involved. This week is a quick spiel about what happens during a typical Banks Avenue School PTA meeting. The Banks Avenue School PTA holds its meetings on the 1st Monday of the month with the exception of the school holidays. The meetings are held in the staff room at 7:00pm and usually go for an hour. Attendees of the meeting usually consist of parents, 1 - 2 teachers, a member of the Board of Trustees as well as our principal Toni. We then use this time to discuss the PTA finances and other matters of interest. This is also an opportunity for teachers to inform us of all the wonderful things the children and the teachers have been up to. All this takes place in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Our meeting on Monday night was fantastic with one of the biggest turnouts we've had in a long time. It was awesome to see some new faces come along. This is a sight I would love to regularly see so this is a quick reminder of the questionnaire that will be sent home during Week 1 of Term 3. The questionnaire is aimed to identify the barriers that may exist for parents in regards to joining the PTA. Questionnaires that are returned will go into the draw to win a double movie pass to Readings Cinema, The Palms.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that I am running another **holiday hip-hop dance workshop** on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July from 10:00am to 11:00am on both days in The Rae McDonald Library Information Centre at school. This is a great opportunity for kids to get active and have some fun.



The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 for both days with all money raised going directly to the school to help purchase items that the children will benefit from.

If you have any queries regarding the PTA or would like to register your child for the hip hop holiday workshop you can contact me on 022 681 5545 or j.dellabarca@hotmail.com

Cheers
Jen Dellabarca
PTA Chairperson

Next PTA meeting:

*Monday 3 August at 7:00pm
in the staffroom
All welcome*



PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Get your mates together for a fantastic night of competition, fun, fab prizes and a super raffle.

Date: Thursday 27 August
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: The One Good Horse, Parklands.
Cost: \$40 for a team of 4.

Tables are limited so be in quick!

If you, or anyone you know, can donate for the prizes and raffle please contact me.

Contact – Wendy Preston 021 117 7336 and wendypreston@clear.net.nz

This week's questions...

Which author created the Secret Seven?

What is the chemical symbol for gold?

What is the unit of currency in India?

What mineral is spinach high in?

In which city is the Louvre Museum located?

Answers to last week. A Crash, Mercury, Alec Guinness and Ewan McGregor, Stephen Hawking, 7

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:



Tuesday 7 July to Friday 10 July 2015 (excluding weekends) and

Monday, 13 July to Friday, 17 July 2015 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Wednesday 29 July at 6:30pm


*Please note the change of date
in the Sky Rooms*

All welcome




Remember, school will close at 3:00pm on Friday 3 July for the Term 2 holidays. The office will re-open for enrolments and enquiries on Friday 17 July from 8:30 – 3:30pm.





\$10 FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

40 FAMILIES = \$1000 GUARANTEED TO OUR ORGANISATION



Affordable Family Portraits

Banks Avenue School

have Jack 'n' Jill Portraits coming to take family portraits


When: Sunday 5th July

Shoot Venue: Banks Avenue School, Banks Avenue

Contact: Katrina on 021 899 141


Pay ONLY \$10 and receive a 10x13 professional portrait

The full \$10 is retained by our organisation
EVERYONE WELCOME. We will take as many photos as possible during your allocated time slot. One \$10 portrait per family.




Your \$10 Entitles you to:


- A free portrait sitting
- A 10x13 Portrait or a \$10 credit towards a purchase



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Safe and happy holidays everyone

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Text **follow banksaveschool** to **8987** To get all those important updates!

"Surround yourself with people who make you feel good about yourself!"