



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

29 April 2015

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

Number 11

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Friday 1 May

Monday 4 May

5 – 8 May

7 – 8 May

Tuesday 12 May

Friday 29 May

Friday 12 June

Mufti Day – Super Heros and Grownups

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

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

What a spectacular autumnal weekend we had with those two lovely warm days and then that turn in the weather with the wind and the rain just to remind us that *Mother Nature* is indeed in charge even if it is a long weekend.

ANZAC Day: We have heard that many families attended ANZAC services on Saturday and that it was a real family occasion in many circumstances. On Friday we had our own commemoration to mark the 100 years since the landing on the shores of Gallipoli in 1915.

We were able to have a moving ceremony within our school grounds that suited the age of our students several of whom were wearing medals on behalf of their families. We also had great support from our community and it was great to see that many of you took the time to buy a poppy from the office and to join us for our ceremony. *Thank you for doing this.*

Music is an evocative medium and we were fortunate enough to have a piper, Peter Aitken, play a lament for us. I don't know about you but the Last Post provokes an emotional response from me each time I hear it and Friday was no different. This particular ANZAC day commemoration was a particularly poignant time for many as we took the

time to remember the lives that were lost and as we consider the ongoing effects that war has on individuals, families, communities and us a Nation. Ongoing discussions about who we think we are as a country and as New Zealanders are important to have so it has been interesting to hear that some of our students have been having these types of discussions at home. We have been having some of these discussions with your children here at school too.

We thank Helen Stowers, Steve Davison and the student leaders who organised this important event for us and we acknowledge the RSA who produced such a wonderful resource for schools to use.



A warm welcome to the following children and their families to our school community



Kacey Pedersen
Rm 8



Lucas Burke
Rm 8

ANZAC Day



Guess what? I went to the Dawn Parade. When I got there at first I picked up some acorns and flowers. Then I sat down but when I sat down I heard some marching feet and horses. After that I heard a song but I didn't know that song or the other song either so I just listened. Finally we went home. When we got home I went to Pops and we had an ANZAC breakfast.

By Ruby Woods, Room 16



On ANZAC day I went to the Dawn Parade. There were brown horses and a man played the bugle. The horses started to move. Their feet started to go clip clop.

By Bella Lyons Room 16

School Accounts – family accounts are coming home with the eldest child today. Keep a lookout for them. The items on the account are all for goods and services that the child/children will have received or will be receiving. Please pay promptly. If you are unable to pay straight away, please make contact with Colleen at the office to discuss payment options.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Tuesday 26 May at 6:15pm

In the Sky Room

All welcome



A complex task of today is to find ways to live a simple life."

House Keeping / Reminders

Remember lunch on-line every Thursday.

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

<http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>



Are you getting our tweets?

Text

follow banksaveschool

to

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To get all those important updates!

Newsletters – our newsletter can also be viewed from our website. Click on the following link.

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

Trips and Activity Information

Information on trips and activities that are coming up can also be viewed from our website. Click on the following link.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news-events/trips-and-activities/>

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

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



Mufti Day Friday 1 May Gold Coin Donation

Theme: Super Heros & Grownups

The funds raised on this day had been intended to pay for our student leaders to attend a student leadership day later this month. However, all funds raised will now go to Nepal to support the people there after their big earthquake.

There is a container at the office if anyone from our community would like to make a monetary contribution.