



# Banks Avenue School



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

## NEWSLETTER

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

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5 – 8 May	Year 5 – 6 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp
7 – 8 May	Year 4 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp
Tuesday 12 May	Cross Country – postponement day 14/5
<b>Friday 29 May</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – School is closed for instruction</b>
Friday 12 June	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](http://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 and especially to Jaydah Foster (Room 8) and her family who joined our school community this week.



As you read this I am in Hanmer accompanying our Year 5 and 6 students for part of their four day *Education Outside the Class* experience. This camp has taken a huge amount of preparation as the logistics of getting almost two hundred children to camp is huge. Our chocolate fundraising has enabled a cost reduction for many families. I hope we get good weather in Hanmer as we would love our children to get the opportunity to participate in all the awesome outdoor events that are planned.

A huge thank you to Jan Thompson who has put many hours into the organisation. Also a sincere thanks to all of the parents who are providing transport and /or staying on as camp helpers.

Our Year four students will get the chance to enjoy camp for one night when they leave Thursday morning.

All the children will be returning to school on Friday afternoon between 2:30 – 3:00pm.

**Thank you to all of the families that supported our mufti day on Friday. We raised \$537.00! This money will be donated to NEPAL (via the Red Cross).**

### PTA NEWS

Our PTA are struggling to find parent support. We have almost 300 hundred families yet only six parents turn up regularly i.e., once a month, to a PTA meeting. Our PTA work hard to raise the money to provide extra learning opportunities for all of our children. They also organise fun events for our children. It will be really sad to see the PTA disband because of a lack of parental support and commitment.

If you can spare one Monday evening a month and would like to contribute to the culture of our school by being on the PTA then ring Jen Dellabarca on 383 3448 or 022 681 5545.

All parent help is much appreciated!



**Entertainment Books** – these are available to families again this year at \$65.00 each with \$13.00 from each book sold coming directly back to our school. Information went home to families earlier in the week. There is something for everyone in these books!

**Hip Hop Workshop** – this was a great success. A big thank you to Jen Dellabarca who ran the two day workshop during the Term 1 holidays. She will be running another workshop in the July holiday. More information will be provided closer to the time.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop** will be open on Friday 8 May 8:30 – 9:00am and 2:45 – 3:15pm.

We need lots more second hand clothing especially track pants. We don't mind if there are holes in the knees because we can patch them.

Enquiries outside of these times can be made to Katrina (PTA) on 021 899 141

Next PTA meeting:

*Monday 8 June at 7:00pm  
in the staffroom  
All welcome*



## **TEACHER ONLY DAY Friday 29 May**

**Teachers will be involved in professional development with approximately 300 other teachers from schools in our local area.  
School will be closed for instruction**

**Congratulations** to Blake Holt in Room 21 who won two silver medals at the Canterbury Judo Championships held in Lincoln recently. Blake has been training for the last two years with the Christchurch Judo School in Stanmore Road. Well done Blake!



A big high 5 to Douglas Bongartz in Room 15. In his first game for the season young Douglas, in Year 2, playing left wing for his Year 4 Avon Mini Movers Hockey Team scored all 6 goals in a 6-3 win over Cathedral Grammar last Saturday.

## **CHAOS at the school gate**

From Monday 25 May to Friday 5 June 2015, the Christchurch City Council will be conducting an educational and enforcement programme at Banks Avenue School. This programme is supported by the Police and we will be at the school gates from 8:20 – 9:15am and from 2:20 – 3:15pm.

The purpose of our visit is to ensure the safety of children, parents and staff and other road users by promoting safe parking and driving behavior at the school gates and close area.

We will be in full uniform and visible at all times around the school entrance and understand that it is

important to show empathy and discretion while at the school.

If any parking offences are spotted, the council parking enforcement officers will record the car registration and take photos of the offending car. An infringement notice will be posted to the car owner. These offences may include parking on yellow lines, blocking a vehicle entrance or exceeding the posted parking time limit.

Follow these tips to help create a safe environment around the school:

1. Plan your drop off and pick up times.
2. Choose a safe parking area to drop off and pick up.
3. Look out for all parking restrictions near the school.
4. Be aware of other road users, such as buses, cyclists and pedestrians crossing the road.
5. Keep to the speed limits and slow down when approaching the pedestrian crossing.



Thank you for your support.

**“Safety is as simple as  
ABC....Always Be Careful”**

## House Keeping / Reminders

**Lost Property** – There is so much clothing in both the junior and the senior lost property. Come down and check for anything your child(ren) may have lost or misplaced. All named clothing we can get straight back to the child's class but all the unnamed clothing is left in 'lost property'. Junior lost property in the foyer at the end of Room 15 and the senior lost property is in the Room 23 cloak bay.

### **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.



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Next meeting

*Tuesday 26 May at 6:15pm  
In the Sky Room  
All welcome*



**“We can be as happy as we make up our minds to be”**