



Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau



NEWSLETTER

11 April 2018

Hi, kia ora, Namaste, Kon-nichiwa, An-nyong, Ha-se-yo

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Thursday 12 April	Last Day Term 1 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Friday 13 April	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 25 April	ANZAC Day – in school holidays
Monday 30 April	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 2 May	Red Riding Robyn Hood Playhouse Theatre
Friday 11 May	Junior Module Mums Reading Session – 11.40 – 12.10pm

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 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 9:00 am 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

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

As last week was a short week we didn't have a newsletter which means I didn't get the chance to share about the fun we had looking for 'golden tickets' just before Easter. I hid thirty yellow slips of paper around the school in all sorts of places; some were under grates, some tucked into bark, some pinned to walls, others were in the playgrounds or close to classrooms. I let the juniors know that there were a number of these tickets hidden with EASTER EGG written in bold all over them and a note to hand them into the office to exchange them for a real Easter egg. I didn't let the seniors know explicitly as I hoped they might find a golden ticket and actually read the message. Come *play time* there was a flurry of activity in the playground as two hundred plus children went on a huge Easter egg hunt. Safe to say all thirty golden tickets were found.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that school is closed for instruction on Friday 13 April. The last day of school this term is Thursday. School resumes in term two on Monday 30 April.

URGENT Shirley Boys' High and Avonside Girls' High Zone

At the moment AGHS and SBHS are consulting over their new proposed zones. There is a lot of disappointment in our community as the new zone now excludes many of our families that are currently in the zone. It is vital that as many people as possible respond to the survey below so our concerns are heard. This is the link to the survey <https://goo.gl/j4UxGv> Submissions close at 5pm 26 April - we must shout loud and clear before it's too late.

This is a link to the Facebook page that gives all the information:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543729305921005/permalink/1864607783833154/?comment_id=

A personal opinion of mine is that SBHS and AGHS are special character schools as they are single sex schools. As the only single sex schools on the East of Christchurch they need to be accessible to all families on the East - not just households that are proximal to the schools.

Duffy Books

Yesterday we had our first Duffy assembly of the year. All children got presented with two Duffy books. It is fabulous being a Duffy school!

Lunch with Mrs Burnside

If children earn two or more wristbands the same, e.g., two Respect wristbands then they get to have lunch with the Principal. All of the children below had a *Pizza Lunch* with me today. Well done!

Dudley: Shania, Rylee, Callum, Bella, Tyler, Douglas and Ruby,
 Roto: Keevian, Verity, Will, Charlotte B, Lucas, Madison B, Eva J, Aidan C, Leo, Ariana, Aaliyah Harmony, Solomon and Ruby,

Winning House

During the term we track all the HEART tokens that each house has earned and the winning house gets a small treat. This term Red house, Mahuika, were our winning house. All children in Mahuika got a small easteregg.

House	Red Mahuika	Blue Tangaroa	Green Papatuanuku	Yellow Tawhirimatea
HEART Tokens	2391	2380	2181	2112
Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Netball

Netball season is upon us. This year we have two teams entered in Saturday sport at Hagley Park. We have a Year 6 team playing in the Under 11 competition and a Year 3-4 team playing in the Future Ferns Programme.

The parents who have helped get these going are: Marilyn Stewart and Rachel Campbell, who are managing and coaching the Year 3-4 team. Shelley Tweedie is also the First Aider for this team. Marilyn Stewart and Merodie Wright are also managing and helping Ms Thompson out with the Year 6 team.

A huge thanks to these parents and to Jan for overseeing the programme. Good luck girls!

Cross Country

Due to the weather we postponed our school cross country on Monday. We will reschedule both our junior and our senior cross country for early in Term Two.

Celebrating our Successes

We love hearing about children's successes out of school. If your child has done something we could all celebrate then please share with Colleen in the office clucas@banksave.school.nz



Lucy and Ruthie proud after completing the McDonalds Junior Duathlon



Mykayla showing off her achievements - Ninja of the Term for karate

School Design - our next steps

Opus have been appointed as our school master planners. As a school we created a design brief two years ago after we visited a number of schools in Melbourne. If you would like a copy of our original design brief email Colleen in the office - she will share it with you. This design brief forms the basis of the master planning stage; during master planning we will look at key elements that we would like considered in our new build e.g.,

- A safe drive in drop off zone, off of the main road.
- A hall with a kitchen which could also be used by the community.
- Teaching pods which will allow teachers to work in teams of two; we are not keen on large open spaces for hundreds of children and several teachers.
- School designed so a sense of community is formed - not one long building.
- Break out spaces which can be easily accessed and used by agencies and community support people.

- Adequate before school and after school care on site.
- A whānau area where parents will feel welcome and will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with other parents

These are just a few of the things we would like considered. As parents it is vital for you to have an input as well, therefore we are inviting interested parents to our first consultation meeting on Thursday 2 May to consider the above ideas and also to add other ideas to the mix.

Visioning - Master Planning Meeting

Thursday 2 May
School Library 6-9
RSVP to Toni by Monday 30 April
tburnside@banksave.school.nz

There are limited spaces for this initial session so please RSVP to lock in a spot.

Once the designers have heard our thoughts they will endeavour to sift through the information we have shared with them and they will develop the initial master plan - this is basically blobs on a map representing key elements of the design.

These are then shared with the community and the next level of the design stage begins where ideas are fine-tuned and concept plans are developed. There will be a larger community meeting at that stage; all parents will be invited to this session.

PTA

Our PTA are a small group of dedicated parents who work tirelessly behind the scenes for the benefit of all children. One of the things they organise twice a year are school discos; our children love these!

In the past we have been fortunate to have an ex parent act as DJ, providing his services for free. He has now resigned so we **are desperately in need of a DJ.**

If you know someone (or if you would like to do it yourself) who would be willing to donate two evenings a year to us to act as our school DJ then please contact Rachel Campbell – 0211183214. Our first disco is Friday 18 May so we would like to organise someone as soon as possible.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Kia ora,
I'd like to introduce Tahu Stanley, the newly appointed Kaitoko Mātauranga for Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Tahu is of Ngāi Tūāhuriri descent, and has grown up close to his marae in Tuahiwi. He would love the opportunity to meet with whānau from Banks Avenue School who identify as Ngāi Tahu to let them know about his role and services, and to also let them know about the amazing opportunities Ngāi Tahu have for them. To see Tahu's flyer go to

[file:///Users/hstowers/Downloads/Tahu%20Stanley%20-%20Kaitoko%20Profile%20\(1\).pdf](file:///Users/hstowers/Downloads/Tahu%20Stanley%20-%20Kaitoko%20Profile%20(1).pdf)

You can contact Tahu at Tahu.Stanley@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

Thanks
Helen Stowers
Cultural Committee

STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM

Hi from the Student Wellbeing Team. We will be telling you about the **Health Promoting Schools Forum** which we went to. It is all about looking at the presentations from all the other schools and learning from them. We were really engaged in the presentations and especially the Sun Smart presentation by the Cancer Society. One of the schools showed us how sleep is very important for your brain to work and to help your physical activity. We learnt about healthy eating and we played games where we had to show togetherness.

Our presentation was about our community and what is a community. We had photos and a video of how we work with the community at Banks Avenue School.

We are looking forward to the next forum and learning more.

By Hayley Atkinson, Caitlin McTurk and Ruthie Brown.

HELL PIZZA READING CHALLENGE

We will be participating in the Hell Pizza Reading Challenge which is held in conjunction with the 2018 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Flyer coming home today.



JUNIOR MODULE MUMS READING SESSION

(and aunts and grandmas)

Where: In your child/children's classrooms

Date: Friday 11 May

Time: 11:40 -12:10 p.m.

We would like to invite mums, aunts, grandmas and/or caregivers to come to school to take part in some fabulous reading activities with us.

If you can come you will be involved in reading to or with two children.

Please feel free to stay and have lunch with your child if you wish. If you are staying for lunch please sit with them whilst they are eating.



We hope you can come and take part in some lovely reading with us. You may even get to read with Banksy Bear,

CRUMPETS

A big thank you to the Boot family for giving us several boxes of crumpets. We have sent home a packet with a number of children today. Enjoy!!!

PTA NEWS

Disco – We will be having our first disco of the year on Friday 18 May...book it into your diaries now! Tickets will be coming home in Week 2 next term so keep an eye out for them. As usual, we will have a range of treats and drinks for sale, as well as some fun flashing lights for the kids. Start saving those coins. We will be putting a call out for volunteers for the evening early next term.

Lunch Online – The Lunch Online menu is changing from next term. Children will be able to choose from Subway and Sushi (Sydenham Bakery has stopped being a provider unfortunately). If you haven't used this service before, it's easy. Included with the newsletter is a flyer so follow the directions there. A great little treat for kids (and healthy). Thanks...stay dry

0800 WHAT'S UP

0800What'sUp (0800 942 87 87) is a confidential free nationwide telephone and online help line for New Zealand children between the ages of 5-18 years old.

What's Up has been there for New Zealand children for over 16 years, and during that time we have talked with thousands of children about what it is that concerns them. We have listened to their stories, their worries, and even their jokes. Children do not have to give us their names, or any other details they choose not to disclose.

The average age of our callers is 13 years old, and young people may ring and talk to us about anything they like. No problem is too large or too small for our trained Counsellors and Supervisors, who come from a variety of backgrounds and experience. All of our counsellors are paid professionals who practice Child Centered Practice and Empowerment. We do not tell our callers/online chatters what to do, but instead provide support, allowing them to explore what is best for them and the possible consequences of their choices.

0800What'sUp is open until 11:00pm every day, including public holidays. Our hours are Monday to Friday 12 noon – 11:00pm, and 3:00pm - 11pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We also offer online chat, which is available from 5-10pm each day.