



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

03 August 2016

Hi, kia ora, Mirëdita, Ahalan, Goede dag, Bonjour,

Number 23

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Thursday 4 August

Monday 8 August
Tuesday 9 August
Tuesday 16 August
Friday 19 August
Wednesday 24 August
Thursday 25 August
Friday 26 August
Friday 2 September
Sunday 4 September
Monday 5 September
Friday 9 September
Monday 12 September
Friday 16 September
Tuesday 20 September
Friday 23 September
Friday 23 September
Monday 10 October

Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm

PTA meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
Winter tournament – postponement day 11 August
BOT meeting 6:00pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Assembly – 2:00pm in Library
Walkathon – 11:00 – 12:30pm
Canterbury Winter Tournament – postponement day 30 August
PTA Bingo night at *One Good Horse*
Junior School Father's Day Reading Session
PTA Community Day
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Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library
School photos
Disco
BOT meeting 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library
Last day Term 3 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Term 4 begins

*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 Tiqbiz app: www.tiqbiz.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.

A big Banks Avenue School welcome to the following children and their families to our Banks Avenue School community



Ethan
Room 5



Paris
Room 5

Learning Conversations

Many thanks to the parents who turned up yesterday for our learning conversations. It makes you very proud of your child when you hear them clearly being able to articulate their learning journey.

During yesterday's session our fire alarm went off which was due to a toastie maker being left on in the staff room. We apologise if it delayed or disrupted your interview.

Our second session for learning conversations is on tomorrow, Thursday. Once again school will be closed for instruction from 12:30pm. If you cannot make your appointment please ring the office on 385 4163 or text a message to 027 422 8032.

Lunch Time Dance Opportunity

Laura Crafts from JETE DANCE is offering a dance programme where she would come once a week during school lunch time and offer half hour lessons to those who are interested at \$3.50 per lesson.



Would your child be interested in this? If so email Laura to express interest. Laura's email is: admin@jetedance.co.nz

Community Update

Many of you would have seen the inaccurate article in Monday's Press in relation to Banks Avenue School being on a two year ERO review cycle.

Yesterday I sent home a community update in response to that article. If you have not received the update you can view it on our school website, on the 'Latest News' page. Click on the link below.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/parent-update-re-news-article.html>

The worst spin off of this article is conversations between children. I had a couple of children in my office today, smiling and laughing. One child asked incredulously, "*Why are we in the bottom seven schools? I love school*". The damage of a report which is all about headlines and sensationalism is far reaching and impacts on innocent impressionable minds. This report totally undervalued and discredited the people, the children and the community - the HEART of our school.

Staff are very thankful for the verbal and written support they have received from parents and community members.

Well Said.

Children are at the HEART of all we do at Banks Avenue School and we are continually striving for excellence.

Weather

We have very bad weather forecast for the next two days. If school was to close due to snow then we would use Newstalk ZB and Classic Hits to announce the closure. We would also post a message on the front page of our website, through Tiqbiz and on Facebook.



We always try to make decisions about school closures as early as possible as we don't want to end up putting children, staff or families at risk of being trapped and unable to get home.

Collaborative Teaching

The majority of our teachers are planning and collaboratively teaching. Below is a link to forty-four benefits of collaborative practice.

<http://www.gdrc.org/kmgmt/c-learn/44.html>

1. Develops higher level thinking skills.
2. Promotes student interaction and familiarity.
3. Increases student retention and builds self-esteem in students.
4. Allows teachers to teach to their strengths and passions.
5. Enhances student satisfaction with the learning experience.

How do people learn?

Learning is fascinating. As teachers we are always looking at research to inform our practice. There is nothing more satisfying than when you see 'the light' go on in a child's face when they finally get a new skill, concept or understanding.

1. People learn what is personally meaningful to them.
2. People learn when they accept challenging but achievable goals.
3. Learning is developmental.
4. Individuals learn differently.
5. People construct new knowledge by building on their current knowledge
6. Much learning occurs through social interaction.
7. People need feedback to learn.
8. Successful learning involves use of strategies--which themselves are learned.
9. A positive emotional climate strengthens learning.
10. Learning is influenced by the total environment.

Stranger Danger

We have had a recent incident this week of an older man approaching a young girl, touching her on the shoulder and telling her she looked very beautiful.

Please have a conversation with your children about *stranger danger* and what to do should they be approached by someone or they see something.

We all need to be extra vigilant. Please report anything you see or hear to The Police and let our school office know.



Banks Ave Tiqbiz App

We can see 96 of you have downloaded our *tiqbiz* app. We want all of you on board!

It's quick, it's easy, only the people who need the messages – get the messages. We can see lots of you using the app for absentees – well done, easy for you, easy for us 😊

It really is amazing and it is FREE for you 😊

I can also see a number of you have received messages but have NOT read them!

We are going to use this app more and more now so make sure to download it. Shirley Intermediate and Chisnalwood are now using it too....one app for all of your local schools 😊

Go to: www.tiqbiz.com - download and follow the very simple instructions.

Just do it... *today!*

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



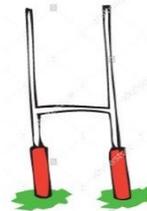
Ella has made significant progress across all areas of the curriculum and is an 'out of the box thinker'. She often brings her new ideas to school in the form of self-designed PIA challenges and has even decided to teach herself another language.



Well done Ella...keep up the great work!

PTA Community Day Sunday 4 September – Fathers' Day

Our PTA have purchased a set of soccer posts and a set of rugby posts. These are going to be *planted* into our field on Sunday 4 September. Families



are invited to come along in the afternoon for a couple of hours of fun and merriment. We are organising some fun activities, e.g., bouncy castle and wobbly bikes, sausages will be for sale and we will have some games set up for children. Keep this date free ...it will be a lot of fun.



Keep an eye on this spot for updates.

Reading Together Workshops



We would like to invite you to take part in our Term 3 Reading Together workshops for parents. We are positive that you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren), as you support their education. We all know how very important reading is for children to succeed.

Research shows that support from home really helps children to become good readers. The Reading Together workshops will show you how best to do this.

The programme consists of four workshops - each for approximately 1 hour long. It is best that you attend all the workshops.

These will be held in our school library on:

Thursday 11 August 1:30pm,
Thursday 18 August 1:30pm,
Thursday 25 August 1:30pm and
Thursday 22 September 1:30pm.

If you would like more information please contact Lynley Watts in Room 7 or Helen Stowers in Room 16.

Walkathon Information

Coming home with children soon.



Winter Tournament Uniforms
Children involved in Rugby, Football
and Hockey will get changed at school
between 8:30 and 9:00am.

**Uniforms are to be picked up from
Room 18.**

PTA News



It's fun, it's exciting, it's time to get your glad rags on and wake up your granny.

Event: PTA Bingo Night
When: 7pm Friday 26 August
Where: The One Good Horse, Parklands
Cost: \$20 per person – includes 6 games of bingo.

**Introducing The PTA Bingo Night
hosted by none other than Ethel
and Bethel Bingo Babes.**



<https://www.facebook.com/Ethelandbethel/>

These 'old biddies' – their words – will be rocking the house with the familiar calls of Cup of Tea and Legs Eleven.

Along with the 6 bingo games there will be an auction of amazing items from Aquagym, My Food Bag, Countdown, Rodney Wayne, Ballantynes, Clip n Climb, Kelly Sport, Fox n Ferret and added this week many, many more.

If you know of any business willing to support us with a donation for the auction please let us know.

Wendy will be in the school office selling tickets on Friday 2:45 - 3:15pm. You can also text Wendy on 021 117 7336 or email to wendypreston@clear.net.nz

Be in quick to secure your place at the best event in town.

Second Hand Uniform Shop will **NOT** be open this Friday

Canterbury DHB message to parents - Make your GP team your first call 24/7

GP teams provide care around clock

This week the Canterbury DHB kicked off a 'care around the clock' campaign to raise awareness of the fact that you can call your usual general practice number 24/7 and when they're closed, a team of nurses is available to answer your call. The nurses provide free health advice, and if you need to be seen urgently by a doctor, they can tell you what to do and where to go.

It's always important that people access the most appropriate health care. In most cases this is provided by general practice teams, even after hours.

- Make your GP team your first call 24/7
- After-hours (when the practice is closed) a team of nurses is available to give free health advice. If you need to be seen urgently, they can tell you what to do and where to go.
- It's easy – phone your usual General Practice number 24/7
- Put your family doctor's phone number in your contacts in your phone – then you'll have it at the ready whenever you need it – any time of day or night.

When a child is unwell it's always good to seek medical attention sooner, rather than later. It's best to phone your own general practice team any time of the day or night. If a child does need to have an appointment, **most practices in Canterbury have free consultations for those under 13.**

More information is available at
www.cdhb.health.nz/carearoundtheclock

Thanks for your support,

David Meates
Chief Executive
Canterbury District Health Board

