



# Banks Avenue School



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

## NEWSLETTER

10 August 2016

Hi, kia ora, Guten Tag, Namaste, Kon-nichiwa,

Number 24

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Tuesday 16 August	BOT meeting 6:00pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Friday 19 August	Assembly – 2:00pm in Library
Wednesday 24 August	Walkathon – 11:00 – 12:30pm
Thursday 25 August	Canterbury Winter Tournament – postponement day 30 August
Friday 26 August	PTA Bingo night at <i>One Good Horse</i>
Friday 2 September	Junior School Father's Day Reading Session
Sunday 4 September	PTA Community Day
Monday 5 September	PTA meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
Friday 9 September	Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library
Monday 12 September	School photos
Friday 16 September	Disco
Friday 23 September	Last day Term 3 – children dismissed at 3:00pm

*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>

**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](mailto: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](http://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 Oscar and his family to our Banks Avenue School community



### Stranger Danger

Last week I managed to squeeze a short article in Wednesday's newsletter asking parents to have conversations with their children about what to do if they are approached by a stranger or made to feel uncomfortable by an adult. This was pre-empted because a stranger had given a compliment to one of our students after school and it *'just didn't feel right'*. I have had no further notifications of any other child being spoken to by an unknown adult so hope this is a one off event. If you become aware or suspicious of

adults or youths hanging around outside (or inside) the school grounds please let me know ASAP so I can take appropriate action.

### Winter Tournament

Yesterday many of our senior school represented Banks Avenue School at the Winter Tournament. We had teams playing soccer, rugby, hockey and netball. Congratulations to our A Netball Team. This team won their competition and will now go through to play in the Zone competition.

Feedback from a staff member *'Just thought you would like to know that the hockey team at winter tournament today conducted themselves in a positive and enthusiastic manner. They showed great HEART and played better and better with each game. It was great to watch and was enjoyed by all. You can be very proud of their efforts and conduct.'*

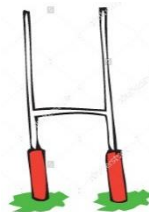
Thanks to the coaches of all the teams who played.

## Community Day - Sunday 4 September

Community Day is getting bigger and bigger as more and more events and activities are added in. Originally it was going to be the chance for the PTA to raise the rugby posts that they have bought for the school with a couple of fun activities, however, now with The Palms coming on board as a major sponsor it has grown into a significant community event!

- The Press and radio will be here
- More FM sausage sizzle
- Free ice creams for children
- Bouncy castle
- Wobbly bikes
- Performances by some groups of children
- Face painting
- Organised games
- Coffee van
- Special Father's Day competition

Keep the afternoon free (1:00-3:00pm) and come along for some good old fashioned community fun. Bring your deck chair, a picnic rug and the kids.



## Rabbit Mania

Before the holidays we enjoyed rabbit mania as we found homes for the six baby rabbits that were caught under Room 11. In fact we had so many children and families wanting one of the baby rabbits that another litter from Nadine, the rabbit lady, were given away as well. Having a rabbit in the office proved incredibly popular and soothing for our students so we decided to adopt a school rabbit. Mr Heart (named by a group of 7 year olds) has been living in the office block this week, however he is about to be housed in one of the class blocks where he can be loved and nurtured by our students.



## Behaviour Management

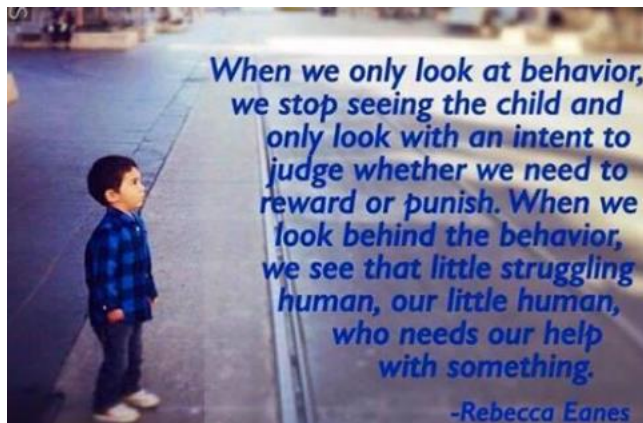
At BAS we have a small number of children with social, emotional and behavioural needs which impact on their learning and on others in the learning environment. We have a number of interventions and strategies which we use to support these children. We also have a number of individuals and agencies who provide support.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is giving us the skills and knowledge to focus on the positive and to explicitly teach school expectations and behaviours.

Every child has the right to be safe at school and to be in a caring and supportive environment therefore at times we are forced to be more punitive and restrictive in order to keep others safe. At times we place children in restricted play areas and sometimes we adjust the times children have their breaks. We always work with families as we attempt to modify children's behaviours. With all children there is always a solution - sometimes we just haven't found it yet!

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied or targeted at school please speak to the class teacher so we are aware of it and so we can act to stop the bullying behaviour.

Thank you to the parents who remember we are dealing with young impressionable minds and who work with us to provide support and solutions for these young people with needs. It really does take a village to raise a child!



### Other supports

- If you are having trouble with your child then you can self-refer to Anne Gibling our school social worker - phone 027 820 4617.
- You may like to offer to be a parent mentor - if so contact Belinda [bwalsh@banksave.school.nz](mailto:bwalsh@banksave.school.nz).
- Many parents already donate extra money to help pay for swimming lessons or stationery for children at risk of missing out. Thank you for these contributions.

## Parenting Reminders

Below is a link to a great article with some tried and true tips and reminders for parents

<http://www.upworthy.com/harvard-psychologists-have-been-studying-what-it-takes-to-raise-good-kids-here-are-6-tips?c=ufb6>

1. Spend quality time with your children.
2. Show children how to 'work it out'.
3. If it matters say it out loud.
4. Make helpfulness and gratitude routine.
5. Show children the bigger picture.
6. Provide children with skills and strategies to resolve conflict and deal with negative emotions and feelings.

## School Value - Respect

Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power. *Clint Eastwood*

## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Nate from Room 15 reading has improved so much. He has learned all the Early Words and is now reading his books with confidence.

Well done Nate. Keep up the great work!



**Children from Tui classes reading in the sun this morning.**

## ENROLMENT SCHEME

### Out of Zone Applications Term 4 2016

Enrolment at Banks Avenue School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Nominations are now being called for out of zone placements for the Term 4 2016 school year.

Please contact the school office to register your intention to enrol by Wednesday 24 August 2016.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required the ballot date will be held on Friday 26 August 2016. The results of this will be advised in writing by Wednesday 1 September 2016. If a ballot is not required you will be advised in writing after the close date of Friday 26 August 2016.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child for Term 4, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Please contact the school office should you have any further enquiries regarding enrolling at Banks Avenue School.

## 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](mailto:admin@jetedance.co.nz)

## Family Accounts

Family accounts are coming home today with children. Please check these and ensure payment is made promptly. If you have any questions or queries, please contact our school office.

Parent Donation invoices for 2016 were issued in Term 2. Your Term 3 payment can be made now at the office or online.



Thank you to all who have paid their family account and their parent donation. This is hugely helpful as we work to have all accounts paid by 1 December 2016.

## Walkathon 2016

On Wednesday 24 August all children are taking part in our bi-annual walkathon to help raise money for learning resources, as well as, to give each child a fitness challenge. The postponement date is Friday 26 August. Information and Sponsorship Cards were sent home last Friday. If you haven't received this information please contact the school office.

This event will begin at 11:00am and should be completed by 12:30pm. It is anticipated that the children will walk around the set route twenty times. Students in years 0 - 3 will do this within our school grounds and the students in years 4 - 6 will walk around the local area.

Please help your child collect as many sponsors as possible. They have until Friday 19 August. On that day all cards are to be returned to school even if they have no sponsors. These are then copied and held until after the walkathon, where the number of rounds your child completed will be recorded on the card, cards returned to the children, who can then go with you to collect the money from their sponsors.

Parents are welcome to join us on the walk but because of limited room on the concrete paths we ask that there are no strollers.

You are welcome to stay and have lunch with your child after the walkathon. School finishes at the usual time.

**Can you help on the day:** We are looking for volunteers to help us to mark the cards after the children complete each of their rounds, or to be marshals on the day. There will be a group of volunteers for the children in the junior module and another group for the senior module. This will free teachers up to be along the route in order to encourage our walkers and to keep an eye out for health and safety considerations.

**If you can help please return the slip below to the office drop box by Tuesday 16 August.**

Many thanks, Tracey Mora and Tricia Carroll.

## 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:** 7:00pm 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 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 send an email to: [wendypreston@clear.net.nz](mailto:wendypreston@clear.net.nz).

Over half the tickets have been sold so be in quick to secure your place at the best event in town.

## Walkathon Volunteer

I can help mark cards or be a marshal for the walkathon on Wednesday 24 and or Friday 26 of August. *(Please circle which day/s suits).*

My preference is to help in the: junior module or senior module.

*My name is:*

*My child is:*

*Phone number:*

**Please return this by: Tuesday 16 August.**

Many thanks, Tracey Mora and Tricia Carroll.