



# Banks Avenue School

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



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## NEWSLETTER

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

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### Thursday 17 August

Friday 18 August

Tuesday 22 August

Tuesday 22 August

Tuesday 29 August

Friday 1 September

Tuesday 5 September

Monday 25 September

Tuesday 26 September

### Parenting Course – 7:00 – 8:30pm in the Library

School Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library

Reading Together Programme (parents and children) 1:40pm in the staffroom

BoT meeting – 6:15pm in the Sky Room

Reading Together Programme (parents only) 1:40pm (parents only)

Junior Module Dads and Reading Session – 12:00 – 12:30pm - more detail next week.

Parenting Course - 7:00 – 8:30pm in the Library

Team Miro Athletics Day – postponement day 27/9

Reading Together Programme (parents only) 1:40pm final meeting and graduation

*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.

We welcome these two lovely girls and their family to our Banks Avenue School community.



Paige and Ashleigh  
Rm 5

### Kapa Haka

On Monday night our school kapa haka group performed at the annual Cultural Festival. I was extremely proud of our young tamariki: they performed with HEART.

Many thanks to Whaia Latoya who has been our tutor this year. Also thanks to the staff who have put in a considerable amount of extra effort: Abby Savage, Helen Stowers, Tricia Carroll and Marie Edmonds. A great team effort!

The link below will allow you to see Monday night's performance on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZS6mdzujpQ>



## Black Wristband

I don't usually identify one student over others in team/group situations, however, I need to commend Charlotte for her efforts as our female kapa haka leader. She was outstanding! I even had an email from a teacher at another school commenting on her leadership and her ability.

As you know we have our five school HEART wristbands - one for each value. We also have a sixth wristband, which is black. Students can earn the black wristband by getting all five of the other wristbands or they can earn it for outstanding achievement in differing situations: on the sports field, in a leadership capacity, adding value to the community or for academic excellence.

Charlotte has received a black HEART wristband for her role as a leader. Congratulations Charlotte you made us all feel proud.



## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Aaliyah has been working hard in story writing to add interesting details. She takes feedback on board to help her be 'better than before'.

Tino pai to mahi tuhituhi – well done in your story writing. 😊

## Values

Congratulations to these students who have earned twenty-five tokens.

Hauora: Alyssa U (Rm 18), Ava N, Madi C and Jaya H (Dudley).

Excellence: Mary-anne S, Xavier S, (Rm 7), Hidayat A, Ella D, Ava N, Ben S, Crewe P and Roddy G (Dudley).

Aroha: Amelia G, Taylor T, Ryder M and Kate B, (Rm 18).

Respect: Ayla N (Rm 18), Olivia A, Toby K, Joel M, Madi C and Mia H (Dudley), Shania C and Kahu H (Roto).

Togetherness: Xavier S, (Rm 7), Phelix P, Jakob G, Kayleigh P and Milly L (Rm 8), Sophie F (Rm 18), Dallys, Dominic M and Nation R (Roto).



## Wristbands

Congratulations to these students who have earned 50 HEART tokens. They have been presented with their value wristbands.

Excellence: Locky M (Dudley), Billy S, Tyler B, Madison B, Maddison K, Lucas B and Romi M (Roto)..

Respect: Joshua C, Fatana J and Bella L (Roto).



## Replacement Wristbands \$2.00

We are thrilled that we have so many children now earning their wristbands, however, there have also been several children who have lost their wristbands and come to me for replacement bands. Obviously these cost money so there will be \$2 charge to replace any lost bands.

## Double Wristbands - Lunch with the Principal

We now have some children who have earned their second wristband for the same value. This is an outstanding effort as it means they have earned 100 HEART tokens for that value. As an added treat any children who have earned double wristbands by the end of the term will get to have a pizza lunch with me. Double wristbands so far:

Zavier S Rm7 - *Togetherness* and Lucas B Roto - *Excellence*

## Assembly

Our first whole school assembly for Term 3 in on Friday 18 August. Parents are always welcome, however, we realise how cramped our library becomes with almost 400 people in there.

## Pride in Achievement Award

Well done Lucas B from Roto on achieving his Silver PIA. Well done 😊



## Mental Health Concerns and Support

We are well aware of the huge needs that exist in our community in relation to student wellbeing and mental health. Below is a list of resources the Ministry of Education has shared that may support families. An online resource for family, whānau and friends to help our young people enjoy positive mental health and wellbeing: [Common Ground for young people, whānau and friends](#)

A self-help e-therapy tool that teaches young people the key skills needed to help combat depression and anxiety. [SPARX](#)

A range of telephone helplines are available to provide support, information and help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- [Youthline](#) – 0800 376 633, free text 234 or email [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz) (for young people, and their parents, whānau and friends).
- [What's Up](#) – 0800 942 8787 (for 5–18 year olds; 1 pm to 11 pm).
- [Kidslines](#) – 0800 54 37 54 (0800 KIDSLINE) (for children up to 14 years of age; 4 pm to 6 pm weekdays).
- [The Lowdown](#) – visit the website, email [team@thelowdown.co.nz](mailto:team@thelowdown.co.nz) or free text 5626 (emails and text messages will be responded to between 12 noon and 12 midnight).

## Children with Anxiety Workshops

These workshops will take place in our library at 7 – 8:30 pm on Thursday 17 August and Tuesday 5 September.

Also, there are wonderful local websites that offer good ideas to help parents in talking with their children about times of concern and stress, e.g., <http://www.theworrybug.co.nz> and there are also helpful ideas and support on the Worry Bug Facebook page:

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

## Otakaro Kahui Ako- Information Update

### Definition

A *Kahui Ako/Community of Learning* is a group of education and training providers working together to help students achieve their full potential.

### Background

Since 2016, BAS has belonged to the Otakaro Kahui Ako (originally we were the Otakaro Cluster).

The Otakaro Kahui Ako comprises Shirley Boys' High School, Avonside Girls' High School, Shirley Intermediate School, Chisnallwood Intermediate

School, Banks Avenue Primary School, Shirley Primary School, Waitakiri Primary School, Richmond Kidsfirst Kindergarten, MacFarlane Park Kidsfirst Kindergarten and Shirley Kidsfirst Kindergarten.

## Benefits

There are many advantages for being part of a recognised Kahui Ako. These include:

- Opportunity for schools and education providers to develop shared understandings.
- Opportunity for schools and education providers to work collaboratively towards achieving established goals..
- Access to considerable resourcing to support identified aims and objectives.

## So what does this mean and what happens next?

- All Boards of Trustees are represented on a Stewardship Group.
- The Principal's group is known as the Steering Group.
- Mr John Laurenson has been appointed to the position of Lead Principal. This essential role is to provide leadership that will build collaboration across the Kahui Ako. *Congratulations and gratitude are extended to John Laurenson for accepting the responsibility to lead the Kahui Ako through this next exciting phase of development.*
- 5 Cross School positions will be advertised and appointments made this year that will provide support to enable staff in all schools and ECE's to meet their *Achievement Challenges*.
- 27 In School positions will be advertised and filled. These roles will be designed with the intention of supporting and helping colleagues meet school objectives and *Achievement Challenges*.
- Additional funding will be made to Schools to allow for ongoing support and professional learning development.

## Achievement Challenges

The establishment of *Achievement Challenges* are central to a Kahui Ako's purpose: it is about investing in learning to raise achievement levels across all schools.

Three Achievement Challenges have been identified for our tamariki. The details of Achievement Challenges will be reported fully in another update and once they have been approved, however they basically relate to lifting achievement for all learners in:

- Mathematics Years 1 to 10
- Writing Years 1 to 10
- NCEA Level 3 and above

## Conclusion

There is much more to the Otakaro Kahui Ako than the information contained in this update. It is actually about a shift in mindset where beliefs are shared and where a quality learning pathway is provided from Early Childhood Education through Primary, Intermediate, Secondary school and beyond. It is about working imaginatively and collaboratively in an educational 'space' where decision making is consistently informed and where opportunity abounds. It is about capturing and maximising resources, encouraging collaborative enterprise and providing education opportunity that is unique and meaningful. Regular updates will follow.

## Parking in Coned off Area on Banks Ave

We use buses to transport our children to and from events. We put cones on the road for these events to make sure there is space for the bus to park, pick up and drop off children safely. Please **DO NOT** park in these zones. On Monday the bus bringing back children from the cultural rehearsal had to park in the middle of Banks Avenue as parents parked in this zone and then would not shift from the coned area for the bus, when asked to!

## The Mo Show

Our school is a member of the Canterbury Literacy Association (CLA) who organise a number of literacy themed events each year for teachers or children. This year the CLA ran their first free event for children in the junior school. It was called the *Mo Show (after Mo Willems the author)*. Four students from Room 7 were chosen to go and take part in a range of activities about characters from his stories, e.g., the Pigeon, Knuffle Bunny, Leonardo the Terrible Monster as

well as Piggy and Elephant. Lily had a 'lucky' show bag and won a book.

In the pictures below you can see our students taking part in a hot dog party, Kaiya and Lily making eyes for the pigeon balloon activity, Emily working on her Leonardo puppet and Tane standing beside the character tower. The event was fantastic and all of our children were very polite and excited by being there with children from a number of schools in Canterbury. Ms Carroll was very proud of our children and being a fan of the 'Pigeon' was glad to be a helper on the day. ☺



## Flip Out - Friday 18 August

If you want to come along to the fun evening, get your forms and money (**CASH ONLY**) back ASAP. The first session is FULLY BOOKED! If you have misplaced your form head to the office where they have spares for the 8:00 – 9:00pm timeslot.

Uniform Shop – is open this Friday 18 August from 2:45 – 3:15pm. **CASH ONLY.**



## Junior Module - Dads and Reading Session

**Where:** In your child/children's classrooms and around the school grounds

**Date:** Friday the 1st of September

**Time:** 12:00 -12:30 p.m.

We would like to invite dads, uncles, grandads and/or caregivers to come to school to take part in some fabulous reading with us. If you can come you will be involved in reading a favourite picture book or poem of yours to two or three 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 reading with us.

*Banks Avenue: Junior Module Teachers. ☺*

