



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

17 August 2016

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

Number 25

Phone: 03 385 4163, fax: 03 385 6581 email: office@banksave.school.nz, website: www.banksave.school.nz

Friday 19 August	Walkathon sponsorship cards must be returned to class teacher
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
Wednesday 7 September	Union Meeting for all Union Member Staff – children will be dismissed at 12:30pm
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*

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 Max and his family to our Banks Avenue School community.



Union Meeting

Wednesday 7 September - 1:30-3:30pm

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- Fewer teachers and larger class sizes.
- Less job security for teachers.
- Lower quality teaching.
- Fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff.
- More complex financial work for Boards of Trustees.

All staff will be attending the meeting on 7 September. There will be no teachers **available to teach** in the afternoon.

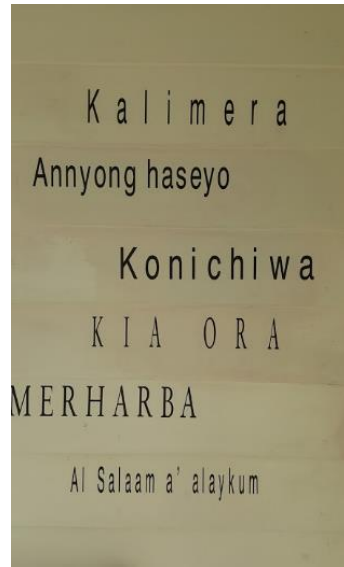
It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

We ask for your support and that you **pick up your child / children up at 12:30pm on Wednesday 7 September.**

If you are unable to do this please contact the office before Monday 5 September.

New Signage

Some of you may have noticed a new poster up behind our admin reception desk and some new signage in the entranceway to the office block. We have many different cultures at BAS which we are very proud of so it is nice to have more visible acknowledgement of this.



Assembly

Our next whole school assembly is on this Friday in our school library. We get underway at 2:00pm sharp.

You are really welcome to come along and share in the celebrations with us.

Banks Avenue School Basketball

Taylah and Lucinda are members of the Banks Avenue Sirens Basketball team who play every Thursday in the Year 5/6 mixed competition at Cowles Stadium. This is their first year playing basketball and both are now representative basketballers in the 2016 Wolverines All Stars team.

They play every Sunday morning and are loving it. Well done on being our first two girls playing in an All Stars team.

We are proud of you and know you will be a credit to Banks Avenue School.



'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Toby from Room 11 has worked so hard with his writing. We are so proud of his hard work and wonderful expressive stories.

Well done Toby. Keep up the great work!



Junior Science Club

Every Wednesday lunchtime learners in Team Totara have the opportunity to join in the Banks Avenue School Junior Science Club. We are great scientists and LOVE asking questions.

Look at us conducting an experiment with milk, food colouring and dishwashing liquid!

What would happen if we used water instead of milk?
What would happen if we mixed it up?
What would happen if we used more dishwashing liquid?

What great scientists!
Mrs Nicoll and Mrs Nilsson



Walkathon 2016

One week to go before all our children participate in the bi-annual walkathon! How are you all going with getting sponsors? **Don't forget the cards must be returned to the school (classroom teacher) by Friday.**

Children are to wear school uniform but will need sensible walking shoes and socks. They will also need to bring a bottle of water.

This event starts at 11:00am and we anticipate that we will be finished around midday. We have let the people on the route know that this event is happening in the local area. An alert on the school website and a text or tweet will be sent out if this event needs to be postponed to Friday the 26 August.



Volunteers: At the moment we have only had four offers of help on the day so we are **desperate** for more. Can you help us?

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office a.s.a.p.

Many thanks, Tracey Mora and Tricia Carroll.

Family Accounts

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

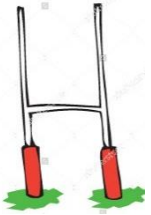
Parent Donation invoices for 2016 were issued in Term 2. Your Term 3 payment can be made now at the office or online.



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

Community Day - Sunday 4 September

Our 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!



We are hoping to have lots of fun activities organised.

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.



PMP with Mrs Edmonds

One of the many learning support programmes that we run at our school is PMP, which stands for Perceptual Motor Programme. Mrs Edmonds, who is one of our learning assistants, works with small groups of children to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills through this programme.

PMP aims to develop the child's perceptions and understandings of themselves in relation to their world, through movement/motor experiences and it aims to give the child confidence in order to manipulate him/herself in their world. It aims to develop the child rather than the skill.

These photos were taken last week when this group of children was rolling a ball whilst repeating a sequence of numbers, balancing on the beam and playing happy sticks.



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

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.

JUST 15 TICKETS LEFT TO SELL!

DON'T MISS OUT

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.

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



Stunning 211m² family home with a park view and in Banks Avenue School zone. Open plan kitchen, dining, living and study nook. 3 large bedrooms, master with WIR and ensuite. Double glazed, 2 heat pumps & night store heater. 3 sunny covered decks, pizza oven and spa pool. 761m² landscaped section, single garage & sleep-out. Fully insured and all EQC repairs complete. Trade Me ID # EXL399. 36 Cresswell Avenue. **Open Homes Sat 20 and Sun 21 August from 1-2pm both days or contact Vince on 027 433196**

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 to the school office a.s.a.p.

Many thanks

Tracey Mora and Tricia Carroll.