



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

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

Number 26

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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
5-9 September	Team Kahikatea House of Bricks – Morning of Maths
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
Tuesday 20 September	BOT meeting – 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
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.

Cultural Day - 21 September

At BAS we have a wonderful cultural diversity, made up of 63% NZ Pakeha, 20% Māori and 17% other cultures.

We are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful ethnic mix with a cultural day on **Wednesday 21 September**. Every class will be having a curriculum focus on different cultures within their room. In particular classes will be looking at bread from around the world as well as looking at customs, dress, food and festivals of the different cultures.

Children are going to be asked to come dressed linked to a country or a culture (no super heroes or fairies etc.). To culminate our cultural celebration we will have some cultural groups performing and we will be having a cultural parade.

Please keep an eye out for any notices to do with this celebration as it looks like it will be a very special occasion.

Science Mania

Our school has been taken over by mad scientists! Last week I got trapped by one in assembly when he used my hair to do a static electricity experiment. Today my office was invaded by a group of scientists showing me their pencil and water experiment.

I even heard five year olds in the playground talking about the fun they had in science club.



It is awesome to see children so engaged and so excited about science!

Know Our Board of Trustees



My name is Aaron Reid and I have been on the Board at Banks Avenue School since June 2011. I am now in the role of Board Chair. My daughter is in Year 6 this year and so will miss out on experiencing the new school environment first hand. But we are certainly looking forward to all the excitement that this will bring.

I joined the Board for hands on experience and to find out what being part of a school Board was all about. There is certainly a lot to learn and some of the work is quite daunting at times but there is a lot of good support. In the end it's great to think that we are making a positive difference for our children and the ones that will come to the school after them.

I have been particularly pleased to be working with our new Principal and senior leaders, and am also looking forward to the unknown in terms of all of the preparation for a new school site as well. Contributing to decision making around school policy, student achievement initiatives, longer term operational issues while ensuring we stay financially solvent is worthwhile and it ensures we continue to be such a great school.

If you want to find out more about the Board or have anything else you want to talk about you will usually see me at school at about 8:30am or drop me a line at areid@banksave.school.nz and I can make a time to see you.

Litter

We are disappointed to see so much litter left around the school on a daily basis. Teachers will be encouraging their students to be more respectful of the environment and not to drop litter.

To compliment this we are working toward having all children take their rubbish and recycling home with them so we can eventually remove rubbish bins in the school grounds.



Parents can help us reduce litter by removing packaging from items and putting food into permanent containers within their school boxes.

Heart Celebration

Today we are officially halfway through Term 3! To celebrate and recognise all of our amazing children who consistently show HEART values we have had a little bit of fun in teams and in classes. Ask your child what they have opted into. Sadly, a handful of children have not been able to participate as they have not been making good choices



Community Day - Sunday 4 September.

Wow this is going to be an amazing day! Last weekend the holes for the rugby posts were dug by a small group of parents and Steve...ready to put the posts in on our community day.

Our community day will start at 1:00pm with a *kick for cash* competition. Children and parents will be able to pay a gold coin donation to try to kick the ball over the new posts. For every ball that goes over the post, The Palms will donate money to the school.

There will also be other activities available for a gold coin donation, e.g., bouncy castle and wobbly bikes. The Palms have giant games they are bringing – connect 4, jenga etc.

The Palms will also have spot prizes to give away on the day.

At 2:00pm we will be showcasing some of our school children with performances by the choir, jump jam and the kapa haka.

There will be ice-creams and sausages available for sale as well.

The PTA are working hard to make this an awesome day for everyone so show your support, bring your small change along and come and join in the fun!

If you can help out on the day with one of the activities above give Katrina a ring on 021 899 141 or if you can give a little bit of time to the sausage sizzle, ring Rachel on 021 111 2303.

LOST!

Size 10 macpac puffer jacket – named Kaden. Ring Charmaine 022 069 9158.

Water Only School

As a health promoting school we only allow children to drink water at school. Children should not be bringing small orange juices or fizzy drinks to school.



Allergies

More and more children appear to be diagnosed with different food allergies or intolerances. Please make sure we are notified and aware if your child has a food allergy.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who have received PIA Awards.

Bronze	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Dudley</i>
	<i>Emma</i>	<i>Dudley</i>
	<i>Taylah</i>	<i>Dudley</i>
Silver	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Dudley</i>



Beautiful Bunny Needs Home

This is Jamie and he is a four month old male rabbit. Jamie needs a new home. Would you like to adopt him? If you think you can care for and love Jamie then write your name and number onto a piece of paper and hand it into the office on Thursday. I will



pass your details onto the owners for them to arrange the transfer.

There is only one rabbit so I am sorry if you are interested but miss out.

Every Wednesday a lovely lady and mentor spends an hour and a half with me. Her name is Michele. She is a great cook and a good person. I would love to carry on baking with her. We made yummy rice bubble cupcakes together.



Mikyla



You can never show too much gratitude or say *thank you* enough so here are a few thank yous...

Naked Baker - Thank you for continuing to support us and for providing daily baking.

Parent mentors - thank you for coming in every week and working with our students.

Extra funding - thanks to the families who pay a little extra for trips' etc., which in turn allows us to help some families out financially.

PTA and BOT - many thanks for all of your time and effort in working behind the scene for our children.

Blue Ribbon Trust - thanks for donating food, thermal, shoes and jackets - a few lucky kids have benefitted.

Parent helpers - we have a regular number of parents who always offer to help with trips or transport or within classes - thank you for giving your time freely.

BAS Teachers and Support Staff - our team put in an amazing number of extra hours and extra effort to provide engaging and interesting learning activities in and out of class - well done.

Steve - thanks Steve for supervising the scooter ramp every Wednesday - our kids love it.

**Ko tōu reo, ko tōku reo,
te tuakiri tangata.**

Tihei uriuri, tihei nakonako.

Your voice and my voice are expressions of identity.

May our descendants live on and our hopes be fulfilled?

Walkathon



Away they all went...lap after lap. Well done everyone. Big thanks to all our parent helpers ☺

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Taani is a super learner in Room 1. His ability to speak in English is improving and he always does his best with all his work.

Well done Taani. Keep up the great work!



PTA News



We are so excited about the Bingo Night on Friday. Ethel and Bethel are busy practicing their calls and polishing their balls.

Only 4 spaces left so text or email Wendy now to secure the last seats for the best event in town.
Cell phone: 021 117 7336 or
Email: wendypreston@clear.net.nz

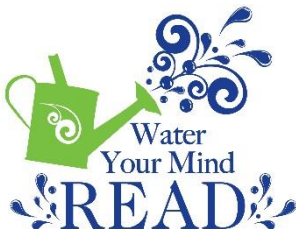
To those coming – remember to bring cash for extra bingo cards, the fantastic raffle, mystery envelopes and auction.

Lost Property - There is a lot of lost property beside Room 15. Please have a look to see if it is yours. There are many named jerseys in there.

Uniform Shop - open next Friday, 2 September 2:45 – 3:15pm. We are on the hunt for girls' winter uniforms size 8 and up if anyone would like to donate or we can sell on your behalf.

Friendly Reminder

Have you remembered that the **Junior Module Father's Day Reading Session** is taking place at 12:00 -12:30 p.m. **next Friday?**
We hope to see you here. 😊



Getting the holes ready for our new rugby posts. Big thanks to Cam and kids, Phil, Jack, Katrina, Sam and Steve.

Big big thanks to Mitre 10 MEGA for providing the concrete.

