



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

NEWSLETTER

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Hi, kia ora, goeie dag, haileo, jou sanh, goedendag

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Friday 6 February	Waitangi Day – school is closed
Tuesday 10 February	Learning Conversations (3 Way Conference)
Thursday 12 February	Learning Conversations (3 Way Conference)
Friday 20 February	Junior Module Flower Show
Friday 6 March	Junior Module Reading Session
9 – 20 March	Aquagym for Team Kahikatea
Wednesday 1 April	Last day for Term One for the children
Thursday 2 April	Teacher Only Day

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>

Dear Parents and Whānau

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



Donovan Meredith
Rm 16



Mikayla Nash
Rm 7



Kahn Dewes
Rm 9



Althea Culling
Rm 10



Leni Niven
Rm 10



Lyrik Warepapa
Rm 15

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou – a warm welcome to you all.

School Uniform / Lost Property

We have a huge pile of lost property across the school that has not been claimed. Is there a parent (or a small group of parents) who would be happy to collect and wash it so we can put it in into the uniform shop for others to buy?

If you would like to help out please call into the office.

Please ensure all of your child's uniform is named! If we have names on uniform items we can endeavour to get it back to the owner.

Schooltex at The Warehouse, Eastgate

With the start of each school year the demands on stock at the Warehouse in Eastgate is much higher than normal. While we put plans in place to ensure all school uniform items are available for families to purchase, sometimes gaps do appear.

If families are having difficulty getting school uniform items, could they please either email Colleen at: office@banksave.school.nz. or contact her at the school office. This is a good time to follow up and check on any inconsistencies in the availability of our school uniform.

After School Child Care – Gen Z

With more and more parents working childcare becomes an ever increasing need. Our OSCAR programme on the school grounds currently has a waiting list however, we have made contact with an alternate afterschool provider, Gen Z, who provide after school care from 3:00 – 6:00pm. Children are picked up from school in a van and taken to the after school programme which is based in Bickerton Street (Wainoni). Parents pick their children up after work. Children will get help with homework then get the chance to be involved in dance, music, art, horse riding or sport activities.

Contact Karen on 0223509218, email office@celebrationcentre.com or ring 3738032 or pick up a flyer from the school office if you are interested in this.

PTA Update

New Members Wanted

We are desperately trying to revitalise our PTA. This committee meets once a month, usually on a Monday evening at 7:00pm, to discuss and organise fundraising initiatives that in turn will benefit the children. If you think you have the time and energy to support the school in this way please email Toni tburnside@banksave.school.nz with your contact details.

Coffee Van

Starting Thursday (tomorrow) there will be a coffee van in the junior playground from 2:30 – 3:00pm. Come along early, buy a coffee and mix and mingle with other parents.



Lunch on line

The PTA offer a bought lunch every Thursday - starting tomorrow.

<http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

How does it work? Parents register and open an account. Each account can have one or more children. When a student is set up on the account, they are attached to a school. An order is placed for a student selecting from the Food Provider's menu. The school determines the Food Provider. The order

is also paid for online. There is a minimum amount of \$20.00 (via credit card or internet banking). When the \$20.00 is used the account is then to be topped up with another minimum amount of \$20.00. At any time the account can be closed and the credit balance refunded (less a small administration fee which is waived at the end of the school year).



Student leaders

Congratulations to these students who have been voted in as this year's school leaders.

Joseph Bayliss, Nikau Donald, Joshua Emmett, Matai Washbourn, Isabel Millar, Jacob Smit, Phoebe Ingram, Otis Earl, Jack Gowans all from Room 27, Charlotte Ferrier Room 20 and Lauren Stocker Room 22.

I am looking forward to working with these young people this year as they grow as leaders and develop initiatives that will benefit our students and others in the community. Our first meeting will be tomorrow!

SchoolDocs

Recently, our school has been working with School Docs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

Policies are monitored by SchoolDocs and updated, modified, or created in response to changes in legislation, significant events, Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes and additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

Our *first policy up for review* is [Home Learning](#). You can log onto the website with the details below and go to the *home learning policy*. Click the review button in the top right hand corner and follow the instructions.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz/>. Our user name is **banksave** and our password is **banks**.

Building Resilience in Children - Extract from The Parenting Place

http://www.theparentingplace.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=1032&Itemid=1283

I can do it! It's not surprising that as parents we want to give our children the very best of everything, but are we doing them a disservice if we constantly shield them from all of life's disappointments? What we really want is to raise a resilient child who can cope with life's highs and lows.

The average child's day is bursting with potential disappointments, small and large. But when you start examining your response to these, you might be surprised how many never even reach your child's radar due to your determined efforts to protect them from ever suffering. But any muscle that's to grow stronger needs to have a little weight on it. It might sound obvious, but the only way for

children to learn to 'bounce back' is for them to occasionally be 'dropped' (metaphorically of course!). The safest place for this to happen is at home, when they are small, surrounded by family who love and care for them enough to let them suffer just a little through life's setbacks, and survive!

Keep the following tips in mind if you want to be proactive about raising resilient children:

- Let children make choices
- Remember a child's struggle can be an invaluable process
- Don't ask too many questions
- Don't rush to answer questions
- Teach problem-solving skills, rather than solving problems for them
- Encourage children to use sources outside the home to problem-solve
- Let a child answer for him/herself
- Show respect for a child's eventual readiness to master a skill
- Assess involvement on a case by case basis (age, child's characteristics, size of the problem, external circumstances)
- Be verbally and physically supportive, without necessarily 'doing' anything

Sunsmart

At the end of last year we had a large group of seniors spend the day at Jellie Park where the children had a fabulous experience and lots of fun! It was an excruciatingly hot day and sadly some children got sunburnt.



Thank you to the parents who contacted the school in relation to this trip. The team leaders will be in contact with you personally.

The following is a list of the procedures that were in place to keep children safe in the sun.

- In notices that went home prior to the trip the need for sunscreen was outlined and it was recommended that children have a rash top.
- At the pool teachers choose a spot that had an element of shade as a home base.
- All children were reminded to put on sunscreen at the beginning of the day – for those children who did not have their own sunscreen we provided it.
- During the day children were reminded to re-apply sunscreen (although children were scattered all over the complex so some children may not have got the message or else they did not act on it.)
- As part of pre-education to water safety the whole team had a day of *beach ed* where the need for sun safety was discussed.

- Sunscreen was available all day for those children who did not bring their own.

What will we do in the future to improve current practices?

- Some sunscreens parents gave children were out of date thus making them not as effective – so we will remind parents to check expiry dates before using them.
- We will add into our risk management plan that all children must wear a rash shirt or a t-shirt while swimming.
- We will look at a more formal way of gathering children in during the day to ensure and monitor that they have re-applied sunscreen.

We have also contacted Jellie Park asking for more shade areas as this is an issue within the complex.

Our student's wellbeing and safety is always a top priority so we constantly review and improve practices.



Kapa haka – Te Matatini

Next week Year 4 - 6 children in the Kapa haka group will be getting an invitation to attend the National Kapa haka contest and celebration that are to be held in Hagley Park in early March. If your child brings home one of these notices could you please return it as soon as possible to help with organisation.

Kapa haka practice will be on a Tuesday from 8.30 to 9.30am every week in the library. New children can join and decide after three practices whether they will make the commitment to Kapa haka. We have changed the time so we can continue with our Matua.

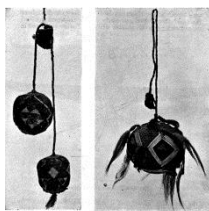


Fig. 46—Three poi balls, used by women in the haka, are a valuable item.

Gardening

It is that time of year when we need to be deheading our roses! Is there a parent (or grandparent) in the community who would like



to come to school for an afternoon to help with this task? If you have a bit of free time, see Steve, our Property Manager, and offer your services.

Chocolate Fundraiser for Senior Module Camp

Chocolates have now been distributed.



Toni Burnside
Principal

PTA NEWS

First meeting for 2015:
Monday 9 February
7:00pm in the staffroom
All welcome



Second Hand Uniforms – the shop will be open from: 8.30 – 9:00am
2:45 – 3:15pm
On the following days:
Friday 13 February
Friday 27 February
Friday 13 March
Friday 27 March

Shorts & T-shirts \$5.00 each
Sweatshirts, trackpants & polarfleeces \$10.00 each
Dresses \$15.00 - \$25.00 each

Look for the sign off the car park near the office back door.

CASH ONLY – NO EFTPOS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting
Tuesday 17 February at 6:15pm
In the Sky Room
All welcome



Banks Avenue School is staying open and during 2017 we will be moving to our new site in our local area.



“Though kind words may be brief to speak, their echoes are endless”