



"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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Thursday 12 February	Learning Conversations (3 Way Conference) children dismissed at 12:30pm
Friday 20 February	Junior Module Flower Show
Monday 2 March	PTA meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
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
<i>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</i>	

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.



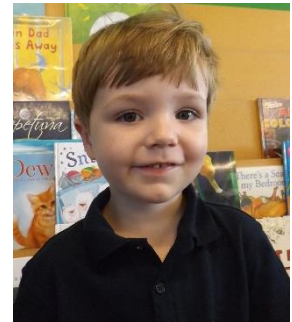
Hadley Freeman
Rm 26



Caleb Mills
Rm 10



Keevian Newman-Reid
Rm 9



Patrick Hickey
Rm 9

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

We are trying to get all parents receiving our school tweets as this is a great way to remind parents of important and timely events. Please follow the following instructions to register for our tweets.

**Text follow *banksaveschool*
to 8987**

Later this week we will send out a tweet and it will have a question that relates to information that is in today's newsletter. Email office@banksave.school.nz with your answer to the question and go into the drawer to receive a grocery

voucher. All responses received by 3:00pm Friday will be put into the **tweet draw**.

Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30!

This is the week we invite parents to school with their child to meet with the class teacher to have a *learning conversation*. **School closed for instruction at 12:30pm on Tuesday and will close early again tomorrow, Thursday. Children will be dismissed at 12:30pm tomorrow, Thursday.** There is limited supervision available for parents who cannot pick their children up at 12:30pm but you must contact the office to arrange this.

Support for a School Family

Can you help? We have a school family who are lacking some of the basics at home. We need

- A single bed, mattress and bedding
- A fridge / freezer
- A washing machine
- A desk

If you have any of the above please contact Jo-Ann Cook (our ESOL teacher) 381 7311 or 027 217 6800 or email office@banksave.school.nz.

We can arrange for goods to be picked up from your house.



Future Focused Learning

During 2015 staff will continue to build on our own understanding and knowledge of *future focused learning* as we participate in a variety of professional development opportunities, visit other schools and try new approaches with planning, collaborative teaching and class programmes.

A key aspect of *future focused learning* is to empower and enable students to be active participants in the learning process rather than waiting for the teacher to dictate what, where and how learning will occur. We want our students to have agency, be connected and to utilise ubiquity.



- The key of agency: recognising the learner as an empowered and active participant at all levels of the educational process.
- The key of ubiquity: acknowledging that learning can, and does, occur anywhere, at any time and at any pace.
- The key of connectedness: understanding that knowledge building is not an individual endeavour but occurs as individuals interact with each other, contributing, shaping and refining ideas so that the new knowledge is created 'in the network' of connections made.

PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) Update

Last Monday night the PTA had their first meeting for the year. The next meeting is on Monday 2 March at 7:00pm in the staffroom. The PTA is keen

to grow its parent base and invites any interested parents to come along to a meeting to see what is involved.

The main role of the PTA is to support the staff and the BOT by encouraging a closer relationship between families and the school.

Fundraising plays a major part of the PTA which in turn allows the school to buy extra resources that our students benefit from.

The PTA also oversee lost property, run the second hand uniform shop, organise lunch on line and organise social functions for our students, like discos.

Our PTA is a vital partner of our Banks Avenue School family so take the plunge and come along to our next meeting (2 March).

Skateboard and Scooter Opportunity – Wheels Day

Our school leaders last year organised for a skateboard ramp to be made. This has now been finished and we are in the process of organising systems and procedures for introducing it to the playground.

- Initially only children in Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to try it out.
- The ramp will be available on Fridays at morning tea and lunch time.
- Children will be able to use skates, roller blades and scooters on the ramp – no bikes.
- Safety is paramount so all children will need to wear helmets. If children have skateboards then we strongly recommend knee and elbow protection as well.
- All scooters, skateboards and skates need to be kept in the scooter shed to stop cluttering occurring in cloak bays.
- Children will only be allowed to ride in the designated area at the designated times.
- Interested students will get an agreement for parents and students to sign acknowledging the rules and guidelines. They will then be issued with a *wheels licence* which can be withdrawn if safety regulations are broken or other guidelines are not followed.



The first wheels day will be on Friday 20 February – this allows children the time to get forms signed and for licenses to be issued.

School Accounts

This week family accounts will be distributed to families via the eldest child. We have shifted from individual child accounts to a family account which will itemise money owing. Many families have already come into the office to set up weekly payments to spread the cost across the year. This is able to happen if families have begun the year with a zero balance.



The items on the account are all goods and services that the child / children will have received or will be receiving.

DECLARATION Each family account includes a declaration.

Please sign the declaration and return to the school office by Thursday 19 February.

This shows us that you are committed to ensuring your 2015 Family Account will be paid in full by Tuesday 1 December.

In the Team Miro there is a term Learning Experience Fee of \$15.00. This is to cover any visits or shows that the team will participate in this term. This fee will be charged each term; in order to be accountable and transparent there will be an overview during the year showing where and how this money has been used. If the fee is not paid and no schedule has been set up to make regular payments then the child will not get to participate in these extra activities. This fee is not linked to the camp costs. Children in Team Miro are also charged a \$6.50 NIE (Newspapers in Education) fee. NIE offer regular learning focused readings and activities on a variety of topical subjects. This is a great resource as we move toward personalised learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about school costs or expenses please feel free to speak, in the first instance to the class teacher or team leader. If you would like to set up a payment schedule, please see Colleen at the office so this can be organised as soon as possible.

Where there is genuine hardship and need, we will always work with a family to make sure children do not miss out on activities.

Chores – worth persisting extract from *The Parenting Place*

If you had gazillions of dollars and could afford servants – would you bother doing chores? Most people wouldn't. Chores are not fun and I have better things to do with my time. Your kids would think the same. No wonder many parents give up: the energy and aggravation required to get kids to do chores is more than doing the chores ourselves. But doing chores has been shown to build skills, boost self-esteem and create character in your child. Doing chores in childhood is one of the strongest predictors of success later in life. Persevere: chores are not just cheap child labour but a 'life-skills training course'. The key to so much in life is the phrase, "Do the hard thing". For your child that will mean doing chores; for you, it means insisting that they do them!

WOW – LOOK WHO GETS TO WALK WITH THE BLACK CAPS ON SATURDAY!

Douglas Bongartz Room 15 and Hayley Atkinson Room 15 play cricket for the East Shirley Cricket Year 3 Team and their team has been selected to walk with the Black Caps out into the middle of the Hagley Oval for the opening World Cup Game with Sri Lanka on Saturday. How kool is that!



School Uniform / Lost Property

Many thanks to the parents (and grandparents) and PTA members who contacted the school to help with our lost property. ***This will be out on display on Friday afternoon outside Dudley and Rooms 15 and 16. Please come along and check for any items your child/ren may have lost.*** Any clothing

that was found named has been returned to the child.

Next week we will begin the process of getting the rest washed and put into the second hand uniform shop.

Chocolate Fundraiser for Senior Module Camp

\$2,500 has been returned already.

Keep up the great work. Extra boxes are available from Mrs McDonald at the office if you would like to sell more. Don't forget the opportunity to go in the prize draw once two or more boxes have been sold. The more boxes sold, the more entries in the draw. Happy chocolate selling!



School Social Worker Available

Anna Pope. Social Worker, has just been appointed to our school. Anna's role is to support children and families of Banks Avenue School with identifying and recognising individual strengths and resources and to help with linking to appropriate agencies in order to find solutions to needs or problems.

At times the school will make referrals to Anna but families can also contact Anna privately to seek help and support.

Contact details

03 332 2541

027 423 0649

Anna.Pope@standforchildren.org.nz

**Toni Burnside
Principal**

PTA NEWS

First meeting for 2015:

Monday 2 March

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



Sheree Rangihuna's after school sports programme

- the after school sports programme for children from Years 4-6 will take place in Term 1 starting next week 18 February. This programme will operate each Wednesday afternoon from 3:15pm- 4:30pm. They will take part in a range of sports and sport related activities. Places in the programme are available for up to twenty children.

The activities will be taken by Sheree, our Kiwisport co-ordinator for our cluster and she will be assisted by coaches from various clubs, along with high school students. Children who agree to take part must make a commitment to attend weekly for the term. Each term the programme will be evaluated for content and personnel.

If your child is interested in taking part please come and get a permission slip from Mrs Savage in Room 15. If more than twenty children apply we will be required to have a selection process.

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



"If we sow seeds of kindness, we may enjoy a perpetual harvest"