



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

6 July 2016

Hi, kia ora, Mirēdita, Ahalan, Goede dag, Bonjour,

Number 21

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Thursday 7 July	Team Miro 'Changes Production' matinee and evening shows-Shirley Intermediate hall
Friday 8 July	Last day of term – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Monday 25 July	Term 3 begins
Tuesday 2 August	Learning Conversations
Thursday 4 August	Learning Conversations

*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.

This has been a very busy term with many exciting learning opportunities for children across all teams. Teachers and students are tired and many are a little sickly so the holiday break is coming at just the right time.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday, charging batteries and returning on *Monday July 25* for more great learning.

Māori Language Week

This is Māori language week. All classes will be putting in a little more effort to using te reo in the class and to sharing Māori protocols - tikanga .

Ākina te Reo- give te reo a go!

Here is a link to resources that families can download to use and build te reo at home.

<http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/what-we-do/events-and-promotions/maori-language-week/resources/>



Kia kaha e hoa mā!

Let's go team!

Irā!

Look at that!

Kei reira!

Right on! That's the one!

Koia kei a

.... really nailed it!

Tau kē Aotearoa!

Awesome Aotearoa!

Karawhiua!

Give it heaps! Give it all you got!

Ka wani kē!

Awesome! Fabulous!

Ki te paepiro rā anō!

To the try line!

Ka pai hoki koe!

Good on you!

Ka kino kē a ...!

... is too much!

Kāore i tua atu i a koe!

There's no one better than you!

Ka mau te wehi!

That's outstanding!

Social Worker

Our new social worker has started! Anne Gibling will be with us for one day a week. We also have the services of another social worker, Jonathan, who will be coming in and running some social skills programmes with our year three and four students.

Parents are welcome to contact Anne directly to make their own referral. Ring 354 8351 or 027 820 4617. Anne can also be contacted through email anneg@mmsi.org.nz

Play Eat Learn

As you know we have been trialling a restructured lunch hour with children playing for the first 40 minutes then eating for the last ten minutes. This is in an attempt to help children be more settled and ready for learning in the afternoons. We have been monitoring progress so far and realised that for many children ten minutes was not enough time to eat. We have removed the 1:25 bell so children now children have the full 15 minutes to eat. We will be checking this week to make sure that this is enough time.

On Thursday and Friday I will gathering some student voice to see how they have found the restructured lunchtime. I have had two year three students showing their initiative by writing to me expressing their concerns because they feel they are not getting enough eating time. Well done Mika and Keegan for using *the power of the pen* to express your point of view. Ko koe taku toa. You're my star players.

I have also heard from two parents. If you have a strong opinion one way or another drop me an email so I can take your perspective into consideration.
principal@banksave.school.nz

Celebrating Students' Learning

Teachers have been very busy for the last few weeks writing children's mid-year reports. When you receive these you will see that they are now in a new format which is similar to the format we introduced at the end of 2015 for the end of year reports. We hope you find these reports informative and that they give a clear picture of your child's progress and achievement. At the bottom of this newsletter is a short questionnaire about the reports for you to complete. You can also complete it on our website.

Next term we have *Learning Conversations* scheduled for week two. School will close at lunch time on Tuesday 2 August and on Thursday 4 August. In this newsletter you will have a sheet which gives you the chance to book an interview with your child's teacher / teachers. Children should be present at all interviews as they are an integral part of the learning conversation.



These conversations give parents the chance to hear their children speak about their learning and to share and celebrate progress and achievement that has already happened this year. Please make sure you book your *learning conversation* promptly! If you do *ka mau te wehi!* That's awesome!

Choir

Last Thursday night we had eighty-two students performing in the Shirley Music festival. This was a fabulous evening and our children were awesome! *Kaore i tua atu i a koe!* There's no one better than you! Many thanks to Belinda and Delwyn who work with these students every week.

Team Kahikatea

A fabulous show last week. Well done dancers! If you would like to see more pictures go onto our school website and look under the latest news. Ka pai hoki koe! Good on you!

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news.html>



Staffing Term 3

We welcome Karyn Pearce who will be teaching our new class of five year olds. This is the fourth new entrant class we have started this year. Karyn will be teaching in room 5. *Nana tana mahi!* She's the best!

Colleen Lucas, our Office Manager, will be job sharing with Jenny Macdonald until the end of the year. Colleen and Jenny will both be working on a Monday and Thursdays. Colleen will be here all day Tuesday and Wednesday and Jenny will be here every Friday. Either of these ladies will be able to help you if you have any queries.

Whakatauki

Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa!

Don't die like an octopus, die like a hammerhead shark! *Don't be passive! Get in there and do your best- go down fighting!*

School Update

The BOT have had a special meeting this week to discuss the results of our community survey and to decide on next steps. The community were in favour of remaining on this site so the Board need to decide what to do with this information.

Whatever option eventuates our school continues to suffer from wear and tear which is not conducive of a comfortable learning environment. Therefore in the holidays we are replacing the carpet in five classrooms, rooms 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The carpet in these rooms is threadbare and now has so many worn patches that it presents trip hazards.

As you know our water was tested and it is safe, however, one patch of soil appears to be contaminated. This patch is behind the old dental clinic at the end of room 15. Luckily it is not a play area, however, we have roped it off as a precaution. We are now waiting to hear back from the MOE as to what the next steps are.

Values

Our values continue to be embedded in all that we do at Banks Avenue School. Next term we will be focusing on the value of *respect* and identifying what respect means to each child.

A key part of PB4L is explicitly teaching our values to students through role plays and scenarios.



To finish our term we have a values celebration on Friday - a teddy bear's picnic. Children are invited to bring their teddy bears to school on Friday. Each class has organised a special activity which they will sharing with a buddy class and which involves their teddy bears. Children with high emotional and learning needs get a great deal of attention and support - Friday is a chance for us to celebrate the other 97% of children who make great choices all the time. On Friday we celebrate children who have been displaying our values all term. *Kia kaha e hoa ma*. Let's go team.

School Donations

Many thanks to all the families who have paid this term's donations. *Ka mau te wehi!* That's outstanding! As you know we don't ask for donations in term one as we recognise that parents have other commitments with stationery and school uniforms etc. We do ask for \$20 per child in Terms 2-4. This money allows us to provide additional resources and programmes for children that would not be funded by the MOE, e.g., Kapa haka, sports, cultural uniforms and choir accompaniment.

PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the Naked Baker Pie fundraiser. The pies were delivered last week and all distributed without too many glitches. \$1,800.00 raised! Well done everyone ☺



the naked baker

A Big Shout Out to The Naked Baker at 142 Beach Road, for all their support. The Naked Baker also donates food to BAS on a daily basis.



The PTA have seven entertainment books left for sale. If you would like to buy one of these call into the front office.

The PTA do a great job with initiatives like these. All money raised always finds its way back into the school for the benefit of the children. Earlier this term all classes had sports equipment donated to them from the PTA. At Monday night's meeting the PTA also decided to buy the school a new set of soccer posts.

Next term there is a *Bingo Babes* evening coming up for parents. More information about this will be out early next term however if you have goods or services you could donate as prizes then please contact Katrina on 021 899 141 admin_mckman@clear.net.nz.

The PTA are always looking for new members so if you have a couple of hours to spend each month and would like to help support the school from behind the scenes give Katrina a ring and she will organise for you to come to our next meeting.

Thanks Katrina and your team for all of your efforts. *Ka wani ke!* Awesome!

Team Miro 'Changes' Performance



Thursday 7 July

Matinee Performance:

1:30pm

Evening Performance: **SOLD OUT**

Shirley Intermediate School Hall

All tickets: \$2.00 each

On sale at the BAS office until sold out.



Te Reo Quiz

There have been several Māori statements in this newsletter. What do the following statements mean?

Ka mau te wehi	
Nana tana mahi	
Kia kaha e hoa ma	
Ka wani ke	
Ka pai hoki koe	
Ko koe taku toa.	
Kaore i tua atu i a koe	
Ākina te Reo	

Netball

This is our B Team - The Shots. We play every Saturday at 8:30am in Section 7 of the Under 11 competition. Our coach is the awesome Suzie Hall - Bianca's mum. Come along and see us playing if you are down at the courts.

- 8:30am weekly - The Shots (St Nicholas T)
- 9:30am weekly - The Nets (St Nicholas S)



Mid-Year Report Survey

You have received your child's mid-year report today. This identifies where your child is in relation to National Standards. It also gives some suggestions for how you can help at home. In order for us to keep improving our practice we seek your feedback on this report format.

On a scale of 1- 5 with one being the lowest and five being the highest how would you rate each of the following statements.

	<i>disagree</i>				<i>agree</i>
1. This report is easy to understand.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I can see where my child is in relation to the National Standards.	1	2	3	4	5
3. The graphs are easy to read.	1	2	3	4	5
4. The comments by the teacher are informative.	1	2	3	4	5
5. The next steps that were identified are useful.	1	2	3	4	5
6. The quality of the report is high.	1	2	3	4	5

Any other comments to add?