



# Banks Avenue School



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

## NEWSLETTER

22 July 2015

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

Number 19

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Tuesday 28 July	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30 pm
Tuesday 28 July	ICAS – English
Wednesday 29 July	BOT meeting – 6:30 pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Thursday 30 July	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30 pm
Monday 3 August	PTA meeting – 7:00 pm in the staffroom – all welcome
Tuesday 4 August	Winter Tournament
Tuesday 11 August	ICAS - Mathematics
<b>Friday 21 August</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – school will be closed for instruction</b>
Thursday 27 August	PTA Quiz Night

*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](http://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 on the following options: Phone: 385 4163 / option 3 text 027 422 8032 email: [office@banksave.school.nz](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)**  
**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 special big Banks Avenue School welcome to the following children and their families who joined our school community this week.



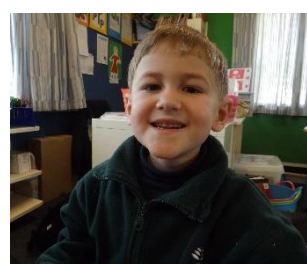
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Ryder  
Rm 5



Chase  
Rm 8



Reeve  
Rm 22

A warm welcome back to everyone. We had a frosty and cold start to the beginning of Term 3. Last Friday due to our consistent freezing temperatures we had our water pipes burst underground which in turn impacted on heating in rooms (many rooms have water radiators). After a concerted effort by Steve (our caretaker) we managed to get heating to all rooms except two where we put heaters in temporarily. Further investigation in the last two days has allowed us to locate the leak and thus we will now be able to get



it repaired and our full boiler system up and running again. A cold classroom is not conducive to good learning.

### Drink Bottles

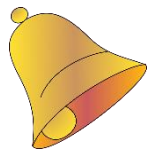
Also affected by the very cold temperatures are our drinking fountains. These freeze and we do not get water running from them until the day starts to warm up. To help out we are asking that children bring their own drink bottles to school (many children already do this) filled with water. This will mean no child needs to go thirsty while we wait for our water to start running.



## General Reminders

### Bell times

Our first bell rings at 8:55 am in the morning. In order for children to be organised for learning we suggest they are at school between 8:30 and 8:45 am each morning. School finishes at 3:00 pm each day.



### Lunch Hour

Just a reminder that we have shortened our lunch hour for this term. We have all children eating in their classrooms for the first fifteen minutes then going out for a half hour play. Children are also getting another break from 2:00 -2:15 pm each day. This arrangement will be reviewed throughout the term.

### Uniform

Please make sure children are in the correct school uniform. In the senior school we are noticing some individuals wearing inappropriate sweatshirts.

### Attendance

Please remember to contact the office if your child is going to be away due to sickness. This saves the office ladies a lot of wasted time in ringing families.



Welcome back Helen Denny from leave to Room 9. A warm

welcome is also given to Phillipa Ford who is taking our next intake of new entrants in Room 5.



## Parent Consultation

At different times during the year we seek parent feedback. All families will shortly receive a questionnaire that we hope you will take the time to respond to. Your input is most vital to working in partnership with families for the benefit of our children.

## Knitted Slippers

Many thanks to the group of elderly women who meet regularly to knit slippers for us. We have had 80 pair donated that will be distributed to some of our junior classes.



**Are you getting our tweets?**

Text **follow banksaveschool**  
to **8987**

To get all those important updates!

## Cultural Festival

We are having our final practice on **Sunday 9**

**August** when our tutor and girls from Rangi Ruru will come and help with the final touches for our performance.

It would be great to see the whole Kapa haka group here as we will be practising how to get on and off the stage and how to stand on stage which is vital for the performance to run smoothly. The practice will run from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm.



## Cultural Festival Tickets

The Cultural festival is fast approaching and our Banks Avenue School Kapa haka group is performing on Wednesday 2 September at the matinee performance from 12:30-2:30 pm. If you would like to come and watch, tickets can be purchased from the school office until Thursday 6 August. Adult - \$15.00 and Children - \$8.00.

## Learning Conversation

Next Tuesday and Thursday

school will close for instruction at 12:30 pm so staff can meet with

parents to discuss children's learning. All parents should have received an interview time by now. If you do not know what time your interview is please contact the office. If the time does not suit then also contact the office so that we can re-schedule. If something occurs on the day that stops you from attending the meeting then please let the office know in a timely manner. Many thanks for your co-operation with these very important meetings.



On-line bookings are still open. Go to

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - enter our **school code - Z243Z**. Follow the three simple steps to choose your booking time/s.

A crèche will be available in Room 18, the block next to admin, for siblings. There will be supervision available for children as a last resort. Please advise the office in writing or email: [office@banksave.school.nz](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)

## Class Renovations

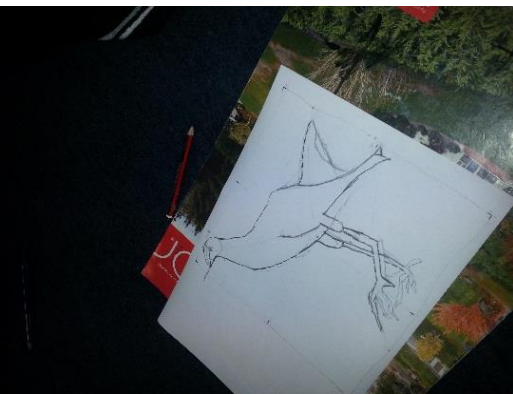
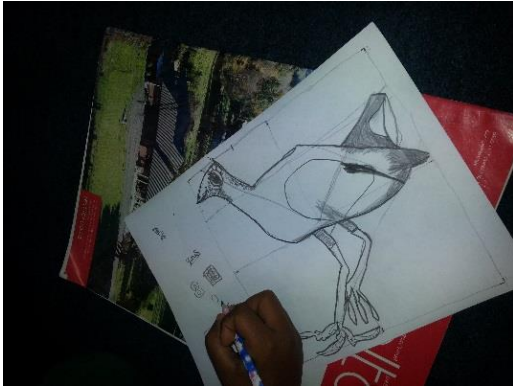
For those of you who have children in Rooms 1 and 2 or Rooms 26 and 27 you will see there has been some renovation work over the holidays. Central areas have been opened up that will allow teachers and classes to work collaboratively together. In the senior rooms there is lino on the floor so we were wondering if any households have a carpet square sitting in their garages that they would like to donate to us. The area is approximately 3 by 4 meters.

## PTA Quiz Night

Have you been in to get your tickets to the quiz night our PTA are organising for Thursday 27 August? This promises to be a fun filled social night for parents.

## Team Miro Art Work

All of our senior team have had the benefit of having an art tutorial with an artist this week. There are some fabulous pieces of art being created.



*Shirley Intermediate School Open Night  
Thursday 30 July  
6.30 pm – 8 pm  
Come along and check out your local  
community intermediate school.  
It's been a year of change and we have lots  
to show.  
Principal, Geoff Siave, will talk at 6.30 pm  
in the hall.*

## BOOK WEEK IS COMING!

Week 6 – 24 – 28 August  
Theme is UNDER THE SEA

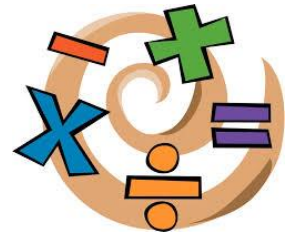
The Library will be open during  
this week from 8.30 am - 3.45 pm  
for book purchasing.

This is a great opportunity to  
purchase books for Christmas stockings!



## Mathletics

### Reduced for Terms 3 and 4



\$20 for the rest of the year until the end of  
February 2016!

This is a golden opportunity for children to  
practice their Maths skills and a perfect way for  
children to be doing their home learning in a fun  
and exciting way. (No either maths home  
learning is set in the senior school.)

Consider signing up your child so they can  
improve in Maths. Money into the school office  
with name, class level and room number please.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the next term Banks Avenue School will  
be teaching 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' to all the  
children. A letter will be going home from your  
classroom teacher. If you would like to know  
more about the programme, you can visit:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping>

## PTA News and Events

### Lunch On-line

Remember lunch on-line every Thursday.  
Orders must be in by 8:30 am. Go to:  
<http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to place your  
order.



Once a week, on a Thursday at  
2:30pm, we have a coffee van in  
the junior school area for any  
parents who would like to come  
early, buy a coffee and sit around for a  
chat with other parents.

Next PTA meeting:

*Monday 3 August at 7:00 pm  
in the staffroom  
All welcome*



## Quiz Night

Get your mates together for a fantastic night of competition, fun, fab prizes and a super raffle.

Date: Thursday 27 August  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Where: The One Good Horse, Parklands.  
Cost: \$40 for a team of 4.

Tables are limited so be in quick!

Tickets on sale from the uniform shop  
Fridays 2:45pm to 3:15pm

**If you, or anyone you know, can donate for the prizes and raffle please contact me.**

This week's questions...

What is the main gas in the air we breathe?

An anemometer is used to measure what?

Which make of car was the time machine in Back to the Future?

How many housing properties are there on a standard monopoly board?

What was Dr Who's robotic pet called?

Answers to last week. Enid Blyton, Au, Rupee, Iron, Paris.

Contact – Wendy Preston 021 117 7336 and  
[wendypreston@clear.net.nz](mailto:wendypreston@clear.net.nz)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Wednesday 29 July at 6:30 pm

**Please note the change of date**

in the Sky Room

All welcome



## COMMUNITY NEWS

*As part of a service to our local community we publish information about community services and activities in our Community News column. While we are happy to publish these notices, we do not run any background checks on any individuals or community groups who provide information to be published.*

Shirley Plunket Volunteers, run two very friendly playgroups.

They run on a Tuesday morning 10am - 12pm and Wednesday 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

Cosy warm indoor play area, with a lovely outdoor area and playhouse attached.

Regular very enjoyable visits from 5<sup>th</sup> Year Med Students

Everyone welcome, a gold coin donation much appreciated.

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Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?**