



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

27 July 2016

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

Number 22

Phone: 03 385 4163, fax: 03 385 6581 email: office@banksave.school.nz, website: www.banksave.school.nz

Wednesday 27 July	BOT meeting – tonight, 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Monday 1 August	PTA meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
Tuesday 2 August	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm
Thursday 4 August	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm
Tuesday 9 August	Winter tournament – postponement day 11 August
Tuesday 16 August	BOT meeting 6:00pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Friday 19 August	Assembly – 2:00pm in Library
Wednesday 24 August	Walkathon – 11:00 – 12:30pm
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
Monday 5 September	PTA meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
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	Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library
Friday 23 September	Last day Term 3 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Monday 10 October	Term 4 begins

**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

Tena koutou

Welcome back to all of our students and families.
Hopefully everyone has had a relaxing and safe break.

This is a short term, only nine weeks, however, as there are no breaks it usually ends up a great term for consolidating learning. I know each team has got some fantastic learning opportunities planned.



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



Rihot, Mecah, Ashleigh, Johan, Luca and Marcel,
all new entrants in Room 5

Welcome also:



Emily
Room 11



Jaycee
Room 15

Target Children

Each year we identify a number of students in different curriculum areas who need additional support and interventions to meet our National Standards. These are our target children. Each team and each teacher plans for, and implements a variety of interventions to support these students. We carefully track, monitor and reflect on these students. At this time of year it is satisfying to look at our target students and report that: 27 / 44 students have met or are on track to meet the National Standard target we have set.

Strategic Goals

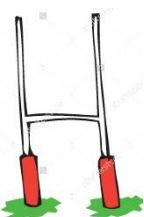
At Banks Avenue we have had five key strategic goals this year linked to:

- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L),
- e-learning,
- Well-being,
- Cultural Responsiveness and
- Future Focused Teaching and Learning.

There has been a wide range of professional development and growth in the last six months linked to these goals. At tonight's BOT meeting the Board will receive a full report on what we have achieved so far and what our next steps are. If you are interested in this report please email me and I will send you a copy.

PTA Community Day

Our PTA have purchased a set of soccer posts and a set of rugby posts. These are going to be *planted* into our field on Sunday 4 September. Families are invited to come along in the afternoon for a



free ...it will be a lot of fun.

couple of hours of fun and merriment. We are organising some fun activities, e.g., bouncy castle and wobbly bikes, sausages will be for sale and we will have some games set up for children. Keep this date



Rabbits

You may be aware that in the last week of term we had a fabulous rabbit frenzy at school. We had six baby rabbits that were born under one of our classrooms and we needed to find homes for them. My office was abuzz with children and parents visiting to see and hold the babies. All baby rabbits were allocated to homes, however, we kept them buddied up over the holiday break as they were too young to separate. If you have been allocated a rabbit, call in on Monday after school and we will give you your baby to take home. A big thank you to the three families that have been rabbit sitting for the last three weeks... can you please bring your baby rabbit back on Monday so we can give it to their adopted family.



Kindness

There is a lot of kindness and good will in our community and we are very lucky to benefit from it. Many of our children and families have additional needs and stresses so it is always great to be able to show hauora and help out.

Donation

One family, who no longer have children at our school, have just donated several hundred dollars to our school to help us help others. We are hoping to start a *whānau room* so this money will contribute to that.

Blue Ribbon Trust

The BRT give us the opportunity to apply for some personal items that we can give to children, e.g., shoes, jackets etc. We have just received our first shipment of goods which we will distribute.

Parent Mentors

We continue to be thankful on a daily basis for the amazing parents and friends of the school who give up time each week to come and mentor children. These relationships are highly valued by students and are often the highlight of a child's week, e.g., one boy puts his mentor's name in huge dark font on his weekly timetable.

Would you like to be a mentor? If so contact Belinda via email: bwalsh@banksave.school.nz

Carpets

YAY we have new carpet in five classrooms. We are loathed to spend too much money on our physical school environment as we are only here for a limited time, however, we also know how important our physical environment is so we have happily put carpet in five classrooms. It looks fabulous!



Learning Conversations –

Next Tuesday 2 August and Thursday 4 August we have our mid-year *learning conversations*. These *learning conversations* are the opportunity for parents to listen to their child talk about their learning and to have a conversation with the class teacher about learning. All parents need to register for an appointment time.

Children will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Parents and whānau need to make arrangements for childcare in the afternoon. Limited supervision is available between 12:30 and 3:00pm. If you need your child(ren) supervised please email: office@banksave.school.nz

To book a conference for your child in Rooms 7, 8, 11, 12, 24 or 25 please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter our school code: **k5fwh** to book your 20 minute learning conversation.

To book a conference for your child in Rooms 1 and 2, 9 and 10, The Tuis, Dudley and Awa please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter our school code: **6fx72**. You only need to book one ten minute conference even though you will then spend another ten minutes of that in the class viewing examples of their learning. If you are needing to make another booking for a child in this group then please remember to arrange the next conference time with a ten minute gap so you have time to go from one room to the other.

Online and bookings at the school office will close on **Thursday 28 July 2016** at 3.30pm. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter for bookings to be made by the school office.

There is a crèche available for afterschool and evening appointments where parents can leave siblings so that they can concentrate on the learning of one child at a time. We don't encourage parents to take siblings into children's interviews as it becomes distracting. Please use the crèche.

School Site

There is no update on our school site. As you know we consulted with our community, we shared our community's perspective with the Ministry of Education and now we continue to wait for more details or more information about where and when our new school will be rebuilt. It is imperative we get clarity around this as our frustration mounts. Staff and families want to know with certainty about our future so we continue to push the MOE for a decision and a resolution.



Reports

Thanks for the feedback we have received on our interim reports. It appears parents found them informative and easy to understand. The photos on the front cover were appreciated as were the graphs showing students achievement in relation to the National Standard. Parents will receive a full end of year report in December.



Rugby

Each Tuesday we have a coach coming from the Shirley Rugby Club. He will be running skills sessions with children during the lunch hour. All children are welcome to attend.



Lunch Structure - Play Eat Learn

As you know we trialed *play, eat, learn* at the end of last term. After talking to staff and getting feedback from children and parents we have reverted to our old lunch structure where children will eat first and play second. Thanks for your support as we trial new initiatives. We are constantly seeking to improve our learning, structures and systems.

Otakaro Learner

Next week staff will be meeting with a facilitator to determine the qualities and dispositions that we want for our Banks Avenue School learners. This is going to be integrated across our Otakaro Cluster (Shirley Primary, Shirley Intermediate, Shirley Boys, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Avonside Girls, Waitakiri and Marian College) so that as children transition from one school to another learning language and learning expectations are the same.

School Social Worker

Anne Gibling has started as our school social worker. She is going to be here every Monday and every Wednesday morning. She will be working with small groups of children as well as taking referrals from parents or families. If you would like help from Anne then please ring 027 820 4617, email anneg@mmsi.org.nz or call in to see her on a Monday or Wednesday. We appreciate the BOT funding this initiative!



Melbourne

As you know all staff had four days of professional development in Melbourne last week. This was an amazing opportunity to look at eight schools in Melbourne and to see and reflect on what they are currently doing and how we can learn and improve what we are doing as a result. Schools in Victoria have been working in collaborative environments for the last ten years so as we start our journey it is great to learn from them things that work but also to look at things that don't work so well. Our staff are buzzing with new ideas and the thought of new opportunities.

You will be able to see some of our new learning and next steps on display in the library on our community day.

Policy Review

This term we are reviewing Crisis Management and Personnel Performance. This review only seeks feedback from staff and BOT members. As a parent you have access to all of our policies whenever you wish.

Go to: <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz/>

User name: *banksave*

Password: *banks*

PTA News

Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open Friday 2:45pm to 3:15pm

Here it is – the news you've been waiting for without even knowing it!

It's fun, it's exciting, it's time to get your glad rags on and wake up your granny.

Introducing The PTA Bingo Night hosted by none other than Ethel and Bethel Bingo Babes.

<https://www.facebook.com/EthelAndBethel/>



These 'old biddies' – their words – will be rocking the house with the familiar calls of *cup of tea* and *legs eleven*.

Along with the 6 bingo games there will be an auction of amazing items from Aquagym, My Food Bag, Countdown, Rodney Wayne, Ballantynes, Clip n Climb, Kelly Sport, Fox n Ferret and many, many more.

Wendy will be in the school office selling tickets on Friday 2:45pm to 3:15pm. Be in quick to secure your place at the best event in town.

Event: PTA Bingo Night

When: 7:00pm Friday 26 August

Where: The One Good Horse, Parklands

Cost: \$20 per person – includes 6 games of bingo.

Learning Conversations Bookings

RETURN THIS PORTION IF YOU ARE NOT BOOKING YOUR LEARNING CONVERSATION ONLINE.

I/We will be available to attend the Learning Conversation/s during the following timeframe/s (*please tick*)

Tuesday 2 August		Thursday 4 August	
1:20pm – 3:20pm		1:20pm – 5:00pm	
3:20pm – 5:00pm		3:20pm – 5:00pm	
5:40pm – 6:40pm		5:40pm – 6:40pm	
6:40pm – 8:00pm		6:40pm – 8:00pm	

Room 8 Mrs Ford	Room 24 Mr Bradley
Rooms 9 and 10 Miss Denny and Mrs Nilsson	Room 25 Mrs Morganty
Rooms 1 and 2: Ms Aitken and Mrs Nicoll	Awa: Rooms 26 and 27 Ms Walsh and Ms Haig
Tuis: Mrs Savage and Mrs Stowers	Dudley: Rm 20 Ms Searle and Ms Thompson
Room 7 Ms Watts	Principal Mrs Burnside
Room 11 Ms Sullivan	Deputy Principal: Seniors Ms Mora
Room 12 Miss Smith-Palmer	Deputy Principal: Juniors Ms Carroll

Please list below your child/ren's name/s & room number

Name: _____ Rm: _____ Name: _____ Rm: _____

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Parent/Caregiver's Names (*of those who will be attending*) Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr: _____

Telephone Number: