



# Banks Avenue School



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

## NEWSLETTER

01 June 2016

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

Number 16

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Thursday 2 June	Team Kahikatea – Christchurch Art Gallery – Rm 12 + 16 Tui children
<b>Friday 3 June</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – school closed for instruction</b>
<b>Monday 6 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday – school is closed</b>
Tuesday 7 June	Team Kahikatea – Christchurch Art Gallery – Rm 7 + 16 Tui children
<b>Friday 10 June</b>	<b>Pie Orders due in today ☺</b>
Monday 13 June	PTA Meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
Thursday 16 June	Team Kahikatea Matariki Whānau Event 5:30 – 6:30pm
Friday 17 June	Whole School Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library
Tuesday 21 June	BOT meeting – 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Wednesday 22 June	Canterbury Cross Country (postponement day 29/6)
Thursday 23 June	Shirley Area Music Festival
Wednesday 29 June	Team Kahikatea Journey of Dance at Shirley Boys' High School 1:30 – 2:30pm
Thursday 7 July	Team Miro 'Changes Production' matinee and evening shows-Shirley Intermediate hall
<b>Banks Avenue School trip / event postponements and or cancellations will only be heard on</b>	
<b>NEWSTALK ZB 1098AM and CLASSIC HITS and viewed on our website: <a href="http://www.banksave.school.nz">www.banksave.school.nz</a></b>	

**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](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)**  
Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html>  
**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

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



Taison  
Rm 1



Charlie-May  
Rm 8

Talofa - O fa'apefea mai oe?  
Hello- how are you?

### School Site

Many thanks to the families who have responded to our community survey on our future school site.

We have had seventy responses so far. Our survey closes on 9 June. There is a strong opinion, 70% of responses, preferring to be re-built on our current site.

Once our survey closes we will be able to share our preference with the Ministry of Education. This information will give the Ministry some direction for their next steps.

Many families have identified that they would like a community meeting, especially once we are ready to begin the design process. We will continue to share information as we get it and due to interest expressed, we will be organising a community meeting later in the year.

### Teacher Only Day

**This Friday 3 June**

School will be closed for instruction. Please keep children home. Teachers will be participating in professional development. School will also be closed on Monday 6 June for Queens Birthday thus children will not return to school until Tuesday 7 June.

## Samoan Language Week

*Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive*



**Tālofa lava! Afio mai!**

Samoa language week / Vaiaaso o le gagana Sāmoa takes place this year between 29 May and 4 June. The theme for 2016 is E felelei manu, ae ma'au i o latou ofaga – Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive.

This is a link to a great website where you can read and hear a variety of Samoan words and phrases.

<http://samoan.manuatele.net/phrases.html>

### Social Worker

Due to community needs and the lack of support from some other agencies, the BOT has agreed to fund our own social worker for one day a week. We are excited to have this opportunity as it will mean we will have our own social worker on site regularly who will be in a position to build relationships with children and whānau, and where possible provide help and support. We are hoping we will have details of our new social worker shortly so we can share contact details with families.

### Lockdown practise

Last week I mentioned that we would be having a lockdown practise this week. We have now organised it for next Wednesday afternoon - hopefully before any parents start arriving.

### Matariki

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as the Pleiades. Traditionally for Māori when it appeared just before dawn in late May or early June, it signalled the start of the Māori New Year. This year Matariki begins on 6 June

Families can also celebrate matariki locally in June.

#### Matariki in Zone

10:00am – 2:00pm Sunday 19 June 2016

Mahinga Kai Exemplar, Chimera Crescent, Anzac Drive Reserve

Kids Activities & Planting Mokihi & Weaving Workshops Entertainment

Displays & Talks Carving Free Kai Good Coffee



*There is no limit to our learning spaces!*

### Reading Together Workshops



We would like to invite you to take part in our Term 3 *Reading Together* workshops for parents. We are positive that you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren), as you support their education. We all know how very important reading is for children to succeed.

Research shows that support from home really helps children to become good readers. The Reading Together workshops will show you how best to do this.

The programme consists of four workshops - each approximately 1 hour. It is best that you attend all the workshops.

These will be held in our school library on:

Thursday 11 August 1:30pm,

Thursday 18 August 1:30pm,

Thursday 25 August 1:30pm,

Thursday 22 September 1:30pm.

If you would like more information please contact Lynley Watts in Room 7 or Helen Stowers in Room 16.



**Student Leaders at the National Young Leaders Day yesterday.**

# 'HOT SHOT' LEARNERS'



Last week Jared and Zavier took part in the Year 5 Cycle Safety Programme. They both used their HEART values to make this a positive learning experience for themselves and by doing this they also helped all the other children to have a positive experience as well.



Well done boys 😊



**'Figure it Out' Activity**

## PTA NEWS

### Uniform Shop CASH ONLY

The shop open this **Thursday 2 June** from 2:45-3:15pm.

For any enquires outside of these times please contact Katrina on 021 899 141.

### Lunch On-line

Go to: <http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to place your order for Thursday.



## Entertainment Books



Books can be collected from the uniform shop on **Thursday 2 June** between 2:45 – 3:15pm. CASH ONLY unless you have pre-paid. The link to the on-line purchase option is: [www.entbook.co.nz/1348e93](http://www.entbook.co.nz/1348e93),

## **Naked Baker Pie Fundraiser**

Forms and money due back on 10 June  
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR ORDER YET! 😊

**Next Meeting:** Monday 13 June at 7:00 pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for our new parents to see how our PTA functions.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Next meeting:**

*Tuesday 21 June  
6:30pm in the Sky Room  
All welcome*

*This will be the first meeting of the new Board.*

## 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.*

**The Christchurch Football Academy** in partnership with Mainland Football is hosting a tournament for 6 – 10 year olds on Monday 6 June from 10:00am – 12:00pm, at 466 Yaldhurst Road. Be crowned 'King' or 'Queen' for the day, entry is \$5 paid on the day. There are spaces still available, so please register **HERE** for your child to be part of this fun filled day.

Time to think about the July holidays and what your child will be doing, join a CFA Holiday Camp. Once again CFA will be running its Holiday Programme (rain or shine, wet weather activities guaranteed) over eight days. Registrations for CFA holiday camps are open all year, but if you would like to register for July, please complete your registration details **here** to ensure you do not miss out.

### Ferrymead Heritage Park

Queen's Birthday Weekend Fun Event  
Reduced prices, flag hunt, food and craft stalls, old time movies, blacksmithing, bouncy castle, face painting, unlimited steam train rides and much much more!. A great day out for the whole family.



### Learners at the Centre of Change

Tau Tahī, Tipu Tahī  
Collaborating Together, Learning Together

**Grow Waitaha Meet up** – Learners at the Centre of Change – Marshland School 4:00 – 6:00pm, 15 June. Theme: Parent/Whānau Engagement. Meetup's mission is to revitalise local community and help people around the world self-organise. Meetup believes that people can change their personal world, or the whole world, by organising themselves into groups that are powerful enough to make a difference.

Marshland School and Avonside Girls' High School will share some of the ways in which they have involved parents in learning design, and lessons learnt.

The best way to register is to go to [http://www.meetup.com/Grow-Waitaha-Meetup/?utm\\_campaign=new\\_comment&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=thread\\_mailer](http://www.meetup.com/Grow-Waitaha-Meetup/?utm_campaign=new_comment&utm_medium=email&utm_source=thread_mailer)  
If you are not a member of <http://www.meetup.com/> you will need to register, but there is no cost involved. Once you have done this you can access other events in your local area and beyond. It is a great way to learn what other groups exist beyond education. The direct link <https://secure.meetup.com/register/?ctx=ref> will take you to the Grow Waitaha Group. This is where we will be advertising future events.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues and continue to grow together. If you have questions or would like to host a future event, please email us at [growwaitaha@gmail.com](mailto:growwaitaha@gmail.com)  
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### **Anxiety: The what, why and how!**

We have had a few parents talk to the leadership team and class teachers about the increased levels of anxiety they are seeing in their children and in some cases themselves too. In response to these conversations we have arranged a special talk by Cherie Benns and Carolyn Doughty who are clinical psychologists working with children in Christchurch. They will talk about ways to manage anxiety and how to help children manage stressful situations more effectively.

Cherie and Carolyn have an absolute passion for this area of work and both are also eastsiders themselves so they have a strong desire to be of service in our communities. We will be collecting a small koha for them as opposed to charging for this event. We hope that you can join us on the night.

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**Parents are invited to come hear Cherie and Carolyn speak on Tuesday 21 June in the library at Banks Ave School  
7:00pm - 8:30pm**

*Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend this meeting.*

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coming to come to hear the talk about anxiety at school on the 21 June at 7 o'clock.*

**Please return this portion to the office by Thursday 9 June 2016**