



# Banks Avenue School



"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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Friday 6 March	Junior Module Reading Session
9 – 20 March	Aquagym for Team Kahikatea
Wednesday 11 March	Team Miro 'WALA The Spirit of Ghana' Performance
Friday 27 March	Junior Module Maths Games – 12noon
Tuesday 17 March	BOT meeting 6:15pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Thursday 26 March	Hanmer Camp Parent Information Evening at 7:00pm in the Rae McDonald Library Information Centre
Tuesday 31 March	Team Miro REACH Reward at 1:30pm – please note change of date
Wednesday 1 April	Last day for Term One for the children

**Thursday 2 April**

**Teacher Only Day – School is closed for instruction**

*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>

Dear Parents and Whānau

A big Banks Avenue School welcome to Christopher Mackie in Room 10 and his family to our Banks Avenue School community.



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

**Welcome**

**Ms Tracey Mora**

It has been wonderful to welcome Tracey Mora to our Banks Avenue School team this week. Tracey joins

us from Sumner Primary School. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise with her that we will all benefit from. Tracey will have key responsibility for children in the senior school. If you see her in the playground please stop her and say hi.



**Girl Guide Biscuits**

Yes it's that time of year again where the Guides and Brownies are out and about selling *Girl Guide Biscuits*. Some of our children



belong to the St. Mathews Girl Guides and they will be set up on Thursday and Friday afternoon, after school, by the back gate selling these biscuits for \$3.50 a packet.



**Te Matatini - Update**

On Friday we have a group of our children attending Te Matatini, the national kapa haka festival. If your child is one of these children please make sure they have warm clothing as the forecast is not looking fabulous.

We also have a group of children from Shirley Intermediate joining us for this event. I know the children and parents attending will have an awesome *kiwi* experience.

**Chocolate Fundrasing**

WOW we have **raised \$10,638** from our chocolate sales! We still have many boxes left over so if you would like to challenge yourself and sell more come and see Ms Mora – she will organise for you to get more boxes. We will be extending our sales until Friday 27 March. Great work everyone!!!



**School Policies**

All of our school policies are available for parents to access anytime. This term we are reviewing our *home learning* policy. If you would like to give feedback about this policy please log on to the site,

find the home learning policy and click the review button in the top right hand corner to begin the review. Log in with *banksave* as our user name and *banks* as our password to <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz>

### Cycle Safety Programme

This week we have had Room 21 & 25 children bringing their bikes to school to participate in our safe cycling programme. Next week it is the turn of the Year 5s in Rm 20, 22 & 26. Due to Team Miro 'WALA - The Spirit of Ghana' performance on Wednesday 11 March, next week's cycle safety sessions will be held on Monday 9, Tuesday 10, Thursday 12 and Friday 13 March. There will be no cycle safety on Wednesday 11 March, however, children will need their bikes at school on Monday 16 March for their final session.

### Aquagym Swimming Programme Team Kahikatea



Next Monday Team Kahikatea begin their swimming sessions. This is a great opportunity for children to get ten swimming sessions with qualified instructors. Remember the togs!

### New Parents Invitation

Our PTA are hosting an evening for our new parents to meet other new parents at a wine and cheese evening. A formal invitation will be coming home but put this date into your diary now! Monday 30 March at 7:00pm.

## Teacher Only day Thursday 2 April

### School Closed for Instruction

Please make arrangements for child care for **Thursday 2 April** as we will be closed for instruction as teachers have a Professional Development day. This means the last day for Term 1 will be Wednesday 1 April.



home with children in the junior school today.

**Reminder:** The Junior Module team will be holding a *read with your family* session on **Friday the 6 March from 12.10 to 12.30pm**. A flyer is coming

## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER



**Congratulations Wyatt Fraser from Dudley.**

**Wyatt has a really pleasing attitude towards his writing and his creativity. One of his short stories follows.**

**Well done Wyatt. 😊**

### *The Boat Racing*

*"Go, boat go!" My pounding heart is like a storm as I go faster than a worm on white shiny glimmering waves. As the wind howls in my face birds squawk above.*

*My sail and the clouds look like marshmallows in the sky while dolphins jump beside me like bananas.*

*Schools of fish dart below me; gold silver glimmering fish. I watch a whale dive beside me like a big subway with macaroni and cheese with meat balls. I look to the right. I see bits of driftwood that are like grey sardines with the children.*

*The yachts are made out of cheese with tomato sails, spaghetti as an anchor chain and anchors as big as buses.*

*The wind feels like water splashing on my face.*

*Wyatt Fraser*

As we farewelled Mrs Rae McDonald last Friday we opened **'The Rae McDonald Library Information Centre'** in honour of the huge contribution she has made to Banks Avenue School over the last 20 years and in particular, our library and all that it holds for children within its walls.



## Mufti Day Friday 13 March Animal Theme

Our school student leaders are organising their first mufti day of the year for **Friday 13 March**. Children do not need to wear uniform but are asked to **donate a gold coin**. The money being raised is to be donated to two charities - *Surf lifesaving and Canine Rescue*.



### Sunscreen for Children

We have been very fortunate to have received a quantity of Kids Spray 30+ Sunscreen from the Cancer Society for each of our families in the senior school.

These will be sent home today with your child.



**Student Account Declaration** - thanks to all our families who have either settled their family account already or who have spoken with Colleen and set up a payment schedule to ensure their family account is paid in full by 1 December. We also asked parents/whānau to sign a declaration that was included on the

Family Statement. You may have overlooked this or mislaid your family statement. Please ask for a copy from our school office so this process may be completed. This is the first step in our process to ensure transparency when money is asked for for school trips / activities and our parent contributions which will begin in Term 2. We will make sure you get information about what these funds are being spent on.

## PTA NEWS

### Next meeting:

*Monday 30 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 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 March at 6:15pm  
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.*

### **Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics Club**

We are a Rhythmic Gymnastics club based out of the New Zealand Institute of sport 66b Wharenui Road, Riccarton. We are currently holding testing



days for pre-international individual gymnasts and group grades. If you think your daughter has what it takes and loves or would love to do rhythmic gymnastics competitively and the opportunity to travel then please contact me to arrange to attend a testing day. Testing days will be held on the following days. Saturday the 14 March, Saturday



the 28 March and Saturday the 11 April from 10:00am. Bianca Stove  
[divargc@gmail.com](mailto:divargc@gmail.com) or  
 0275217220

## AVONSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE,

### Monster Car Boot Sale

Shirley Intermediate grounds  
 14 March - 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Book your spot now

\$20.00 on the day or \$15.00 pre-booked  
 03 389 8473 or text 027 206 1172

**EMAIL:** [committee.aecc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:committee.aecc@xtra.co.nz)

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### Transport help needed

I live in Union Street, New Brighton. If you can help in any way please phone Teresa on 0221773321 – Thank you



Dallington OSCAR (Before and After School Care) have a job vacancy for our Before School Care Programme. Monday to Friday 7:30 - 8:30am. We are onsite at Banks



Avenue School and are looking for someone to be part of our team assisting with the supervision and care of children aged between 5 and 13 years.

Please contact Michelle Lewis (Programme Manager) [dallingtonoscar@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dallingtonoscar@xtra.co.nz)  
 Phone: 386 3555. Mobile: 027 438 2604.

**Linwood Rugby Final Registration Evening  
 Monday 9 March 6:00pm-7:30pm  
 U6 first years to under 8's grades NO  
 subscription fees.**

**Bulls Family Pack will be ONLY  
 \$50.00 for the entire family at  
 junior level.**



The Linwood Rugby Club will host our final registration evening this Monday from 6.00-7.30pm at the club.

Linwood Rugby will also provide new BLK Linwood Bulls branded shorts and socks to the first 150 players who register (registrations can be done on-line **NOW** at [www.linwoodrugby.co.nz](http://www.linwoodrugby.co.nz)). Don't miss out on playing for the Bulls in 2015.

### Give Golf a Go at Junior Tiger Tournament

The tournament is being held at **Russley Golf Club on Sunday 8 March at 8.30am**. Everyone that enters can put themselves in the draw to win a trip for you and a family member to DISNEYLAND in the USA! The tournament is 9 holes or 5 holes for beginners new to golf. Age categories are: 11 & under girls and boys (playing a shortened course) and 12-14 years girls and boys. Lots of fun and great prizes to be won. Register on line at [www.juniortiger.co.nz](http://www.juniortiger.co.nz), or for more information contact Rachel Thow at Canterbury Golf 359 4000.



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

*"You can't change someone who doesn't see an issue in their actions."*