



Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau



NEWSLETTER

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Hi, kia ora, Ahalan, Goede dag, Bonjour, Guten Tag.

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Wednesday 7 March	Raising Resilient Capable Children for Parents 7:00 – 8:30pm at Watakiri School
Thursday 8 March	Team Miro ‘Lantern Festival’ at Shirley Boys’ High School at 1:30pm
Monday 12 March	PTA AGM followed by monthly meeting – 7:00pm in the staffroom-all welcome
Friday 16 March	School Assembly
Thursday 22 March	BoT meeting 6:16pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Tuesday 27 March	Stress and Children – Parent Session 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Library
Wednesday 28 March	Cultural Day – parade at 1:15pm
Friday 30 March	Good Friday – school closed
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday – school closed
Monday 9 April	Junior and Senior Cross Country
Wednesday 11 April	Junior and Senior Cross Country postponement day
Thursday 12 April	Last Day Term 1 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Friday 13 April	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 25 April	ANZAC Day – in school holidays
Monday 30 April	Term 2 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

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

Learning Conversations

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Learning Conversations last week. The next round of *meet the teacher* will not occur until Term 3, however, parents are always welcome to make an appointment to discuss issues or concerns with class teachers at any time.

How were learning conversations for you? I have surveyed staff to see how we can improve things from their perspective. How can we improve these meetings for you? Email me tburnside@banksave.school.nz or complete the form at the bottom to share your thoughts.

One of the things that has arisen from teachers perspective is parents not showing up for meetings; in some cases this is because they had not booked their own sessions on line and the time we gave them did not suit so they didn’t show. In term three we will not allocate times; we will leave it to parents to organise their bookings (either online or through coming into the office).

PTSD - Kathleen Liberty’s Research

Here is a link to a short news item that aired in Radio New Zealand this week.

http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018634841

Remember we have a parent session organised for Tuesday 27 March @ 7:00pm. At this session Liz will talk about Kathleen’s research and the strategies we are implementing,

Christian Religious Education - Bible in Schools

Many thanks to all the families who responded positively to our offer of running Bible in Schools before school each Wednesday. We will begin this programme next **Wednesday 14 March**. Have your children at school by 8:30am. These sessions will take place in our library.

For many years BAS has offered Bible in Schools to some year groups. Last year it was our year twos and threes. Bob Jaeger is our school chaplain and he has been presenting these sessions for us for more than twenty years. Sessions usually take thirty minutes and occur in school time on a Wednesday. Bible in School (or CRE) is not compulsory and some children choose to opt out, for a variety of reasons. These children are supervised until the session is over.

CRE is a fun programme that encourages children to make positive life choices, grow in character and relate well to others. Children reinforce values that connect to the curriculum. They include bible stories that help reinforce messages like: treat others how you want to be treated, show respect, do your best, be a good friend, help others and ask for help, make good choices and help others make good choices.

We believe these sessions are very worthwhile, however, as our timetable seems to get busier and busier we are looking at changing the time of these sessions to before school - that is 8:30 - 9:00am on a Wednesday morning. These sessions would be open to all age groups across the school - NE to year 6 pupils.

If you are keen for your children to attend these sessions please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter or go onto our school website and complete the expression of interest.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news-2018.html>

Wholemeal Snack

Thanks to the six mums who contacted me offering to come in each morning to make up wholemeal sandwiches. At the moment we are making up about seven loaves of bread a day so we only need a couple of parents. If we extend the project (dependent on our budget and the level of need), then I will utilise all the parents who offered by putting a roster together. At the moment I am using just two of the parents.



A huge thank you to the family who offered to help fund our wholemeal snack break by donating Countdown vouchers - this was generous and it truly depicted aroha.

PTA NEWS

HELP NEEDED!! Do you have 30 minutes of your time to help once or twice a term to give out the lunches (12.20 - 12.55pm) If you do, please contact Randi on 021 242 100. Without your help we will be unable to keep Lunch Online going.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

DJ NEEDED!! Is there anyone out there that is a DJ or knows a DJ that would offer up their time to do our school disco on the 18 May and 7 September? If yes, please contact Marilyn on 021 222 6867.

Uniform Shop Will NOT be open this Friday.

We have had our first meeting for the year and we already have a few events lined up... Hot Cross Buns and Flip Out! Look out for the Hot Cross Bun Order forms.

Our PTA is made up of a number of parents who work hard at doing the extra things for our children. Like Lunch Online, Discos, Calendars, Hells Pizzas, Flip Out and Pies. All these activities raise money to put things into the school, that the children will benefit from (e.g., new rugby posts, subsidising shows at school and Duffy Books). Start to have a think if maybe you would be interested in joining this great group. Our next meeting will be the 12th March (which is our AGM) or if you have any questions before this please contact Rachel on 021 111 2303. The time commitment is minimal (maybe an hour a month) and being on the PTA does not mean you have to help with every single activity we do. We would love to see some new faces and hear your ideas. We know that people don't always have a lot of time, but for our children to have and do these extra fun things, we could all spare a little time...also you get a goody bag if you come.

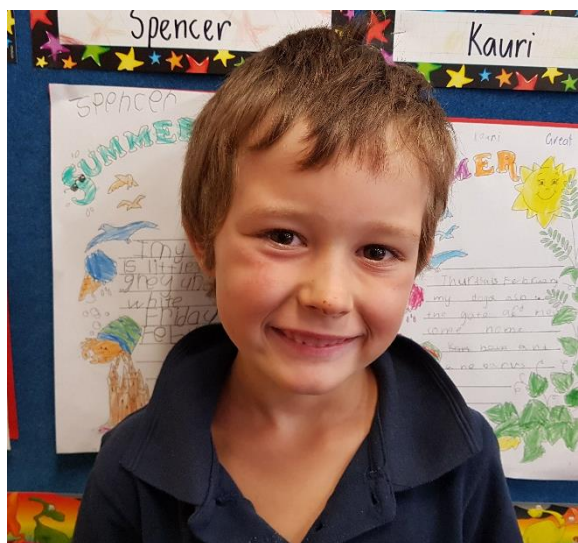
Congratulations Becks Searle

We are thrilled to announce that Becks Searle from Team Miro has won a position as Associate Principal at West Eyreton School. She will be leaving Banks Avenue at the end of Term 1.

Becks has many skills to offer so I know she will do well. On behalf of our school community we wish you all the best and thank you for your passion and effort at BAS



'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Spencer is just working so hard and improving every single day. I am so pleased with his hard work and he really is displaying our HEART value Excellence.

Ka pai Spencer ☺

HEART Tokens

Congratulations to the following children who have all earned 25 HEART tokens - well done!

Respect: Sam A (AWA).

Togetherness: Hayley A (AWA).

Fifty HEART Tokens

Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

Excellence: Mithum N and Kade M (Rm 7).

Respect: Ryan C (Rm 7).

Togetherness: Maddie W (Rm 7),
Fatana J and Ethan T (AWA).



When it is raining Kelly Sports will be held in Dudley. Children can come straight in, hang their bags up in the hallway and have a quick snack before they begin.

Teacher Paid Union Meetings - school operating on skeleton staff

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues. The goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings on Tuesday March 20 and Wednesday March 21 so that they can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations. On both these days BAS will be operating on a skeleton staff in the afternoon. Although we are not officially closing parents are encouraged to pick their children up at lunch time to reduce the load.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.



Duffy Books in Homes

We have one order left, from the \$5 deal at the end of last year, to be picked up. Please see Tricia Carroll if this is your order.



Complaints and Concerns

Every now and again a parent will have a concern, an issue or in more serious instances, a formal complaint.

In the first instance address the concern with the class teacher. If this is not satisfactory and the issue is not resolved then talk to the team leader and if need be the module leader, if again the issue has not been resolved, talk with the Principal. If you are unable to get resolution at this level you may address your concerns in writing to the Board of Trustees making sure you outline the steps you have taken to resolve the issue.

Remember Lunch Online \$3 Pita Pit Day - Tomorrow Only, Thursday 8 March



Go to: www.lunchonline.co.nz to order. If you are new to lunch online, follow the very simple instructions to set up an account so you can order lunch each Thursday for your child.

Healthy and Affordable / Easy Internet Ordering.

Learning Conversations Parent Survey

Please add your thoughts and return to the office by Wednesday 14 March

How can we improve these? What worked? What didn't?

Please share your thoughts; excellence is about being better than before so we would appreciate your input.

Bible in Schools - Expression of Interest

Please complete and return this slip to the office by Thursday 8 March

Bible in Schools will begin mid-March. It will be in the library from 8:30 - 9:00am on a Wednesday morning. All age groups are eligible to attend. Please add your children's details below if you would like them to take part in these sessions every week. *Parents would also be welcome to stay to listen to the content.*

YES, I would like my child(ren) to participate in Bible in Schools Programme at Banks Avenue School. I will get them to school by 8:30am on a Wednesday morning.

Family Name	Name of children who would be participating	Age	Room No.
_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Parent name: _____

Signature: _____