



# 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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9 – 20 March	Aquagym for Team Kahikatea
Friday 27 March	Junior Module Maths Games – 12noon
Thursday 26 March	Hanmer Camp Parent Information Evening at 7:00pm in the Rae McDonald Library Information Centre
Monday 30 March	PTA meeting – 7:00pm in the staffroom – all welcome
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 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
<b>Thursday 2 April</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – School is closed for instruction</b>
Monday 20 April	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 21 April	Ferrymead Heritage Park Visit – Rooms 11, 12 & Year 3s in Room 7
Thursday 23 April	Ferrymead Heritage Park Visit – Room 15, 16 and Year 2s in Room 7
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	<b>ANZAC Ceremony 2:30pm at school</b>
<b>5 – 8 May</b>	<b>Year 5 – 6 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp</b>
<b>7 – 8 May</b>	<b>Year 4 Hanmer Springs Forest Trust Camp</b>

*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 Xavier Gray-Sykes and his family to our Banks Avenue School community.



Xavier Gray-Sykes  
Rm 1

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

Term one is quickly coming to a close with just one full week (11 learning days in total) of school left. Our roll has grown steadily in term one and we now have 385 pupils. Our two new entrant rooms are full so we are in the process of employing a new entrant teacher for Room 8. This class will start in Term 2. In Term 2 Miss Denny will be on leave. Mrs Nilsson will be Team Leader and Mrs Ford will be teaching in Room 9.

### Banks Avenue School Annual Report

An annual report is where each school reflects on what they have achieved in the previous year. The year's strategic targets are reflected on and student achievement data across the school is analysed. All parents are entitled to see the annual report. In order to do this you can

1. Come into the office area to see a paper copy of the annual report
2. Email me at [tburnside@banksave.school.nz](mailto:tburnside@banksave.school.nz) and I will send you a digital copy
3. Go onto our school website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/school-information/a-m/>

If you have any questions about the annual report please feel free to discuss it with any of our senior staff.

### Safety Concern



Last week we highlighted our concerns over parents picking up and dropping off students before and after school. Since then we have had a child knocked off of their scooter just outside of school.

We have now:

- Enforced gate monitors on the staff car park before and after school. This is to stop

- parents swinging into the staff car park.  
**Please do NOT park on the yellow lines.**
- Notified the City Council Parking Division about our on-going concerns. They will be coming out to do another round of warnings and ticketing to parents who are not acting in a responsible and safe manner.

We acknowledge that parking at peak times is horrendous but we plead with all parents to take extra safety measures so we can ensure all our children remain safe.

*Jekita being a responsible gate monitor!*



### Principal Acknowledgement Giving a Helping Hand

At Banks Avenue School we like to buddy up our new pupils with an older pupil to be their 'big buddy'. Michael is Lyrics *big buddy* and he is doing an amazing job. Well done Michael!



### Student Leader Update

Our student leaders are doing a great job behind the scenes. They meet once a week for half an hour to discuss and organise how they can contribute to Banks Avenue School to make it a better place for all.

### Mufti Day

We had a much needed fun mufti day last Friday. This was organised by the school's student leaders so they could make a donation to the *Waimairi Surf Life Savers* and *The Canine Protection League*. We raised \$351.00! Thanks to all who supported this day.



### Tidy Kiwi Initiative

Our student leaders are currently catching children making good choices with rubbish in the playground. They are writing

children's names down and will be doing a draw each week to see who gets to have lunch with me!

### Used Mobile Telephones

Student leaders collect old mobile phones which they send off in support of Starship Hospital. If you have any old phones laying around drop them into the box in the office foyer.



### Next Project

Our leaders are investigating the making and costing of *monitor wrist bands* for children who help around the school but who do not have badges e.g. milk monitors and gate monitors. Watch this space to see what they decide on!

## Teacher Only Day Thursday 2 April

A reminder that school closes for Term 1 on Wednesday 1 April as all staff will be involved in a *teacher only day* on Thursday 2 April. School opens again on Monday 20 April.

### Lunch on Line

*Lunch on line* was set up last year to make it a bit easier for parents so that one day a week children could have a bought lunch. On average about 70 children use this scheme each week.

In order for *lunch on line* to continue operating we need a new group of parents to step forward to help distribute the lunches each week. This would involve coming to school on a Thursday sorting the lunches into class bags and then getting the bags to the classrooms. It only takes about half an hour from 12:00 – 12:30pm. The lady who has been organising this can no longer help so we are desperate to get some new blood in to help.



If you would like to support us ring Christine on 027 3733762 and she will give you specifics details of what is involved.

If you are not currently using our *lunch on line* service and you would like to, go to: [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) to begin. Sydenham Bakery will deliver hot and cold food to school ready for lunch. You must register your child(ren) online to begin ordering. Orders must be in by 9:00am.

## Wheels Day

This has proven to be great hit with children. Originally we had it operating on a Friday but when we changed kapa haka to a Friday lunch time we needed to change our wheels day so it is now every Thursday. We started with Team Kahikatea and Team Miro having separate sessions however for the last two weeks we have had the court open at morning tea and lunch time to both groups of children and this is not causing any problems.



## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER



**Congratulations Ariana MacKenzie from Room 11. Ariana is such a great writer and has so improved her work habits.**

**Good on you young lady. 😊**

## Free Firewood

We have a fence being demolished over a holiday period. If you would like some of this wood as firewood, contact Steve, our caretaker



**Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 brochures went home last week.**

**Orders close Friday 20 March 2015.**

## Chocolate Fundraising

WOW we have **sold \$15,000** 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 and she will organise for you to get more boxes. We will be extending our sales until 27 March. Great work everyone!!!



## PTA NEWS

**Next meeting:**

**Monday 30 March  
7:00pm in the staffroom  
All welcome**



**Invitations are going home to the parents new to our school.**

**Second Hand Uniforms** – the shop will be open from:

8.30 – 9:00am  
2:45 – 3:15pm  
on Friday 27 March

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Next meeting**

**Tuesday 28 April 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.*

**FOR RENT**

## HOUSE TO RENT!

3 bedrooms, 3 living areas, fully fenced, gated, warm home for rent. Comes with one bunk and dry firewood for this year only. Wainoni area. \$445 a week, plus 4 weeks bond. Must prove you are working ie pay slip etc. Available in one to two weeks. Phone Rachael 027 925 1055.

**PALM COTTAGE OPPORTUNITY SHOP** – 8 New Brighton Rd (opposite Palms entrance) An Outreach of Crossway Community Church “Bag A Bargain”, Fill a bag of clothing for \$5.00, for the next 2 weeks prior to changing over to

winter stock at Easter. Open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00am – 2:30pm. All proceeds of sales go to charity

### **Rabbits to give away!**

One of our school families has some Flemish giant rabbits to give away. Ring Nadine on 386 3004, if you are interested.



**Shirley Rugby League** ( Club of the Year by Canterbury Rugby League ) Looking for players from 4 years to 10 years old , girls or boys and under 14 years old boys

An invitation to all current and future players, coaches and managers. If you are interested in playing rugby league this winter and would like to be part of a family based club, our training and registration days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays in March from 4:30pm at McFarlane Park. For more information contact



Rochelle Lynch 021 133 5437.

Are you a guy or girl aged 9-13? Want to join a friendly local football club, keep fit during the winter, sharpen your football skills AND have fun? St Albans Shirley Football Club **WANTS YOU!** We need more players in our 9-13th grades and are taking registrations now. The season starts 18 April 2015 (the week after Easter) and runs through until 29 August 2015. Please visit [sasfootball.org.nz](http://sasfootball.org.nz), email [stalabansshirley@gmail.com](mailto:stalabansshirley@gmail.com) or check us out on Facebook for further details.



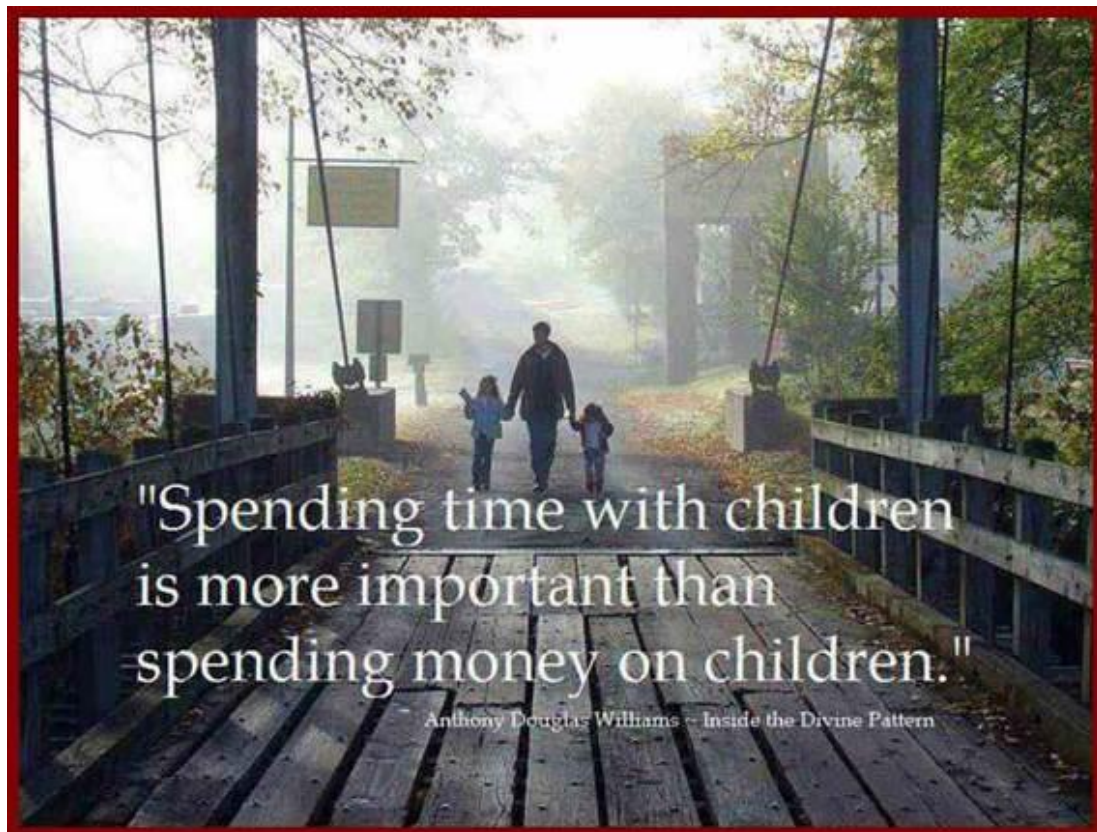
### **CIRCUS OPEN DAY**

**APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 11AM - 2:30 PM**  
**ROY STOKES HALL, 146 SEAVIEW RD,  
NEW BRIGHTON**

### **FREE EVENT**

**PERFORMANCES**  
**HAVE A GO: ACROBATICS,  
JUGGLING, UNICYCLE, TRAPEZE &  
MORE**

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***Keep your heart free from hate and your mind free from worry."***