



# Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau



## NEWSLETTER

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Hi, kia ora, Namaste, Kon-nichiwa, An-nyong, Ha-se-yo

Number 11

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### Tuesday 2 May

Thursday 3 May

Monday 7 May

Wednesday 9 May

Friday 11 May

Friday 18 May

Friday 25 May

Friday 1 June

Monday 4 June

### MASTER PLANNING MEETING TONIGHT 6:00 – 9:00pm in the library

BoT meeting: 6:15pm in the Sky Room – all welcome

PTA meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom – all welcome

School Cross Country (postponement day 11/5)

Junior Module Mums Reading Session – 11.40 – 12.10pm

Pink Shirt Day – see detail on page 4

Disco

Assembly: 2:00pm in the library

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

Queen's Birthday

*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>

**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> or via our Flexibuzz app:

[www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.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.

Welcome Zach, Ruby, Angus, Sam, Charlotte and Aiden as new entrants in Room 8



### Welcome Back

It was great to see all the smiling faces back at school on Monday. Believe it or not we really miss our tamariki over the holidays!

You will have noticed the new fence up in the juniors; this is a safety precaution for one of our new students. We are still ironing out some of the issues with using

it. We don't want to fence our juniors into a set area so we are looking at a system of having senior students available to open the gate to let children in and out during break times. Parents, please do not let any child in a high vis vest out through the gate.

Yesterday we took a small group of children and staff to West Eyreton School. This was so we could hand Rebecca Searle over in a powhiri ceremony. We wish Becks all the best in her new position as Assistant Principal. We welcome Jenny Marie Evans to Dudley block.

### Visioning Session - School Design Meeting Tonight

Opus have been appointed as our school master planners. As a school we created a design brief two years ago after we visited a number of schools in Melbourne. If you would like a copy of our original design brief email Colleen in the office - she will share it with you. This design brief forms the basis of the master planning stage; during master planning we will look at key elements that we would like considered in our new build e.g.,

- A safe drive in drop off zone, off of the main road.
- A hall with a kitchen which could also be used by the community.
- Teaching pods which will allow teachers to work in teams of two; we are not keen on large open spaces for hundreds of children and several teachers.
- School designed so a sense of community is formed - not one long building.
- Break out spaces which can be easily accessed and used by agencies and community support people.
- Adequate before school and after school care on site.
- A whānau area where parents will feel welcome and will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with other parents

These are just a few of the things we would like considered. As parents it is vital for you to have an input as well therefore we are inviting interested parents to our first consultation meeting **TONIGHT** Wednesday 2 May, to consider the above ideas and also to add other ideas to the mix.

**Visioning - Master Planning Meeting**  
**Wednesday 2 May**  
**School Library 6:00 – 9:00pm**

Once the designers have heard our thoughts they will endeavour to sift through the information we have shared with them and they will develop the initial master plan - this is basically blobs on a map representing key elements of the design.

## Sign Language Week 7-13 May

We are very proud of the diversity of our students at BAS and the inclusive nature of our school. As we have two students who are profoundly deaf we have embraced sign language. We have a number of teachers learning sign language after work and we try to incorporate sign language into our everyday school life, e.g., we have signs for each of our values. You will also be aware that we have an interpreter signing in most of our hui.

Next week is NZ Sign Language week. This is an opportunity to heighten everyone's awareness and to step out of our comfort zone and use some simple signs.

We are especially proud that the Kay family, who have been chosen to be the face of NZSL this year. You will see lovely posters of them around the city.



## SBHS and AGH Zone

Zoning proposals for both these schools are very contentious. We have many of our families who are currently in zone finding out that with the new proposed zone for Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys', they will no longer have automatic right of entry to these two new schools. Our BoT have taken a strong stance on this and made a submission to the Ministry of Education. I have included a copy of this letter later in this newsletter

## Student Attendance

We have a growing number of children who are regularly absent from school - frequently without a justified or explained reason.

1. Students must legally attend school. Truancy Services and Tamariki Oranga can become involved when children are chronically absent. As a parent it is your responsibility to make sure your child is at school.
2. Children who are regularly absent do not achieve as well as their peers. They are missing out on meeting their full potential. This can have impacts for life.
3. If a child is absent on average one day a week (and we have a number of children who are), then after five years at school they have missed a whole year of education.

If your child is going to be away for a valid reason then we ask that you notify our office staff before 8:30am using one of the following options:

- Leave a message on our answer phone: 385 4163.
- Leave a message on our cell phone: 027 422 8032;
- Email: [office@banksave.school.nz](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)
- Use our Flexi buzz app. Download for FREE and follow the very simple instructions.
- Leave a message on the absence page on our school website. The link is: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html>

Our office ladies have a huge workload YET some days they spend up to three hours ringing parents to clarify why children are away. This is very time consuming and would NOT be necessary if parents helped us by contacting us first (before 8:30am).

## Cross Country

Last term we postponed our cross country due too bad weather. Our new date for the cross country is Wednesday 9 May, and the postponement day Friday 11 May.



We welcome parents to come and support your children. We will have a coffee van on site between 11:00 and 12 noon.

## Parent Helpers - Bread

We are continuing to make sandwiches for the few children in each class who don't provide their own carbohydrate snack each day. We desperately need a few more parents to offer to come in for half an hour before school once or twice a week. If we had ten parents we could roster two parents on each day. Can you spare the time? If so please complete the slip below and return it to the office.



## HEART Values

### HEART @ Oscar

Oscar have taken the initiative and have started using our HEART values within their before school, afterschool and holiday programmes. We are thrilled to see our values carry over into this environment. Well done Michele and team!

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

**Hauora:** Kiera B, Rylan E, Rylee G, Bella L, Callum W (Dudley), Joya C, Irmhild B, Makayla W, Tai McK, Kahlia G, Ben F, Madison B (Roto) and Caitlin McT (AWA).

**Excellence:** Valentine S (Roto).

**Respect:** Zachary W, Harmony G (Roto), Jaycee H-K (AWA).

**Togetherness:** Jasmin O, Elizabeth B, Regan G (Roto) and Amelia G (AWA).

### **Fifty HEART Tokens**

Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

**Hauora:** Ayla N and Ryder M (Roto).

**Excellence:** Aaliyah V-H, Harmony G, Solomon T, Ruby M, Kai Kai O, Jorja C, Kahlia G, Dominic M (Roto), Josh P and Cheyenne B (AWA).

**Respect:** Mithum N, Cody W (Rm 7).

**Togetherness:** Maddison H, Nofaga M, Declan H, Ryan C (Rm 7) Lucas B (Roro).

## Staffing

### Jenny Dow

Jenny has worked in our office at BAS for almost thirty years; she will retire at the end of Term 2. Jenny has seen many changes in her time at BAS; she has even seen pupils come back as parents. Jenny is an



important part of our support staff team. We want to make her last few weeks with us memorable.

### Kay Robson

Kay was previously our assistant principal. During the last three years she has been back into our school a few times in a relieving context, however, as Mary-Ellen Bagnall is on extended leave Kay will be taking reading recovery for the next month. Welcome Kay!

### Phillipa Ford

We have just started our third new entrant class. Phillipa Ford is taking this class in room 8. Phillipa starts with six pupils this week, however, we expect she will be full by the end of this term. Welcome back Phillipa - we know our new entrants get a great start when they are in your class.

### Jenny Marie Evans

Jenny-Marie is teaching in Dudley from the start of this term. She comes to us from Addington School where she has been teaching Year 4 – 6 children. We know you will join us in making her feel welcome at BAS.

## Junior Module: Mums Reading Session (and aunts and grandmas)

Where: in your child's classroom

Date: Friday 11 May

Time: 11:40am – 12:00pm

We would like to invite mums, aunts, grandmas and/or caregivers to come to school to take part in some fabulous reading activities with us.

If you can come you will be involved in reading to or with two or three children.

Please feel free to stay and have lunch with your child if you wish. If you are staying for lunch please sit with them whilst they are eating.

We hope you can come and take part in some lovely reading with us. You may even get to read with Banksy Bear,



## Pasifika PowerUP Plus

**PowerUP is an education programme which** actively supports Pasifika parents, families and communities to champion their children's learning.

Pasifika PowerUP provides academic support for primary and secondary students, as well as regular seminars for parents to learn more about supporting their children through the education system.

There is a flyer coming home today with more detailed information.

## Tune in to HEARTbeat 106.7FM

Listen to our students master broadcasting radio. If you live close to the school (within 6kms) you can tune into 106.7FM on your radio, to listen. If you live further away, you can access HEARTbeat 106.7FM online, from our school website. For quick access just click on the link below.



<http://www.banksave.school.nz/heartbeat-1067fm.html>

Programmes are broadcasted every day before school from 8:30am-9:00am and at lunchtimes from 12:10 - 12:40pm.

## PTA meeting- next Monday

Our PTA parents do an amazing job behind the scenes; all with the ultimate aim of helping our students and whānau. The PTA are always looking for new members. They meet once a month on a Monday night. Meetings start at 7:00pm and are usually over by 8:30pm. If you would like to join our PTA or else come to a meeting to see if it is something you would be interested in then you are very welcome.

Next Meeting: Monday 7 May 7:00pm in staff room.

Save the date – the disco is on Friday 18 May. Tickets will come home with the newsletter next week. We will have goodies on sale – lollies, drinks, chips and lots of fun lights. So get ready to get your dancing shoes on and boogie away with DJ Tommy Dreamer. See you there!

**Uniform Shop** – will be open on Monday (7 May) from 8.45am – 9.15am. **Cash only please.**

## Pink Shirt Day - Friday 18 May

Banks Avenue has joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to Speak Up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying! On Friday, 18 May we're going PINK to show our commitment to creating a school environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all students. This aligns with our HEART value of Aroha - *using kind words and actions*. Standing together and celebrating Pink Shirt Day will give the message that we do not want any bullying at our school. We are asking all the children to wear something pink on this day, e.g., pink t-shirts, pink socks, pink hair ties or children could come to school dressed all in pink. For more information visit: [www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz)



## Reviewing Te Tahu Rua Reo at Shirley Intermediate School

Our bilingual class - Te Tahu Rua Reo has been in operation for approximately sixteen years, and has given hundreds of children the opportunity to learn Te Reo Māori and experience a Māori perspective in their learning. As the educational landscape has changed, and because we want to respond to the needs of our community, we are currently reviewing our provision. You are warmly invited to take part in this review by attending **our hui at 6:00pm on Wednesday 9 May. Venue: Te Tahu Rua Reo classroom - the Shirley Intermediate classrooms nearest to the North Parade, Shirley Road intersection. We will put a sign out. Supper and warmth provided!**

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**Parent Helper - YES I can help make sandwiches a couple of mornings a week.**

*Helpers normally make the sandwiches between 8:30 and 9:00am.*

Name:

Your child's / children's name:

Contact number:

Which days would suit you? Circle MON TUE WED THUR FRI