



# 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 November	Whole School Assembly – 2:15 pm – all welcome
Monday 9 November	PTA meeting – 7:00 pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
9 Nov – 20 November	Aquagym – Team Totara
Friday 13 November	Canterbury Show Day – school is closed for the day
Tuesday 17 November	BOT meeting 6:30 pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Thursday 19 November	Kids in Town
Friday 27 November	Kapa haka children performing at Shirley Kindy at 1:30 pm
Tuesday 1 December	Junior Module Athletics – postponement day 4/12
Thursday 3 December	Family Celebration Evening
Tuesday 8 December	New Entrant Parent meeting 1:45 pm – 2:50 pm by invitation
Thursday 10 December	Junior Module Fun Day
Monday 14 December	Year 6 Leavers Ceremony 7:00 pm at Shirley Intermediate School
Tuesday 15 December	Junior Module Carols at 2:30 pm
Wednesday 16 December	Final Assembly 12:00noon. Children dismissed at 12:30 pm

**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 on the following options: Phone: 385 4163 / option 3 text 027 422 8032 email: [office@banksave.school.nz](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)**

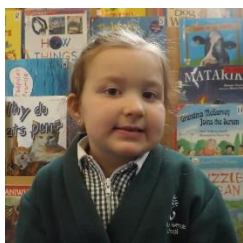
Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html>

**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

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

A special big Banks Avenue School welcome to the following children and their families who joined our school community this week.



Piper  
Rm 10



Syler  
Rm 10



Leila  
Rm 10

What a great result at the weekend with the All Blacks winning the rugby world cup. I think our young sports people can learn a lot from the attitudes and values our All Blacks displayed throughout the build up to the finals. The All Blacks remained

focused on the main goal while ensuring they completed every step along the way. Team work and collaboration were evident at all levels of the game and their humility as winners was inspirational.

I am aware that several families are considering going into the street parade tomorrow afternoon. If you intend to take your child please ensure you let the class teacher know and report in at the office to sign out.



## Frequently Asked Questions

As you know we are developing a frequently asked question section on our website. We have given parents the opportunity to pose their questions through the website or by sending in questions.

Below are some of the questions we have received:

### Will my child have the same teacher?

Yes, *each teacher will have their 'home' group*, i.e., class and this will be the teacher that you go to with queries or concerns. They will report to you and meet with you at Learning Conversations. Your *child's sense of belonging and security with their teacher will remain.*

Like in early childhood centres such as Kindergartens and preschools there are other teachers and adults in the learning spaces. Your child will have times when one of the other teachers in the learning space will be teaching them.

### Is reading, writing, maths still a focus? What will it look like?

Yes, these are fundamentals of learning. Like now, we will have a strong group focus, based on ability rather than age. We will still test to see what children know and what they need to know. Juniors will still reinforce their learning with relevant reading activities, as they do now.

### Does this new design make teaching better and do teachers like it?

Yes it makes teaching better. When teachers can work together, share the responsibility, share their areas of strength and expertise, see one another in action the bar is raised. Teachers who have or are working in these environments do not want to go back to the isolation of a single class.

If you have any questions you would like answered please submit them via the link below or on the slip at the end of this newsletter, and we will endeavour to answer them.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/modern-learning-practice-faq.html>

## School structure 2016

Our senior leadership team met last week and have decided on keeping the same school structure as this year with small differences.

**Team Totara** will continue to have year one and two students and will be in the same rooms. Teachers in Rooms 9 and 10 will continue to teach co-operatively as will Rooms 1 and 2. This will allow teachers to continue to build on their collaborative practises.

**Team Kahikatea** will have mainly year two and year three students with a handful of year four students. The year four students will be carefully selected to ensure they have the opportunity to embed and optimise their learning. Teachers in Rooms 15 and 16 will teach collaboratively. Currently there are some alterations being made to the back of their classrooms to give them an alternative break out space for children. In 2016 we will be looking at how other teachers in Team Kahikatea can begin to start teaching collaboratively.

**Team Miro** will have year four to six students. The main change here will be teachers working collaboratively in teams of two. During the holidays there will be alterations to Room 24 and 25 along the same lines as we have done in the Awa block (Rooms 26 and 27). This will give all teachers in Team Miro the chance to build on their collaborative practises. Two teaching positions in Team Miro have been fixed term positions for the year. These are currently being advertised for 2016.

In two weeks the senior leaders will take time out to place children into classes for 2016.

We are still finalising dates for giving parents the opportunity to see children in Dudley block learning during the day. Once we have finalised dates I will contact the parents of year three and year four children and offer them the chance to come to an open morning.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Hannah and Sasha who participated in a National Cheerleading Competition in Auckland last weekend. Sasha received a silver medal for cheerleading and Hannah received two silver medals, one for cheerleading and one for dance.

A great effort girls!



## Staffing

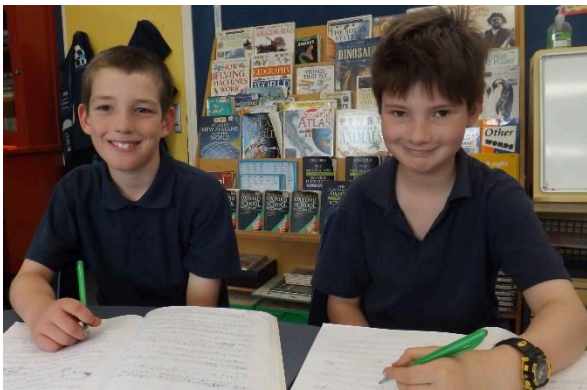
Matua Maaka – Maaka has been our school Kapa haka teacher for a number of years. He has done an amazing job in supporting our cultural group within the school and at festivals. Sadly Maaka will finish at the end of this year. We are currently looking for a replacement as we highly value the place of Kapa haka in our school.

Rhonda Aitken - for a number of years Rhonda has been our SENCO (special needs) facilitator. This year she has also had a teaching component. In 2016 Rhonda will return to the classroom full time. She will be teaching in Team Totara.



Chelsea Roycroft and her family welcomed a beautiful baby boy into their family on Tuesday. Linkin Eric Roycroft arrived at 10.00 am and weighed in at 9lb. All of our best wishes go out to Chelsea, Jeremy and big brother Beauden.

## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNERS'



Phoenix and Sean have both been part of a written language group with Mrs Edmonds. She is really impressed with their attitude and effort and the progress they have made. Both boys have made the most of the learning opportunity provided to them.

Well done Phoenix and Sean.

Keep up the great work boys. 😊

## Parking Concerns

We have a couple of cars parking outside the gate, on yellow lines, making it very difficult and unsafe for children to see so they can cross the road safely. We will not hesitate to take number plates and pass them on to the police with our concerns. Our children's safety is paramount!



## Parenting Tips

Parents are doing the most important job there is. It's rewarding, but sometimes it's tough. Children are our greatest treasure! When you're a parent that might mean:

- Making sure your kids have the things they need. Check out [everyday families](#) to see ten simple things kids need everyday.
- Look after yourself so you can be there for them. It's good to take time out to be you. There are some nice tips on [Barnardos' website](#).
- If you're a dad, there's so much you can do to make your child feel like a taonga (treasure). See [fathering – the best job on the planet](#) for fun ideas.
- Learn about [positive discipline](#). This job never came with a manual and knowing some tricks of the trade can make life a whole lot easier.
- Listen to what kids say on [facebook](#). They fill us with inspiration every day.

## CUPS & TROPHIES

It is that time of year again when we recall all cups and trophies given to students at the end of 2014 so we can get them polished up ready for our prize giving ceremonies at the end of this year. Please drop off at the school office.

Thank you



## Leaving Banks Avenue School

Many thanks to the parents who have already notified us that their children will not be returning to Banks Avenue in 2016. We are just about to make up classes for 2016 so we need to know if your child is leaving Banks Avenue School ASAP. Please contact the office.

## What's happening at school?

**Ripper Rugby** – We had large group of seniors attend a ripper rugby tournament this week. I had good reports back about their participation. They were placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Sheree and Abby for organising this and thanks for parent help.



**Year 3 Basketball** – We currently have a year 3 team playing basketball every Thursday night.

**Whole School Assembly**  
this Friday 6 November  
in the library at 2:15 pm.  
Even though it is cramped parents  
are most welcome.

### Pool Key for Hire

If you are applying for a key to the Shirley Intermediate School pool you will need to pick up a letter from our school office confirming your child / children attend Banks Avenue School.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Tuesday 17 November at 6:30 pm

In the Sky Room

All welcome



## LOST!

Natasha Dellabarca has lost her school shoes. They were in the Room 8/9 cloak bay after lunch on Friday (they were muddy) and we haven't seen them since. I believe they are the buckle variety. If you find some small black muddy shoes, please return them to Room 8. Thank you.



## PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Next PTA meeting:

Monday 9 November at 7:00 pm

in the staffroom

All welcome



## Uniform Shop CASH ONLY

Shop dates this term from 2.45-3.15 pm

30 October

6 November

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



## Need to find a GP?

To locate a GP in your area scan this QR code or visit [www.pegasus.health.nz/gp-locator](http://www.pegasus.health.nz/gp-locator) to use our Locate a GP tool.

Simply select your location and click on the Locate button, this will display a list of general practices and contact details.



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## Frequently Asked Questions about Future Focused Teaching and Learning FFTL

My question is....

Another question is.....

Or you can submit your question via this link: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/faq-modern-learning-practice.html>.

*“Always stand up for what you believe in....even if it means standing alone.”*