



Banks Avenue School



"Learning today to succeed tomorrow"
Kia mau ki ngā akoranga, kia tau ai āpōpō

NEWSLETTER

11 November 2015

Hi, kia ora, goeie dag, haileo, jou sanh, goedendag

Number 33

Phone: 03 385 4163, fax: 03 385 6581 email: office@banksave.school.nz, website: www.banksave.school.nz

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 26 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 Prize Giving - 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

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

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 Aria and her family who joined our school community this week.



Aria
Rm 5

We are officially half way through Term 4. Once we pass Show Week the year vanishes. It is a particularly exciting and sad time for our Year 6 students who will leave us and move on to intermediate. Teachers have been very busy writing reports and senior management have been busy reflecting and reviewing progress with our school wide goals for 2015 while preparing for 2016.

Future Focused Teaching and Learning - FFTL

As you are aware our new school will be built as an Innovative Learning Environment – ILE. This means all children will be taught in collaborative teaching spaces with more than one teacher. With the rebuild and renovation of schools around Christchurch, all schools will eventually transition to ILE's.

In preparation we have renovated many of our existing buildings to give teachers the chance to begin to work collaboratively. Staff professional development has focused on building knowledge and skills in relation to FFTL. Staff have also had the chance to visit ILE's in Christchurch so they can learn from teachers who are a little ahead of us in the journey.

2016 will give us the opportunity to continue our own journey toward offering outstanding education embedded in 21st century needs and pedagogy. It is vital we keep our parent community on board with knowledgeable about changes to education hence we are offering parents of children in Dudley Block the chance to come and see a ILE functioning. We hope we will be able to extend this offer to

parents of Year 3 students who will be in the senior school next year. We have also set up so parents can put forward their questions and wonderings about FFTL on our website.

Dudley Open Mornings

We have sent home booking sheets to families of children in Dudley Block. Come and see children in working in Dudley during a normal school day. These forms need to be returned to school ASAP so we can allocate session times. Spaces are limited so please ensure you return your form if you are interested.

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.

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

Below are some of the questions we have received:

With open spaces - How do you stop the talking and noises from other classes distracting the children working in the same block?

Newly built schools, ILE's are designed with new building materials and new technologies specifically to reduce noise. Sound checks are performed. In our school at the moment it relies more on the class teachers to monitor noise however with children's growing self-regulation skills children have become better at regulating the noise level themselves.

Obviously it's a good learning environment for children who are self-motivated...What about the kids who aren't, or who are easily distracted?

Keeping these children on task is an issue in a single-cell classroom also. The advantage in an ILE environment is that there will be more eyes watching – with 2 or 3 teachers and a teacher aide, rather than just one teacher. So there will be less opportunity to hide and more adults to assist.

Also, with 2 or 3 teachers in the learning community, there is more chance that each child will find that they bond with at least one of those teachers, rather than spending a year with a teacher that they perhaps struggle to relate too.

Where is the research about innovative learning environments?

Professor David Mitchell answered: whilst a quick Google search on 'ILE' might not bring up many results, there is strong evidence supporting the effectiveness of it. Collaborative learning, team teaching, using ICT in learning and peer teaching are all recognized as effective methods with strong research about each of these areas.

Also noted that New Zealand is not the first country to adopt this approach. It is tried and tested in some European countries.

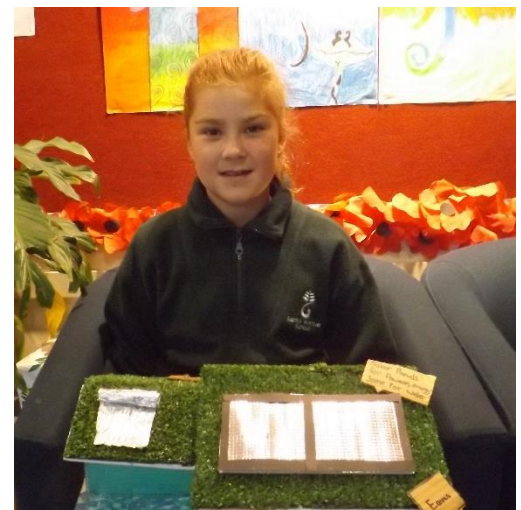
Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack Savage who competed over the weekend in a Judo competition and received a gold medal for his team's performance. Well done Jack!



Please let us know if your child is having success out of school so we can celebrate their achievements.

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Reese in Room 26 has been entered into the Mean Green Home Competition this year. Reese had to design a house, build a model and present a power point presentation to her peers.

Reese worked hard with her model and presentation. It was nominated as the best at school and her project was entered into the competition.

Well done Reese. 😊

Cup Day Fun!

Riley, Madison and Althea enjoying some cup day fashion.



A trio of beauties!

LEARNING EXPERIENCE FEE

Team Miro

Your \$15.00 Learning Experience Fee due date for payment is **TOMORROW, THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

Payment either by cash, cheque or eftpos at the school office or by direct credit to:

03 1700 0077767 000 Reference *LearnExpFee*

Remember no payment no activity

Kindness Awards



This term we have a school-wide focus on being kind. Kindness tokens are given out to any child seen showing kindness in their actions and in their words.

Once a week we draw out 5 children from our Kindness Bucket. This week the five children are:

Hamish, Althea, Will, Bradley and Makaia.

Thank you for your kind deeds.

Senior Module Athletics

After a rain disruptive week our Senior Module Athletics got underway on Friday 30 October. Everyone was really competitive and showed great team and individual spirit. The results of a great day follow:

8 Year Old Girls

1st Holly Blakemore
2nd Phoenix Kelso
3rd Charlotte O'Brien

8 Year Old Boys

1st Tyler Ufton-Tangaroa
2nd Joel McKay
3rd Ryder Donald

9 Year Old Girls

1st Lauren Stocker
2nd Pafuti Sefo
3rd Genitha Ngaika

9 Year Old Boys

1st Madoc Wiltshire
2nd Benji Irvine
3rd Blake Hold

10 Year Old Girls

1st Olivia Watt
2nd Meika McLean
3rd Trisha Shailaj

10 Year Old Boys

1st Kieran Thacker
2nd Daniel McKay
3rd Lyle Hollobon

11 Year Old Girls

1st Jekita Valavala
2nd Lilia Aknine
3rd Alicia McLean

11 Year Old Boys

1st Jayden Culling
2nd Josh Emmett
3rd Hilton Kairua

Congratulations and well done all of you.

MUFTI DAY

Friday 27 November

We are having a wacky dress day and wacky hair day at school.
Gold coin donation.

Student Leaders

FOUND

Natasha Dellabarca's shoes have been found and returned to her. Thanks for your help.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Tuesday 17 November at 6:30 pm

In the Sky Room

All welcome



PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Next PTA meeting:

Monday 7 December at 7:00 pm

TO BE CONFIRMED

in the staffroom

All welcome



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



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.

St Albans Swimming Club

The club provides a summer "learn to swim" programme

- affordable lessons
- adult lane swimming
- family swim and barbecue nights
- a family friendly club

At Shirley Intermediate School Heated Pools

Monday - Thursdays 4-5.30pm

Enrolment information: paul.valerie@actrix.co.nz

FOR SALE

Cot for sale in great condition, wooden frame, 2 height levels, and turns into a day bed.

Cot mattress, excellent condition, double sided,

Cot sheet sets, x1 summer, x1 winter

Plus x2 duvets excellent condition, Plus x2 small wrap/blankets

Please call Lesa on 0226744691 or 374 4142

Shirley District Music School 2016

Enrolment information is now available at our school office or you can contact Delwyn McKernzie, SDMS Director directly on 960 8222, 021 101 9063 or email: delwyn@sis.school.nz

Palm Cottage Opportunity Shop

8 New Brighton Road

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Phone 385 0886

Adults and children's clothing and shoes, bed linen, drapes and curtains, bric a brac, kitchen ware, books and toys.

All proceeds go to charity.

The Christchurch Boys' Choir is an auditioned choir made up of boys with treble (unbroken) voice from all schools around the city. We provide boys with opportunities to perform in a choir of a high standard and also to tour around the country, performing in many remarkable venues.

Christchurch Boys' Choir

We are auditioning for the 2016 choir on 19

December and are reaching out to all schools in the Christchurch community to provide boys

with the opportunity to audition. Any boys who want to audition need to email me at

musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz to book an audition time.

Gala Concert on 5 December at 7:00 pm, to

celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the choir.

Featuring the premiere of Richard Oswin's brand new arrangement of *A Ceremony of Carols* and special guest performers.

[How does the Organics Processing Plant work in Christchurch?](#)

[Come along to the open day on Saturday 28 November.](#)

[Times to be confirmed but it will be open for 4 hours. Will be advertised on radio and local newspapers.](#)

<http://livingearth.co.nz/faq/christchurch/>

Check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nc8ufeO984>

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."