



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

25 November 2015

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

Number 35

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Thursday 26 November	Kids in Town
Friday 27 November	Kapa haka children performing at school for local kindys at 1:30 pm
Friday 27 November	MUFTI DAY – wacky dress, wacky hair day – gold coin donation
Tuesday 1 December	Junior Module Athletics – postponement day 4/12
Thursday 3 December	Family Celebration Evening from 5:00 pm
Tuesday 8 December	New Entrant Parent meeting 1:45 pm – 2:50 pm by invitation
Thursday 10 December	Junior Module Fun Day
Thursday 10 December	Transitional Cathedral – Christmas Carols @ 10:00 am – Team Miro
Friday 11 December	MUFTI DAY – to support the City Mission Food Bank
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.

Vote for Charlotte!

Congratulations to Charlotte who has made it into the final five for The Christchurch Urban poetry competition. As a community we need to support Charlotte by going online and voting for her. The poem with the most *likes* will win.

<https://www.facebook.com/Poetica.christchurch>

Reading, absorbing words

Lost in a book, cuddled into Mum,

Discovering my cat in a closet, safe

Reunited with my family and friends

Hands trembled as I turned the page

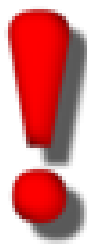
Slowly I calmed

Gripping my mother's hand

We read together.

By Charlotte

Can you work out what the poem was about? This is an amazing effort Charlotte!



Learning Celebration – Thursday 3 December

On Thursday evening, 3 December, we have a learning celebration evening. This is the chance for:

- Parents to visit classes and have chance to chat informally to class teacher.
- Parents to meet and mix with other parents
- Us to showcase groups of children who have represented the school
- Some end of year fun

Parents are invited to come along and set up a picnic on our field area. Children will be performing from 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

At 5:30 pm classrooms will be open for 30 minutes. This is the chance for parents to chat informally to teachers and to see work that children have completed in the last term. All children who visit their rooms with their parents will get a chit for a treat

Can you help?

We are hoping for some extra help on the evening: **Face-Painting**- is there a parent or older sibling who has some artistic skills who would be willing to face

paint? We will provide the equipment but we need some manpower.

Candy-Floss Maker: We will provide all the equipment but we need a parent (or grandparent) who is willing to man the candy floss machine for an hour.

Sausage Sizzle: our PTA would like to names of any parents who would be happy to be rostered onto the sausage sizzle table for ½ an hour or more.

If you are available to help with any of these activities please complete the form below.

Digital Citizenship

Last week two BOT members did an audit of cyber safety within the school. They came in and checked to see what access children had to particular sites and they also checked our processes for ensuring our children are safe on line.

The importance of cyber safety also came up today when we were touring Dudley block. There are many possible dangers within an on line environment and as a school and as a parent we need to ensure our children have the skills, knowledge and attitudes to remain safe.

Below is a definition of a digital citizen as well as a link to a resource on further information on digital citizenship.

A digital citizen

- is a **confident and capable** user of ICT
- uses technologies to **participate** in educational, cultural, and economic activities
- uses and develops critical **thinking** skills in cyberspace
- is literate in the **language, symbols, and texts** of digital technologies
- is aware of ICT **challenges** and can **manage** them effectively
- uses ICT to **relate to others** in positive, meaningful ways
- demonstrates honesty and **integrity** and **ethical behaviour** in their use of ICT
- **respects** the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world
- **contributes** and actively **promotes the values** of digital citizenship

<http://mylgp.org.nz/guide/308/digital-citizenship-definition/>

School Social Worker

We have just been assigned a new school social worker, Tanya Hay. Parents are welcome to contact Tanya to do a self-referral. Her email is tanya.hay@standforchildren.org.nz. Tanya can also be contacted on 027 423 0649.

MUFTI DAY
Friday 27 November
We are having a wacky
dress day and wacky
hair day at school.
Gold coin donation.

Student Leaders

Dudley Open Mornings

Many thanks to all the parents who have come to school in the last week to visit Dudley Block. It was really worthwhile to meet with you and share our Banks Avenue journey.

If you didn't make it down to see children in Dudley block working there is a short video clip that you can watch that has a bit of an overview of why changes are happening in education.

<http://edtalks.org/video/considering-modern-learning-environments>

Thank you!!!!

We currently have several teams of parents working to support children at Banks Avenue **PTA** – as always our PTA work quietly in the background for the benefit of our children.

Each year they donate thousands of dollars to the school to provide resources or experiences for children. A huge thank you to Katrina and her wonderful team of women!

Mentors – we currently have a small team of parents coming in every week to work with individual children. For many of these children these mentor sessions are the highlight of their week. Many thanks to all of our mentors for your time and efforts.

Adventure based learning mums: twice a week we have an after school programme running for a small group of children. Once again thank you to Verity and her team of mums – it is very generous of you to give your time up to help our students.



Staff Resignation

Last week I accepted the resignation of Leigh Hurford. Leigh has been on maternity leave during 2015 and was due to return to her teaching position in 2016. Due to family reasons Leigh has decided to resign. Leigh has been at Banks Avenue for a number of years and in that time she has had a large impact in particular in working with our gifted and talented children. We wish Leigh all the best in the future.



Assembly

We have our final whole school assembly on Friday at 2:15 pm. Although it is cramped in the library parents are most welcome to attend.

Learning Celebration Evening

Please complete this form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office **if you can help on Thursday 3 December.**

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Lilly always does her best, is a great self-manager who can be relied on in class. She is caring and friendly to all around her.

Well done Lilly. 😊

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved Pride in Achievement Awards

*Bronze Angel, Room 27 Lilly Room 26
Harjot Room 22 and Lachlan Room 25*

Silver Lauren Room 25

Gold Phoebe and Sho from Room 27.



Year 2 students Douglas (7 years old) and Liam (6 years old) of Room 15 shared in an 80 run partnership off their allotted 30 balls, for their East Shirley Cricket Club Year 4 team V Medbury. Douglas achieved an amazing feat of scoring 50 runs off 14 balls he also took a hat trick bowling (with one caught and bowled) and 3 direct hit run outs. As all runs are run in this grade the boys were very tired coming off, running up and down for 1.28kms. East Shirley won the game.



Well done boys....awesome



Christmas is coming! Keep an eye on the Learning Support windows – some lovely decorations are being made

School Photographs

School photographs will be coming home with your child/ren sometime this week. Orders which were received after the close date of 30 October are being processed separately and will arrive within a week or two.



Children enjoying a reading session with one of our volunteers, Zza Zza.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

*Tuesday 15 December at 5:00 pm
In the Sky Room
All welcome*



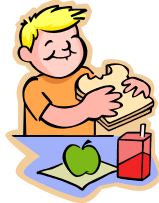
PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Uniform Shop is open:

Friday 27 November 2:45 – 3:15 pm

Lost Property – There is a large amount of lost property still at school. Please make sure you come and check it for any of your child's lost uniform items of clothing. At the end of the year the PTA will sort, wash, repair and put what is left in the second hand uniform shop for sale.

Lunch Online - is available every Thursday. You can sign up at <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz>



The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help get each order to the right classroom. If you can spare half an hour at 12:00 pm on a Thursday please contact Katrina on 021 899 141 or Wendy at wendypreston@clear.net.nz



Dallington Oscar is having a fundraiser stall at our After School

Programme during week beginning 30 December 2015. We will have Xmas goodies on sale for \$1 each. Proceeds will go towards our end of term treat for our Oscar children. Thanks for your support.

Staffing 2016

In 2016 we continue our journey toward collaborative teaching. This will involve all teachers incorporating aspects of collaboration into their programmes.

In team Miro we have moved away from teachers teaching in a set of three to three sets of teachers in teams of two.

In teams Kahikatea and Totara there will be two sets of teachers working in teams of two.

Teachers	Levels	Rooms
Team Totara		
Helen Denny and Suzanne Nilsson	New entrants	9 and 10
Rhonda Aitken and Rhoda Nicoll	Year 1 and Year 2	1 and 2
Team Kahikatea		
Abby Savage and Helen Stowers	Year 2	Tuis-15 and 16
Lynley Watts & TBC	Year 2 and Year 3	7 & 8
Jennifer Sullivan and Nicola Smith-Palmer	Year 3 and Year 4	11 and 12
Team Miro		
Scott Bradley and Karen Morganty	Year 4 and Year 5	Roto 24 and 25
Belinda Walsh and Shirley Haig	Year 4 –Year 6	Awa 26 and 27
Jan Thompson and Becks Searle	Year 5 and Year 6	Dudley 20-22

Classes for 2016 have been drafted. Teachers will get the chance to look at and give feedback on class placement; children will find out what learning team they will be in on their reports. They will get a chance to visit with next year's teacher on Monday 14 December.

Learning Celebration Evening

Please complete this form and return it to the office if you can help on Thursday 3 December.

Name:

Contact number:

Yes / No I can help with face painting from	5:30 - 6:00 pm	6 - 6:30 pm
Yes / No I can operate the candy floss machine from	5:30 - 6 :00 pm	6 - 6:30 pm
Yes / No I can help on the sausage sizzle	5 - 5:30 pm	5:30 – 6:00 pm 6 - 6:30 pm

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”