



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

14 October 2015

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

Number 29

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

Thursday 15 October

Monday 19 October
Tuesday 20 October
Wednesday 21 October
Monday 26 October
Wednesday 28 October
Friday 6 November
Thursday 3 December

Pubertal Change Parent Information Evening at 7:00 pm.

PTA meeting – 7:00 pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
BOT meeting – 6:30 pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Jumping Jack Flash Performance for Teams Totara and Kahikatea
Labour Day – school is closed for the day
Senior Module Athletics – postponement day 30/10
Whole School Assembly – 2:15 pm – all welcome
Family Celebration Evening

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

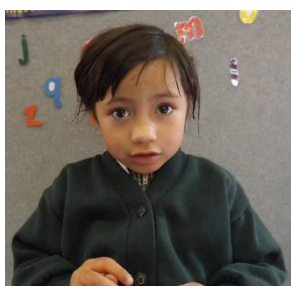
Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html>

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.

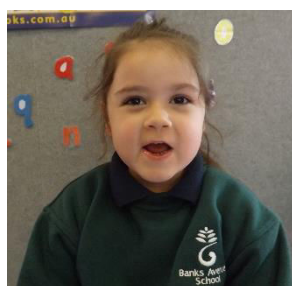
Dear Parents and Whānau

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

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



Breah
Rm 5



Nea
Rm 5



Hope
Rm 1



Genitha
Rm 22

Term four is my favourite term of the year. As a teacher we start to see all of our hard work during the year start to pay off with children settled and learning! As a leader it is also very satisfying to sit back and reflect on all of the goals that you had at the beginning of the year and to measure progress that has been made. This year we have had two key professional focuses; reviewing and revising our assessment processes and building our knowledge and understanding of future focused teaching and learning in preparation for a shift into a new learning environment in 2018. Our team of teachers have worked incredibly hard during the year on incorporating this new knowledge and skills into their already sound teaching programmes.

Term four is always incredibly busy! Not only are we beginning to wind up 2015 but we also put a lot of time and energy into setting up for 2016. One of the things we will be looking at is our school organisation and class structures for 2016. If you have a valid reason for wanting your child placed in a particular class in 2016 you need to ensure we receive a written request by **23 October**.

Thank you to the parents who have already notified us that their children will be leaving Banks Avenue at the end of 2015. Once again we need this information as soon as possible as it will also help us with organising classes for 2016.

On **Thursday 3 December** we are planning another Family Celebration Evening. This will be the chance for families to come down and have a picnic dinner, look through classes and see some of our groups perform. Last year we had a beautiful evening so we hope for the same this year. Put this date in your diary; there will be more information coming home later.

Congratulations Josh

Late last term we learned that Josh Emmett from Room 27 has been awarded the Principal's Scholarship for Chisnallwood Intermediate School for 2016. Josh is a talented hard-working all-rounder so we were thrilled to hear of his success. Well done Josh!



Gentle Reminders

Sun hats

No hat- No play. All children should now be wearing their school uniform hats during break times. These can be purchased from The Warehouse.

Absences

PLEASE make sure you contact us if your child is going to be away for any reason. It takes our office ladies hours every week contacting parents to find out where children are; this time could be much better spent.

Shakeout – Earthquake drill

On Thursday there is a national earthquake awareness initiative called **Shakeout**. At 9:15 am classes across the country will be stopping, dropping and holding. We intend to keep our participation low key so we don't alarm children.

With much sadness in our hearts we have bid farewell to one of our beautiful parents, Bronwyn Reid. Much loved wife of our Board Chair, Aaron and cherished mum of Casey.

Bronwyn died suddenly at home on Wednesday 30 September.

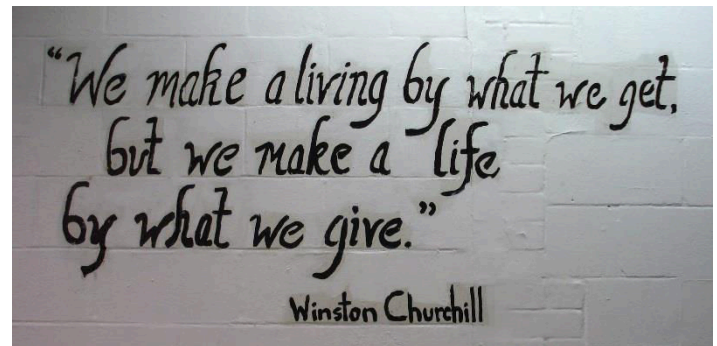
When tragedy strikes, we coral the wagons and provide much needed love and support.

Aaron and Casey, we are here for you.



Mental Health: Pay it forward

Last week was mental health week. The theme this year was GIVE - Give your time – te wā ki a koe, your words – ō kupu, your presence – ko koe tonu. Improving wellbeing is important for everyone. People are often surprised to find that doing little things like giving up your seat on the bus can have a lasting impact on your mood and sense of wellbeing. As well as volunteering, small everyday acts of giving can have a big impact, such as letting someone else in front of you in line at the supermarket, smiling at strangers, complimenting a friend. When we give we feel happier, feel more positive about life and other people, and are more likely to trust and cooperate with others. Not only that, but when you give you inspire others to behave generously – they pay it forward. This term at school we will continue our focus on kind words kind actions but it is also something families can discuss and focus on as well.



Basketball

Abby Savage is entering a Year 3 basketball team this term in an after school weekly tournament at Cowles Stadium. Any interested children should have received a permission form today. As we can only have eight children in a team it will be first in first served. Thanks Abby for giving up your Thursday afternoons to supervise this initiative.

Farewell Mrs Roycroft

Chelsea Roycroft teaches in Room 1. Next week will be her last week as she will be on maternity leave for the next three terms. We wish Chelsea



and her family all the best with their new arrival and look forward to her returning to Banks Avenue School later in 2016. We welcome Julie Wolbers back to Banks Avenue School. Julie will be teaching in Room 1 until the end of the year.

Teacher Aides

Sometimes parents wonder and comment on who many of the other adults are, that they see in classes or around the school. We are very fortunate that we have several talented and caring teacher aides who support our children. Sometimes teacher aides work with individual children on particular programmes but quite often they are attached to a class to help in general. As we move into more collaborative teaching practices, it will become more important to have quality teacher aides supporting in classes. You may also see teacher aides in the playground either helping run or oversee games or supporting in a duty roll. We really value our support staff and appreciate their versatility and flexibility.

Playground audit:

A playground audit is currently taking place here. As part of this process we are seeking views from a number of people, i.e., our students, duty teachers, support staff, the Board of Trustees and you, our parents. Your feedback will help inform the future direction of our playground and what we might need to consider doing, in order, for our children to play here more wisely and creatively.



Please complete and return the attached survey to the school office by Wednesday 21st October or complete it online at:
<http://www.banksave.school.nz/playground-survey.html>

**JUMPING JACK FLASH
PERFORMANCE**
New Zealand Playhouse
Team Totara & Team Kahikatea
Wednesday 21 October
\$4.50 per child.
Forms went home at the end of last term.
Money due in this Friday 16 October.
Don't leave it to the last minute.
Contact Tricia or Colleen if you need support.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Class, individual and group “proof photograph” order forms are coming home [this week](#)

Please follow the directions for ordering as per the order envelope received with “proof photograph”. **Please do not remove the small thumbnail photograph** of your child which is attached to the order form as this is what Heritage use to identify your child’s photograph. A digital file option for an extra \$10.00 is also available. Do not forget to put your email address on the order form.



Last day to place your orders is [Friday 30 October 2015.](#)

Please put your orders in the drop box in the office. Orders and money are processed by Heritage Productions Ltd so please ensure that you put the correct details on the envelope and that the correct money is enclosed. Cheques are to be made out to Heritage Productions Ltd. **Eftpos is not available at the school office for payment of photograph orders.**

Please note that the Kapahaka, Shirley District Music Festival Choir, Kids for Kids Choir and Dudley group photographs are not named and do not have an order envelope with them. The photographs are available to view in the office reception area. Please ensure to order the correct Choir group.

Please put the correct money in an envelope with Heritage Productions on the outside, with group required and child’s name and room number. These photographs are \$10.00 each.

PROOFS have not yet been proof read by our staff, so any errors will be picked up and advised to Heritage before the final print. If you do notice any errors in spelling please do not hesitate to let us know.



Well done Holly Room 20 and Josh Room 27 and Reese Room 26 who have each achieved their Bronze Pride in Achievement Award.

Well done!

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER



Nouveau is our 'Hot Shot' Learner. He is such a conscientious worker. He loves dinosaurs and loves being in Room 11!

Well done Nouveau. Keep up the great work! 😊

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Next PTA meeting:
 Monday 19 October at 7:00 pm
 in the staffroom
 All welcome



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting
 Tuesday 20 October at 6:30pm
 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.

URGENT CHILDCARE REQUIRED

Reliable after school care required on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. If you or someone you know is able to help can you please call Jo on 0274 747770.

AquaGym Hiring now!

Fun and rewarding work with a great team of people.

- Receptionist/Lifeguard
- Swimming Instructors

A variety of part time work available during school hours.

email your C.V. to info@aquagym.co.nz

Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a combination of ballet, dance and gymnastics that uses handheld apparatus like the ribbon and ball. It is great for confidence, strength and flexibility. We emphasise fun and fitness and it is fantastic for developing co-ordination. We have classes for girls ages 4 and above for recreational and competitive classes. We are based at The NZ Institute of Sport building in the main gymnasium at 66b Wharenui Road, Riccarton. Please contact Bianca for more information at divargc@gmail.com or call 027 521 7220. Spaces are limited to ensure a good ratio of teachers and children. We are now taking in competition gymnasts for the 2016 competition season.

Students Leaving either during or at the end of Term 4, 2015

Complete this slip and return it to the office OR email office@banksave.school.nz

Note: parents of Year 6 students do not need to complete this form.

My child / children (names) _____ Room No. _____
 _____ Room No. _____
 _____ Room No. _____

will be leaving Banks Avenue School at the end of 2015.

Reason: (optional) _____

Please complete this process by Friday 16 October