



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

21 October 2015

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

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Monday 26 October

Wednesday 28 October
Friday 30 October
Monday 2 November
Friday 6 November
Monday 9 November
9 Nov – 20 November
Friday 13 November
Tuesday 17 November
Thursday 19 November
Tuesday 1 December
Thursday 3 December
Monday 14 December
Wednesday 16 December

Labour Day – school is closed for the day

Senior Module Athletics – postponement day 30/10
Last day for school photo orders
Last day for Scholastic Book orders, both at school and online
Whole School Assembly – 2:15 pm – all welcome
PTA meeting – 7:00 pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
Aquagym – Team Totara
Canterbury Show Day – school is closed for the day
BOT meeting 6:30 pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Kids in Town
Junior Module Athletics – postponement day 4/12
Family Celebration Evening
Year 6 Leavers Ceremony 7:00 pm at Shirley Intermediate School
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 to the following children and their families who joined our school community this week.



Andy
Rm 10



Joel
Rm 10



Kaia
Rm 16

Congratulations Josh.
Last week we congratulated Josh on receiving the Principal's Scholarship for Chisnallwood. This week we are once again celebrating his success! At the weekend Josh participated in the National Judo Championship in Auckland. Josh won a gold medal in his age group for sparring and a silver medal for his technique. Well done Josh!



We love hearing about children's successes out of school so if your child has achieved something that we could celebrate please let us know- office@banksave.school.nz

Scholastic Book Orders

Last day for orders both to the office and online is:

Monday 2 November

Gentle Reminders

Parking and Traffic

As you know parking and traffic around the school continues to be a huge concern. There are two other school entrances, Strathfield Ave and Belfield Street that parents can use to help reduce congestion on the road.

If you use Gayhurst Road please be wary of traffic. With the bridge re-opened there has been an increase in traffic and sadly some cars are racing along Gayhurst Road making it quite unsafe for our children.



Tweets

If you are not receiving our tweets please get on board by texting

follow banksaveschool to 8987

If you are a Vodafone customer you will find you have stopped receiving our tweets. This appears to be a Vodafone issue which we are endeavouring to rectify.

Hats

We are a sunsmart school which means we wear hats in Term 1 and Term 4. Any child without a hat will be expected to stay in a shaded area. New hats can be purchased from The Warehouse or we have several second hand hats for sale for \$2.00 each.



Cheer Leading

Many thanks to Gemma, a parent, who has offered to coach a Year 5 and 6 cheer leading team. Permission slips for this activity will come home shortly.

Adventure Based Learning –ABL

We are thrilled to be trialling this new initiative aimed at building children's self-esteem and social skills. This programme has been developed by Verity Verster, one of our parents. Verity has a background in psychology. We will be overseeing this programme as we hope it is something that we could offer on a regular basis. This programme will run two afternoons a week after school.

Teachers will identify students who they think will benefit from this programme. If you receive a letter offering your child a place in this programme please return it to school ASAP as we hope to begin on Monday November 2.

Many thanks to Verity and her small team of parents who are running this programme.

Banks Avenue Mentoring Programme - BAMP

Many thanks to the eight parents who have offered to add a little joy into a child's life and become a mentor. It's a small commitment that makes a big difference. Becoming a mentor to a child in a school environment will help build a child's self-esteem and school performance while having a lot of fun. Belinda Walsh is overseeing this programme and she is currently in the process of contacting the mentors to check their availability. She will then match mentors to a suitable child so the fun can begin.

School dates 2016

At our BOT meeting last night we ratified our school dates for 2016.

School will begin on Monday February 1 2016 and will finish on Friday 16 December. The school office will be open the week before to take enrolments. There is likely to be Teacher Only Days on Friday 15 April and Friday 3 June.

The full set of dates for 2016 is available on our school website. Click on the link below:
<http://www.banksave.school.nz/term-dates.html>



Jen Dellabarca has been chairperson of the PTA for most of 2015. In her time as chairperson she has introduced many new

initiatives and built up a great team of parent supporters. Sadly due to work commitments Jen has resigned as chairperson. We thank her for her enthusiasm and efforts for our children and wish her the best in her next venture.



We welcome Katrina as our new PTA chairperson.



This is Room 10 enjoying a singalong before play this morning.

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER



Tane in Room 8 is our 'Super Star Learner' this week. We read 'The Big Idea', then the children were asked to write their own responses to 'the Big Idea' book.

Tane wrote:

Rhinoceros is cool like iceblocks.

Well done Tane! Keep up the great work 😊

Scooters

With arrival of summer we are able to get our scooter ramps out again. Tuesdays will be scooter day for year 1-3 children. Year 4-6 children can use the ramps on Thursday at lunchtime. Children will be expected to eat lunch first before they go to the back court. All children on scooters must be wearing helmets and we also recommend additional safety gear, e.g., kneepads. Thanks to Steve who has offered to oversee scooter days for us.



Dudley Open Mornings

We are thrilled that we have a growing number of teachers across the school teaching collaboratively. As you know we have done many room renovations to help this occur more easily.

Dudley is the block where we have three teachers teaching collaboratively with eighty year four and five students. Last year we ran a parent night to talk to parents about the philosophy behind collaborative teaching but this year we would like to invite parents down to see Dudley children in action. In order for this to occur in a way that won't encroach on the learning occurring we are going to limit parent groups to about 15. We will put out a timetable with

several time slots that parents will be able to opt in to. The structure of each session will involve a bit of an initial debrief about collaborative teaching with the principal or deputy principal, then the chance to spend 30- 40 minutes in Dudley, a tour of the school to look at other collaborative teaching spaces and then a final question / answer session. We are currently putting our timetable together. Once we have done this we will invite Dudley parents and parents of year 3 students to book slots first. If there are any spaces available we will open it up to the rest of our parents to come in for a look.

Innovative Teaching – Personalising Learning

At the weekend there was a biased and negative article on the front page of the Sunday Times. This article targeted future focused teaching and personalising learning to students needs. Below is a link to a response written by a fellow principal challenging this negative opinion.

<https://hail.to/amesbury-school/article/nFksiGz>

This excerpt from the response supports the direction that we are moving toward in personalising learning to meet student's needs.

Working in a more open learning environment is no easy ride – it is characterised by high levels of accountability. Neither is personalisation of learning a soft option. It is a commitment by teachers to ensure that EVERY child is fully engaged in the teaching and learning programmes they need to develop the skills, capacities and knowledge to thrive in an increasingly complex and uncertain world. Our commitment is to never waste our *students' time, but to continually ensure each child is receiving just the right teaching and learning programmes that will stretch him/her; and then to scaffold that learning as needed to ensure success.* We see three aspects of personalisation of learning – personalisation of learning for learners (teaching *and learning targeted by the teacher to each child's needs* while also ensuring the systematic delivery of the whole curriculum); personalisation of learning with learners (where teachers work with students to help them understand the nature of learning and their own learning needs, and then to co-construct with them appropriate learning pathways); and finally, personalisation of learning by the learner (having gained understanding of themselves as learners and of how *learning "works" and of the curriculum, students then have opportunities to determine their own learning pathways*). However, at any one time, students will be involved in all three aspects of personalisation of learning. These are not stages in which one is left behind in favour of the next. There will always be the need for teachers to provide targeted learning programmes for all students and to bring something new to the teaching and learning relationship.

Lost property EEEEEKKKK

Lost property is an ongoing concern for us and for parents. At this time of year children are wearing their jerseys to school, warming up then removing them. Often they forget where they have left them so they end up in lost property. Please ensure all clothing is named. Our PTA sort through the lost property on a regular basis and they return all named clothing to the right children, however, if clothing is not named it ends up in the second hand uniform shop.

Parents can check lost property in Room 22 for the seniors or at the end of Room 15 for the juniors.

What is Happiness?

Following on from my blurb in last week's newsletter about mental health this is just a short reflection on happiness and the power of a smile. Modern science defines happiness as the positive range of emotions we feel when we are content or full of joy. We can grow happiness by smiling.

- Sharing a smile – it costs nothing to pass on a friendly smile.
- Smiles are contagious, when you share a smile this also improves your happiness and how you feel: it releases endorphins, brain chemicals that relieve pain and increase your feelings of contentment.
- Try smiling more- a very effective way to lighten your own mood and the atmosphere around you.
- Try to think of something negative but keep a smile on your face – you'll see this is very hard to do.
- Smiling can make you appear more confident. If you start to smile more often it will trick the body into changing your mood for the better.
- Smiling can help you look less exhausted and less overwhelmed.

"I have Many Problems in My Life. But My lips don't know that."

-They always Smile:

~ CHARLIE CHAPLIN



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PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Next PTA meeting:

Monday 9 November at 7:00 pm
in the staffroom
All welcome



Uniform Shop CASH ONLY

SUMMER SALE THIS FRIDAY

23 OCTOBER ONLY FROM

2.45-3.15 pm

T-Shirts \$3 or 2 for \$5

Summer Dress \$10 (Not Many)

Winter Dress \$15 (Lots)

Sweat Shirts \$7

Polar Fleece \$7

Vest \$7 Shorts \$3 Hats \$2

Unless selling on behalf of



Shop dates this term from 2.45-3.15 pm

16 October

30 October

23 October

6 November

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

Great work from our budding artists in Room 10



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting

Tuesday 17 November at 6:30pm

In the Sky Room

All welcome



Someone's been busy in the garden!