



# Banks Avenue School



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

## NEWSLETTER

07 September 2016

Hi, kia ora, Guten Tag, Namaste, Kon-nichiwa,

Number 28

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5-9 September	Team Kahikatea & Team Totara House of Bricks – Morning of Maths
<b>Wednesday 7 September</b>	<b>Union Meeting for all Union Member Staff – children will be dismissed at 12:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 9 September</b>	<b>Mufti Day – see detail on page 1</b>
Friday 9 September	Assembly – 2:00pm in the Library
Monday 12 September	School photos
Friday 16 September	Disco
Tuesday 20 September	BOT meeting – 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Wednesday 21 September	Netball & Basketball Prize Giving – 3:00pm in the staffroom
Friday 23 September	Last day Term 3 – children dismissed at 3:00pm

*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 of 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> or via our Tiqbiz app: [www.tiqbiz.com](http://www.tiqbiz.com)  
**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 big Banks Avenue School welcome to Leon and his family to our Banks Avenue School community.



Wow only two and a half weeks to go until the end of term. It has been a very busy term - in fact it seems like an age since we had learning conversations at the beginning for the term. There has been much learning happening - especially in the field of science!

### Community Day

The weather was unpleasant and cold but that didn't stop a huge number of our children and families from coming out last Sunday for our community day.

Many thanks to Katrina and the members of the PTA who all worked hard behind the scenes and on the day to make it a great occasion. It was awesome to see our children showcase their talents by performing.

Well done to those children and parents who managed to kick the ball over our new goal posts. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community.



**Mufti Day**  
**Friday 9 September**  
**Our student leaders have organised an 'Olympic' mufti day to raise money for school resources.**  
**Dress up as an Olympian... let's have some fun.**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION**  
**Thank you ☺**

## Assembly

Our school wide assembly will be this Friday in the school library at 2pm. Although there is not much room parents are always welcome.

## Sharing our Learning

Teachers were very fortunate to visit Melbourne in the last school holidays in order to visit schools and learn from what is happening in education over there (they are about ten years ahead of of NZ system).

As a result of this groups of teachers have compiled 'inspiration boards' about some of our thinking and including some next steps. These displays will be in room 17 and parents are welcome to come in before or after school to have a look at our learning. If you have any wonderings or questions please feel free to talk to the teachers or to visit Tracey, Tricia or Toni in the admin area. We are really excited about education and the journey we are on.

## Parking

Parking around the school at drop off times and after school continues to be a challenge. No parent is allowed to drive into the school grounds after school to pick up their child as this provides a hazard to all of those children who are walking or on scooters leaving the grounds. If you cannot get a park on Banks Avenue then park around the corner on River Road or use one of our other entrances.

We also have neighbours who have complained of cars blocking their driveways.

We have notified the CCC parking wardens: they will be coming out during the next few days to enforce parking regulations and to check warrants and registrations.

## School Photos

Next Monday all classes will have school photos. Make sure children are in a clean uniform and are at school on time.



## Choir

Well done to our school choir who performed amazingly at Monday night's *Kids for Kids* Concert. This is a huge event and hundreds of children perform. Many thanks to Belinda Walsh who is passionate about music and gives our children great opportunities by the things she organises for the school choir and the school band.

### Netball & Basketball Prize Giving

Wednesday 21 September

3:00 – 4:00pm

In the Staffroom

Players to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

## Disco

We have a school disco next Friday, 16 September. Tickets need to be pre-purchased for this. Every disco we have a number of children who lose their spending money. Could you please

1. Practice with your little ones paying for something and then waiting and asking if there is change. They often go up to the counter, order something, pay and leave straightaway without getting their change.
2. Ensure they have a bag, wallet or safe pocket to keep their money in. A wee shoulder bag for girls is great as they can keep it on them. Make sure wallets etc are named so if they are found they can be given back to the owner.

## Walkathon

So far we have raised nearly \$2000. What a great effort! All sponsorship cards and money are to be returned to the school office by Monday 12 September.

## From Shirley Intermediate School Principal - Geoff Siave

Greetings everyone. We would like all enrolments for 2017 completed by the end of Term three- Friday 23 September. We've delivered enrolment information and forms to all year six children. Forms can be completed manually or online. We can still accept enrolments after that date but having a reasonably accurate picture of enrolments as soon as possible will ensure timely and thorough preparation for children, staff and families. Thanks very much.

## Parent Sewing Bee

We have some curtains that are looking a little the worse for wear. We are going to take them down and get them washed but we need a small group of parents to come in and do some patching before we rehang them. Wendy from the PTA is going to oversee this and will get out a more detailed letter next week. We hope to have our sewing bee early in term 4.



## Know Our Board of Trustees



My name is Michael Stewart and I have been a member of the board since June 2016 and a member of the Health and Safety subcommittee. I was born in New Zealand but raised in

Canada so I have a different perspective on our education system.

I work as a fire-fighter with the New Zealand Fire Service and have been doing this job since 2003. Prior to this, I worked as a fire-fighter with the New Zealand Army. It is a job I enjoy and am passionate about. Currently, the New Zealand Fire Service is also in a rebuild stage in Christchurch where they will build seven new fire stations. I am a representative for my station for this and I hope to use that experience to help rebuild Banks Ave School for future generations. My wife's name is Marilyn and we have three children, all girls. The eldest two are at Banks Avenue School, one in the seniors and the other in the juniors. Our youngest daughter is about to turn one year old so I'm in for the long haul!

I joined the board to have a greater insight to how our school works, but also wanted to be a part of any decision making that concerned our daughter's education. I believe that all schools should have a safe and comfortable learning experience where children are able to explore their own thoughts to achieve a level of education that we can be proud of.

We are about to enter the rebuild stage of our school and I want to have an input on how this will work for all our children, the teachers and our school. Our eldest child may miss out on experiencing the new environment but our other two will get to see it and benefit from it.

## Cultural Day - 21 September

At BAS we have a wonderful cultural diversity, made up of 63% NZ Pakeha, 20% Māori and 17% other cultures.

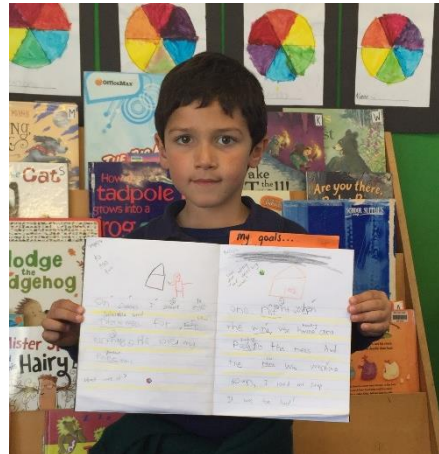
We are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful ethnic mix with a cultural day on **Wednesday 21 September**. Every class will be having a curriculum focus on different cultures within their room. In particular classes will be looking at bread from around the world as well as looking at customs, dress, food and festivals of the different cultures.

Children are going to be asked to come dressed linked to a country or a culture (no super heroes or fairies etc.). To culminate our cultural celebration we will

have some cultural groups performing and we will be having a cultural parade.

Please keep an eye out for any notices to do with this celebration as it looks like it will be a very special occasion.

## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



The Landing would like to celebrate Rylan's writing. He has been working really hard as a writer and likes to use describing words to improve his stories. He has begun to edit his own work and takes pride in all he does.

*One night when the wind was howling and pushing the trees and the rain was whooshing down, I could not sleep. It was too loud!*

*Rylan aged 5 years*

Well done Rylan. Keep up the great work!

### One Child's Thoughts:

*I was walking down a dark allyway,  
I saw this young man that obviously couldn't pay.  
Many people passed him on that day.  
It was either that or he'll be on his way.  
It is people like Donald Trump, that destroys anything spoken.*

*It's too different so it is broken.  
Our parents say we should be grateful either way  
Cause we wouldn't be here without their pay.  
Do you see what I'm trying to say?  
It's up to us or they might be sick the next day.  
We are the people of the future so stand tall and strong,  
Don't be like Hitlar and give people a dong.  
You'll live like you and I'll live like me  
Because it's up to us to rebuild our society.*

*Jemma from Dudley*

## Father's Day Reading session

Last Friday there was a hubbub of reading around the Junior Module part of Banks Avenue School. Some of it came from the grass, some of it was from inside classrooms and some of it even came from the adventure playground.

What was it?

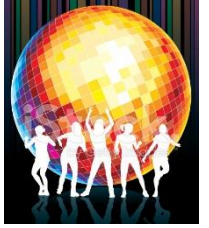
It was the sound of happy children being read to by dads and grandads in our school. There were heaps of children gathered around these important men in our lives. There were smiles galore, the odd giggle or two and the happy sound of children being read to. What a treat.



## PTA News

### Disco Night

The disco is on Friday 16 September. Tickets are coming home with the children today. Please return the whole ticket and money to the office dropbox by Thursday 15 September and the ticket will return home with the children on Friday. Please remember to go over the code of conduct with your child/ren. There will be no door sales.



### Calendar Orders

Order forms are coming home today with children. The children's artwork is on display in their classrooms.

We have some pretty awesome budding artists amongst us!

## 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.*

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### **Palm Cottage Opportunity Shop**

8 New Brighton Road  
Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
10:00am – 2:30pm.  
Phone: 385 0886  
This week's special:  
Fill a bag of clothes for \$5.00  
Everything else ½ price!

### **St Matthews LLO Scouts**

Jamboree Fundraiser Photo Shoot!  
Friday 16 September  
For more information phone Pip Hosken on  
027 869 9226 or email: pipandkids@gmail.com