



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

14 September 2016

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

Number 29

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Friday 16 September

Tuesday 20 September

Wednesday 21 September

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Friday 23 September

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Friday 7 October

Monday 10 October

Thursday 13 October

Disco

BOT meeting – 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome

Cultural Day – 1:30pm on the back court – all welcome

Netball & Basketball Prize Giving – 3:00pm in the staffroom

Assembly – 2:00pm in the library – all welcome

Last day Term 3 – children dismissed at 3:00pm

School office open for enrolments and enquiries 9:00 – 3:30pm

Term 4 begins

Final Reading Together session - 1:45pm in the staffroom – note change of date

*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 of 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> or via our Tiqbiz app: 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.

Apologies for a very brief newsletter this week. I was away sick last week followed up by the Canterbury Principals' Conference for two days this week so although I am back and feeling much better my feet have hardly touched the ground!

Cultural Day

Next Wednesday, 21 September, we will be having our school cultural day. Although each class has different activities organised for the morning there will be a whole school parade held in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to come down and may even join in the parade if they wish to. Children can wear national costumes or they can carry an artifact that represents their culture.

This is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Banks Avenue School and to share a little about what makes each of us unique.

Sharing our Learning

A reminder that parents can call into Room 18 before or after school to look at teacher displays about *future focused teaching and learning*.



Parenting Sessions

Anne Gibling, our school social worker, is organising two parenting sessions in Term 4. The first is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 19 October from 6:30 - 8:30pm and the second for Thursday morning, 20 October, from 9:00 – 11:00am. More information on these two sessions will be coming out later. Next year we hope to run a more in depth six week parenting course.

Reading Together

We have had a small number of parents participating in *Reading Together*. This is a six week course which gives parents a number of ideas and strategies for reading with and to their children. Congratulations to the parents who have attended each week. I am sure you have found it really worthwhile. Thanks Lynley for all of your efforts!

Chisnallwood Scholarships

Congratulations to these children who have been shortlisted for Chisnallwood scholarships: Lyle, Harjot, Lucinda and Charlotte. We wish you all the best in the process and look forward to hearing how you fare.



School Photo

This photo was taken on Monday. It is made up of all of our children forming our school heart. Children truly are at the HEART of learning.



School Policies

All of our school policies are on the web and can be accessed by any parent any time. Please log on to Schooldocs <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz/> and use the login *banksave* and the password *banks*.

Coming Up in Term Four

Term 4 starts back on Monday 10 October. There will be a break on Monday 24 October for Labour Day and again on Friday 11 November for Show Day. Our term will end on Friday 16 December at 12:30pm.

Team Miro have aquatics scheduled for Term 4.

Family Accounts

Many thanks to all the parents who are up to date on their school account. We still have several families who owe money for a range of activities during the year, swimming and or stationery. Please ensure accounts are paid in a timely manner and if needed arrange with Colleen to have weekly amounts direct debited to cover costs.



Health and Safety

Over the last week classes have been practicing what to do if an earthquake happens during a break time. Children are easy to manage and supervise if an event happens while they are in class but we wanted to make sure children knew what to do if there was a quake while they were outside playing. In particular we wanted them to be aware of any things or areas that they needed to stay away from in case things were displaced and fell.

We also had a follow up practice today for a *lock down*. We try to keep these practices low key but we need to practice them to ensure our processes and routines are effective. During today's lockdown practice our computers crashed which was actually quite good as we had to go to plan B.

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.



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.

Netball & Basketball Prize Giving

Wednesday 21 September

3:00 – 4:00pm

In the Staffroom

Players to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

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 overseeing 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 David Campbell, and I have had the privilege of being on the Board of our school since October 2015. I decided to find out more about the Board and get involved soon after our daughter - Lucy - joined the school. Our son Ryan will be joining BAS in 2017. This is a really

exciting time to be involved with Banks Ave School as we look to the future and build a school that will hopefully be a central part of our community for the years to come. I believe that the Board has an important part to play in supporting the school's leaders and teachers to provide an environment where all students can do their best. I have really enjoyed my time of the Board to date, as I have been introduced to elements of organisational governance that wouldn't normally come up in my 9-5 job. I would really encourage parents who are keen to find out more about the Board to either come and talk to a board member, or come along to our meetings. I am usually around the junior school on Thursday mornings for drop-off, and I'm always happy to have a chat.

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Ashton is a reliable digikid who provides assistance to others in many different eLearning contexts. He problem solves and uses his intuition to work his way through issues and he has a breadth of knowledge that benefits both himself and those around him. Recently he has used these skills to engage enthusiastically with writing which is great to see. Well done Ashton!

ENROLMENT SCHEME – Out of Zone Applications Terms 1 to 4, 2017

Enrolment at Banks Avenue School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Nominations are now being called for out of zone placements for the 2017 school year.

Please contact the school office to register your intention to enrol by Friday 14 October 2016.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required the ballot date will be held on Wednesday 19 October 2016. The results of this will be advised in writing by Wednesday 26 October 2016. If a ballot is not required you will be advised in writing after the close date of Wednesday 19 October 2016.

If you live in our home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child for the 2017 school year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

Please contact the school office should you have any further enquiries regarding enrolling at Banks Avenue School.

PTA News

Disco Night

The disco is this Friday 16 September. The whole ticket and money must be at the office no later than 3:15pm on Thursday. The ticket will come home with your 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 went home last week with children. The children's artwork is on display in their classrooms. Orders and money must be in the drop box by Thursday 22 September.

We have some pretty awesome budding artists amongst us!

Second Hand Uniform Shop – Open this Friday from 2:45 – 3:15pm.

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.



Kidsfirst Kindergarten Shirley (aka Shirley Kindergarten, Ajax St Kindergarten) is **60 YEARS OLD** in September.

To celebrate this we are hosting an afternoon at kindergarten on Saturday 17 September from 1:00 – 3:30pm at 3b Ajax Street. There will be a cake ceremony at 3:00pm.



Come and join us, you are very welcome!

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Team Totara children enjoying a morning at their House of Bricks session last week.

