



Banks Avenue School



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

NEWSLETTER

21 September 2016

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

Number 30

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

Wednesday 21 September	Netball & Basketball Prize Giving – 3:00pm in the staffroom
Thursday 22 September	Team Miro Learning Celebration – 5:30 – 7:00pm. More information on page 3
Friday 23 September	Assembly – 2:00pm in the library – all welcome
Friday 23 September	Last day Term 3 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Friday 7 October	School office open for enrolments and enquiries 9:00 – 3:30pm
Monday 10 October	Term 4 begins
Thursday 13 October	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.

A big Banks Avenue School welcome to Samantha, Room 5 and her family to our Banks Avenue School community.



Culture is a key component of identity and belonging. It helps us feel anchored in the world and adds to our individual uniqueness. Today we have celebrated the thirty-one different cultures that we have at Banks Avenue School. This was an absolute joyous occasion. Many thanks to all the families who have supported us at today and in the previous couple of weeks as culture and identity have been talked about at home. Thanks to each teacher for making this an awesome learning experience in your rooms.

Today to recognise my cultural heritage I am wearing tartan. I asked one of our students if he knew which country tartan represented, where was I from? He was

very quick to reply 'the land of Tarts'....out of the mouth of babes!

He aha te mea nui o te ao

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Maori proverb

Please have a safe and relaxing two week break. Term four is my favourite term as we really get the see and benefit from all of the learning that has happened during the year. We start back on Monday 10 October.

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.

Know Our Board of Trustees



My partner Variny and I have Douglas an 8 year old, who is a Year 3 pupil at Banks Avenue School, and Walter a 4 year old, so I am at Banks Avenue School for a few years yet.

I am currently the Club Captain and serve on the Board at the Christchurch Golf Club where we have just completed a rebuild of our club house. I serve on the committee of the Educational Child Care Centre where we have also just achieved a full rebuild of our preschool, so I am very much part of the rebuild of our community.

When on a board I try to take all personal agendas and personality differences off the table to solve each problem in a clear and logical way that makes the organisation a better place for current and future stakeholders.

Being newish to the School and the Board I come with no preconceived ideas about the school, staff or pupils and will approach my time on the Board with a fresh perspective.

My business background ranges from a Auctioneer at Turners Auctions to Marketing Manager at Canterbury Cricket and running my own small car and campervan rental business. I now devote my time to looking after our 2 children and sorting out our house rebuild. I have also launched a couple of Apps, one for Facebook, called www.borrowforacoldone.com and My animal puzzle which is a children's education puzzle app. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.wetstone.animalpuzzle>. I also created an information website called www.newzealandatoz.com

I enjoy working with our board, new Principal and management team in an exciting time in the history of Banks Avenue School.

We all have to give back at some stage to help our community be a better place.

**School will close for the Term 3 holidays
on Friday 23 September.
The school office will re-open for
enrolments and enquiries on
Friday 7 October
from 9:00am – 3:30pm.
Term 3 begins on Monday 10 October.**

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Mataio and Mareko are becoming successful learners in Room 8. They are enjoying learning new things. They always try their best and they always join in. We are very proud of them.

Well done Mataio and Mareko. Keep up the great work boys!

Student Wellbeing Team

Recently the Student Wellbeing Team experienced a forum with other school children where we learnt about different aspects of health. We learnt about the brain, the need for sleep, healthy eating, ideas for reducing litter in the school and bonding with nature. We also used coggle to create mindmaps. We shared with the other schools our findings on sugar and how it can cause tooth decay, obesity and other health issues. We made a display on labels and how much sugar is in a product. Not drinking fizzy drinks but drinking water can save money and make a person healthier for their future. The recommended daily dose is three teaspoons per child day and for adults it is five teaspoons.

It was a good learning experience on aspects of health. Sienna Reiser



Emily, Taylah, Sienna, Reeve, Connor and Ms Haig

Team Miro Learning Celebration Term 3

This Thursday 22 September is our Termly Learning Celebration. Dudley (20) Awa (27, 26) and Roto (24, 25) will be open from 5:30–7:00 pm. Please come along and view your child's learning for the term. Please feel free to bring along a picnic or Fish and Chip tea to share with your child. It is a chance to mix and mingle with the other families from Dudley as well as view all the fantastic learning that has been happening. We realise that families have other commitments so if you are able to come even for a short time we would appreciate it.

Our learning for Term 4 is a unit called Healthy Heroes. We will have forms for all families to fill in so please keep an eye out for those.

Please keep the Aquatics money coming in for swimming lessons in weeks 3 and 4 of next term.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow

Becks, Jan, Shirley, Belinda, Karen and Scott
Team Miro Teachers

New World Little Garden - free Seedling Kits



Dudley would love some of these next term. If you or relatives shop at New World and don't want the little pots please donate to Dudley, we would love them.

Egg Cartons

If you have any egg cartons (not trays) Dudley would appreciate them for Art. Thank you



Want to start jogging?

Looking for someone to jog with?

Wednesday mornings 9:00 -10:00am leaving from school and off around red zone, around the river. I'll have my youngest and jog with a buggy so siblings welcome. Kicking off Term 4. I am sure there will be a mix of people that might be interested so we can just split off at paces that suit.



Interested? Email Susannah susiev85@gmail.com

Mobile Dental Clinic

The Dental Van is due at your school for a short visit. Only the children who are due at this time will be seen.

Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up at this time as we should be back in approximately 6 months for the full school visit.

Dental Care Over The School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Hospital site.



Monday 26 September to Friday 30 September 2016 (excluding weekends) and
Monday 3 October to Thursday 6 October 2016 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

PTA News

Calendar Orders

Order forms went home last week with children. The children's artwork is on display in their classrooms. Orders and money must in the drop box by Thursday 22 September.

We have some pretty awesome budding artists amongst us!

Christchurch Netball is running a Mini Tournament for children in Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5 grades. The tournament will be run over 2 days on 4 – 5 October during the school holidays.

Players may register as a team or as individuals (individuals will be grouped into teams).
\$1 per individual or \$5 for a team.



For more information go to:
<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/22753>

Junior Science Club Learning



• Wondering
How clean are our hands?

• Method

- We took 7 slices of bread.
- 1 was the control, nothing touched it.
- We touched the others;
 - after touching a keyboard
 - after touching the floor
 - after touching the toilet handle.
 - after washing with soap
 - after soap and sanitiser
 - 'normal' hands (just after lunch).

Result

Some bread went very mouldy, some went mouldy, some stayed the same.

Conclusion

- Our hands are cleanest when we use soap and sanitiser.
- Our hands are dirtiest after touching a keyboard, or they are 'normal' hands.
- If you don't wash and sanitise your hands before you eat, your hands have lots of germs on them - even if you can't see the germs!

