



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter #24 – Te Pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: 14 August 2019

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Konnichi wa, Namaste, Salaam, Guten Tag

From the Principal - *Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki*

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening students, parents and whānau,
Recently I have been thinking about how we greet each other, as different people come in to see me in my office or when I am out and about in our school. One of the lovely aspects of working here is that so many of our students, whānau and staff are so friendly. I often hear our children calling out to each other and one of the before school conversations I had last week with a student was about the differences in these terms and how we use different greetings in formal and informal situations.

Thank you to all who wore green last Friday in support of the Principal's Strike. Many of the staff wore green of many shades and we have sent off a photo to NZEI to share our effort.

I appreciated being showered with green balloons at the start of the day by some students from Dudley and the balloons were certainly a reminder of this event.

Not only did the balloons make me smile they also offered an opportunity to see static electricity in action as various people touched them, especially when I gave a visitor a shock when I went to shake their hand. *Learning is everywhere and in everything at Banks Avenue School.*



Starting School

This week we welcome Thea and her whānau to our school. Thea has joined The Nest: Room 8.



We also welcome Miss Hewat to our school. Miss Hewat will be starting a new entrant class in Room 5 on Monday.



Term 3

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 30th August

Junior Module Father's Day
Reading Event 12-12:30
Pizza Lunch Day

SEPTEMBER

Friday 6th September

PTA DISCO - mark the 6th of September in your calendar, it's Disco time again. Start practicing the floss now! More info to come.

Friday 6th September

PTA Uniform Shop open from 3 - 3:15pm

Friday 13th September

Tūhono Kapa Haka Festival
7pm at Cowles Stadium

16th - 20th September

Kāhui ako ki Ōtākaro: Arts festival at Ōrua Paeroa Campus.
Thursday 19th is the Collaborative Schools Performance at 6:30pm

Hauora Excellence Aroha Respect Togetherness

Our school HEART values are central to all that we do at Banks Avenue School. Once a child has received a HEART token they hand it into a collection box in their classroom. Teachers tally and record how many tokens each child earns under each of our values.

- 25 HEART tokens (same value) - name in newsletter.
- 50 HEART tokens (same value) - a wristband.
- Two or more wristbands the same - lunch with the principal.

Ultimately children are trying to earn all five wristbands. Once they have done this and then collected an additional fifty tokens they will receive the black HEART wristband, which depicts strong school citizenship.

Twenty Five Tokens

Hauora: Jenn, Drae, Olivia (TŪT); Leila and Jaime (Roto).

Excellence: Harper, Evie, Fern, Fern, Jonah, Lennox, Anikait, Braxton, Spencer (Rm 10); Corbyn, Bryson, Tyler, Isaac (Rm 9); Ella-Jay, Adair, Lachie, Payton, Neruja (Ruru); Tyler (TŪT); Gabrielle (Kuaka) and Tina (Awa).

Aroha: Erabella, Jacob, Fern, Lennix (Rm 10) Corbyn, Archie, Bryson, Tyler, Melinda, Fatima, Nixon, Isaac, Tilly, Alissa, Stephanie, Koryn (Rm 9); Jericho, Jordae (Ruru) and Tumanako (Roto).

Respect: Anikait, Braxton, Erabella, Evie, Fern VH, Fern A Harper, Spencer, Kaden, Jonah, Lennox (Rm 10); Corbyn, Archie, Tyler, Nixon (Rm 9); Harlow, Ella-Jay and Jordae (Ruru) and Aiden Adam (TŪT).

Togetherness: (Rm: 8) Mina (Ruru); and Karishma (Roto).

Fifty Tokens

These children have earned their wristband this week

Hauora: Roame, Cooper (Black Robins); (Kea); Sam, Elizabeth and Maddison (Awa).

Excellence: Brian (TŪT); Harlow (Ruru); Dominic, Harry and Levi (Awa).

Aroha: Paige (Black Robins) and Nation (Awa).

Respect: Karn, Samuel (TŪT); Riley (Kuaka); Dillon (Roto); Lucas, Levi, Krystal and Sofia (Awa).

Togetherness: Jenn (TŪT) and Zion (Awa).

Being an Upstander at Banks Avenue School

Our school-wide focus for PB4L this term is around 'Bullying Prevention' and how to be an upstander. Firstly we have helped our children to identify the difference between behaviours that are rude, mean or bullying. This is important because there are times when both children and adults use the word 'bullying' when the behaviour they are describing is really 'mean'. By differentiating between the two we can then respond to them in the appropriate way. Neither of these behaviours are acceptable and the correct response will have a positive impact on the outcome for all who are involved.

Further to this we have introduced what it means to be an 'upstander'. That is a person who either stands alongside the person who is being bullied, or tells someone about the incident so that it can be responded to quickly. Another example of an upstander is to ask the child who is being bullied to 'come and play with us', therefore taking them away from the situation and then telling a staff member what has happened.

Alongside our HEART tokens and other reward systems that encourage our children to make good choices such as being an upstander we will be giving the children stickers at playtime when we catch them being an 'upstander'. If your child comes home with one of these stickers please ask them what they did to earn it. *Belinda Walsh PB4L: Tier 1 leader.*



Rubbish, Rubbish everywhere

These four upstanding students showed a number of our HEART values by working **together** to show **aroha** and **respect** for our school environment. They were somewhat surprised to pick up this much rubbish from the senior lunch area and playground. There was a similar rubbish issue in the junior play and lunch areas as well. There was even rubbish around the rubbish bin. I know that we can be *better than before* with this so let's work together to be Tidy Kiwis and to look after our environment.



HEART at home tokens for parents

We have heard that our students are showing our HEART values at home in a number of ways. Some parents are asking for us to include our HEART @ Home tokens in our newsletters again so we have included some on our last page.

These tokens can be used with your own children or other children at our school, e.g., when you come into the school grounds you can give them to a child who you see using HEART. Please be explicit with your language when you give the token/s out and acknowledging what they are for, e.g., *Pete, this is for showing hauora because I saw you wash your hands before tea, or, Maria, this is for showing hauora because I heard you talking about what has been worrying you.*

When the token is filled out and given to the child it can be put into the class container in order to be counted for house points and to then go into our 'Caught Being Good' draws at our whole school assemblies.



How to show HEART @ Home

You can show Hauora @ Home by ...

- ❖ Getting a good night's sleep by going to bed at the right time.
- ❖ Eating meals when requested and at the right time.
- ❖ Eating fruit and vegetables.
- ❖ Drinking water regularly.
- ❖ Wearing the right clothing.
- ❖ Personal hygiene routines.
- ❖ Sneeze safe / covering coughs.
- ❖ Exercising regularly and playing outside.
- ❖ Talking about anything that is worrying you.
- ❖ Trying something new.

Caught Using HEART@Home	Caught Using HEART@Home	Caught Using HEART@Home	Caught Using HEART@Home
			
Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:
Room:	Room:	Room:	Room:

Update from the teams

From Team Miro

Four teams of students participated in the East Zone Winter Tournament at Rawhiti Domain and Haeata Campus last week. Our senior students competed in games of Netball, Hockey, Rugby and Soccer. All the teams showed some great skills and teamwork.



From Team Kahikatea

Team Kahikatea have been busy creating artwork for the upcoming Arts festival and getting creative during discovery.



Storytelling



We have a few classes across the school involved in developing the art of storytelling. Not only is this an oral language activity it links really easily into reading and writing as well.

This is Morsal in my office and in full flow whilst retelling the story, *The Freedom Song*, that her class has been working on. She remembered the story in sequence, used her voice in different ways and supplemented it with a few gestures too.

Health consultation

Today we are sharing our health consultation document with you. It is an insert in this newsletter and is also available as a google form. Please have a look at this survey and give us some feedback and some suggestions for what we can do 'better than before' with our teaching and learning about health.

School Answer Phone

We are very happy to announce that if you ring outside of business hours or the phone is engaged you will now hear the lovely Charlee May and Race, our very own superstars, on our answer phone.

Parent library

Not only do we have a great school library collection in our library we also have books for parents to borrow. There are two main displays for these, one of which is in the foyer of the library and the other which is in the office area.

You can organise to borrow these from one of our admin staff.

We are happy for any books already borrowed to be returned to the office as well.



Latest News

Click on the link below to check out the Latest News page on our school website. The children in our school Media Team capture all the events that are occurring in the school. You will find their news articles here.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news-20189.html>

Newsletter

As you can see we are continuing to refine our newsletter and its format. We thank the people who have already given us some feedback about this. Watch this space.

What is Flexibuzz?

Flexibuzz is an app that allows us to communicate important information to you. You can download the FlexiBuzz app to one or more of your devices (a Computer version is available too, if required) via the [App Store](#) (light green) or [Google Play](#) (darker green). Once downloaded tick/select Banks Avenue School to subscribe to our posts. This app is free for you to download as the school has paid for the subscription.

The app has a variety of great features that allows us to send information through to you more frequently and in a more timely manner, and any last minute changes or reminders can reach you when you need them. If you have any questions with the app, free technical support is also provided by FlexiBuzz.

Notifications will come through to your device, much like you would receive a text message to highlight when we've posted something new. We recommend that you select/tick the following options:

Whole School, and your child's class/team boxes, to ensure that you receive all important communications. You may like to also select the groups that your child is involved in, e.g., Choir or Kapa haka. **Each year, please remember to update your child's class and/or team.**





Words of WITSdom

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How can I get my child talking about peer conflict and bullying?

When it comes to talking to your child about peer conflict and bullying, once is not enough. Children need multiple opportunities to learn information and apply it in their lives. So how do you start the conversation?

- Children may feel their situation is unique and that you wouldn't understand. Share a story about how you were teased or left out as a child. What did you do? Did it work? Who helped you?
- Pick a book from the WITS book list at www.witsprogram.ca/schools/book-lists/, read it with your child and start a discussion. What WITS strategies did the characters use? Did the book remind you of anything similar that has happened in real life?

Sometimes the best way to get your child talking is through teachable moments.

When watching TV or movies, talk about characters' actions and how they resolved conflicts. When your child experiences conflict with a sibling or a friend, ask which WITS strategies might help.

Want to know more? Explore the Using WITS with Your Child section of the WITS website at www.witsprogram.ca/families/using-wits-with-your-children/.

How can I support WITS at home?

The WITS Programs are designed to reach beyond schools to protect children from peer victimisation wherever they are. Parents play a critical role by teaching children to use their WITS in a variety of situations. So what can you do to support WITS at home?

- Use WITS to help your child solve conflicts and deal with your own. Use the language when watching TV or movies to talk about how characters handle problems.
- Talk about WITS reminder gifts. Through WITS, community leaders visit classrooms and drop off gifts, such as bookmarks, pencils and posters. When your child brings home these gifts, ask: Who gave you this? What did the visitor talk about?
- Praise your child when you observe him or her using WITS strategies. Ask: How did you decide which strategy to use?

How did you feel when it worked?

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HEARTBEAT 106.7FM

Listen to our students master broadcasting radio. If you live close to the school (within 6kms) you can tune into 106.7FM on your radio, to listen. Programmes are broadcasted every day before school from 8:30am-9:00am and at lunchtimes from 12:50pm-1:20pm

If you live further away, you can access HEARTbeat 106.7FM online, from our school website or from the link on the right.



<http://www.banksave.school.nz/heartbeat-1067fm.html>

PTA

Pizza Lunch Day - 30th August.

Disco

Mark the 6th of September in your calendar, it's Disco time again. Start practicing the floss now! More info to come.

My School Rules

Remember to hand in your receipts when shopping at The Palms. We still have the bucket in the school office as well.

Uniform Shop

Open Friday 6th September from 3 - 3:15pm.

Honey

Buy your honey online here www.thebeekeepershoney.nz
Remember to use the code BANKSAVEPS to have your honey delivered FREE to school. Orders will be able to be picked up by Room 17 (Keas) from a PTA member each Friday after school. If you can't make it to pick it up then send Susannah a text 0276782031. Or use the code BanksPS to have your order delivered.

Fantastic winter \$15 deals on their website at the moment, their throat lozenges have proven their worth keeping annoying coughs at bay!

A new product has been released – MANUKA HONEY FUDGE

Burwood Park Tennis Club

Free participation days – come on down:

Saturday 31st August (1 - 2pm), Saturday 7th September (1 - 4pm),

Sunday 8th September (1 - 4pm)

For more information, email us:

burwoodparktennisclub@gmail.com or check out our website: <http://www.burwoodparktennisclub.kiwi>

Family MOVIE NIGHT
SCREENING: PETER RABBIT
CITY 6PM - SAT 31ST AUGUST

CITY CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENT
City
346 Manchester St
Doors open at 6:00pm, movie starts at 6:30
Drinks and snacks will be provided
Limited tickets available—please register at eventbrite.co.nz
For more info contact City Church: 3797979
www.city.org.nz

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Banks Avenue School JUNIOR MODULE

Father's Day READING CELEBRATION

AUGUST 30TH

CALLING ALL DADS, GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES AND OTHER SPECIAL 'DADS'

12-12:30PM

TEAM TOTARA & TEAM KAHIKATEA CLASSROOMS

COME AND READ WITH YOUR CHILD AND SEE WHAT THEY'VE BEEN UP TO AT SCHOOL, THEN STAY FOR LUNCH!