



# Banks Avenue School

**Living And Learning With HEART**

**Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau**

**Newsletter # 29 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: 25 September 2019**

*Kia ora, anyoung haseyo, asalaam alaikum, goedendag, goddag*

## **From the Acting Principal - Te pū kāea a te Tumuaki**

As I think about the term I recognise the wide range of positive learning opportunities that have been on offer for our students. We have had interesting classroom programmes that have sparked creativity and curiosity, learning conversations, Discovery, assemblies, the Father's Day Reading Celebration, the Shirley District Music Festival, Rāwhiti Sport, the Tūhono Kapa Haka competition and the Red Zone Action Team all of which have added layers of knowledge and understanding to the learning taking place here at our school. There is so much to feel a sense of pride and achievement about so it is just as well that the holidays are on the horizon so we can all rest up in preparation for Term Four.

Over the term as Acting Principal I have been actively noticing the words I say when people ask me, '*How are you?*' Over the last fortnight I have used the words, excited, proud, busy, hayfeverery, (*I may have invented that one*), in a state of wonder, overwhelmed, disappointed, thankful and flabbergasted. I am ending the term with the word grateful in response to the question '*How are you?*' I am grateful that Spring has sprung, that learning has continued despite the amount of illness so many of our students and staff have experienced this term and grateful that Toni Burnside will be back at the helm after the holidays.

I thank Emma Derrick who has been Acting Deputy Principal over the last term. She has juggled the competing responsibilities of class teacher and leadership with grace under pressure. She has been a great help and support, especially with the formatting of the newsletters and overseeing the Junior Module.

I'd also like to acknowledge the work of our teachers, admin team, learning assistants, leadership team, BOT and PTA who have put time, energy and effort into *working together and being better than before* with their contributions to our school. Keep up the good work everyone! We appreciate you and what you do.

*Tricia Carroll*

### **Starting School**

The newest learners to start school with us in '*The Nest: Room 5*', are Amazing and Lucia. We welcome these two learners and their families to our school.



We also welcome John who has come all the way from Tonga to become a member of the TŪT class in Rooms 15 and 16. *Mālōe lelei* to you and your family John.

**Term 3**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 27th September: Loud Shirt Day** All you need is a LOUD shirt! Come to school dressed as a superhero or a villain and help raise funds for Loud Shirt Day by bringing along a gold coin donation. There will be Duffy book prizes for the most creative costumes in each team.



#### **Friday 27th September**

Last day of term for Term 3.  
PTA Uniform Shop Open 3 - 3:15pm.

#### **OCTOBER**

**Monday 14th October**  
Term four starts at 9am.

#### **Monday 14th October**

*Team Miro Swimming begins today.*  
*Don't forget your swimming togs.*

#### **Friday 26th October**

Book week parade: 2 p.m.

## Term 3 HEART Value Focus Respect



### 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: Harlow, Ella-Jay (*Ruru*); Karn, Milly and Jakob (*Tūī*).

Excellence: Libby, Jordae (*Ruru*); Lily Y (125) (*Tūī*) and Tim (*Roto*).

Aroha: Jordae (*Ruru*).

Respect: Adair (*Ruru*).

Togetherness: Alex S and Alex L (*The Nest: Rm 8*).

#### Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Elizabeth (*Tūī*).

Excellence: Koryn, Fatima, Tilly, Stephanie, Alissa, Tyler, Isaac, Bryson, Corbyn, Beau (*The Nest: Rm 9*); Jordae, Neruja (*Ruru*); Aya (*Tūī*) and Willow B (*Roto*).

Aroha: Tilly, Stephanie, Archie, Jack, Tyler, Alissa and Melinda (*The Nest: Rm 9*).

Respect: Fatima, Stephanie, Archie, Nixon, Corbyn (*The Nest: Rm 9*) and Nea (*Roto*).

Togetherness: Adair (*Ruru*); Keyaan and Corban (*Tūī*).

#### **Double wristbands**

Excellence: Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Hollie (*Tūī*).

Respect: Piper (*Roto*).

#### **Lunch with the Acting Principal**

These students are invited to lunch in the principal's office on Friday at 1:00p.m. for having earned two wristbands or more for the same HEART value, i.e., Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Hollie, Piper Brooklyn, Taylor T, Jayden K, Kaia, Daniel S, Jakob, Tyler B, Ling-Ling, Chris, Eva M, Leo and Rai Rai.

*Let's see if I have to find a bigger space for us to be in so we can sit, talk and eat all at the same time.*

#### **Black HEART wristband**

Andy from Roto is the last person to earn a black wristband this term. He knew that he was close to getting it last week.

Andy said, "How did I get this? I must have been showing the HEART values," when he was presented with the wristband.



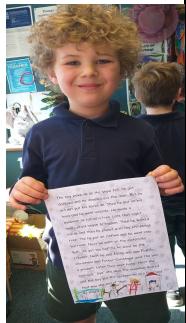
# Updates from the teams and school events

## Junior Module

### Visiting Author

Angus, a visiting author from Ruru, came in to see me last week with his publishing that had his writing on one side of the paper and his 3D illustration on the other side.

Angus was very proud of his completed story, which was inspired by the book *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs that has been read in his class. He was also very happy about showing his story map to me and explaining how it helped him to order his ideas for writing.



## Team Miro

### Red Zone Action Team Present to CCC, Regenerate and LINZ

Last Friday, our Red Zone Action Team of 14 children presented their Adventure Ave plans to representatives from the Christchurch City Council, Regenerate Christchurch, Land Information New Zealand and a couple of board members. The children were seeking support for their application for transitional use of red zone land to create Adventure Ave. Adventure Ave is a nature based playground designed by our very own children who have worked closely with Sian Carvell, Karl Sutherland, Evan Smith and Emma Woods. The team presented their 3D model and all spoke to the plans, answered questions and took their visitors on a tour of the site. Check out the photos of their presentation. We now await the outcome of their application to LINZ. These children also attended the Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots visit earlier this year and this visit will be part of the TVNZ Sunday programme this coming weekend. So tune in at 7:30pm-you may see us!



## Goodbye to Kat

Kat Jer finishes with us on Friday. We thank her for all she has contributed to Kuaka and to our team. She will be missed and we wish her all the best for the future. Thanks Kat.

## Reminder

Team Miro begins swimming day 1 next term. Please make sure you have paid for this.

## Book Week

Will begin on Monday 21 October. Each team will have their own theme. On Friday 25 October in the afternoon there will be a book character parade on the back court. This is an opportunity for the children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the best in show. There is no postponement day for the parade.

Many thanks: Jen Sullivan and Ann Meikle

## Loud Shirt Day - Friday 27 September

Friday the 27 September is Loud Shirt Day and it couldn't be easier to show your support. All you need is a LOUD shirt! Come to school dressed as a superhero or a villain and help raise funds for Loud Shirt Day by bringing along a gold coin donation. There will be Duffy book prizes for the most creative costumes in each team.



## Southern Trust - Thank you

A big thank you to Southern Trust for funding \$5000 worth of IT equipment to support ESOL students and our school library. We purchased 2 Macbook Airs and 3 PC Think Centre Computers. These have replaced very old equipment and the ESOL children are enjoying having the most updated tools for their learning. Southern Trust have supported our school for a number of years now. We really appreciate the help they have given us.



Chantal Palmer (ESOL Teacher) *The students were so excited to see the new laptops arrive. For them this means that they will have greater access to resources and learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Students are keen to share their learning with parents and family from overseas and these devices will allow them to make those connections and therefore strengthen the school community environment for our ESOL students.*

Kai Kai *The laptops are wireless and more portable. We love the touch pads. This means we can take our learning outside.*

Karl *They are cool because they can do amazing things and they work so fast.*



## Amazing Arts Festival Week

**Ben Brown**, a local author, spent some time with two groups of writers on Monday, which was made possible through the support of the NZ Book Council who arranged it as a part of the Festival (*as above*).

Fourteen students from Team Miro had a workshop with Ben covering aspects of writing such as having personal voice, evident in the writing; developing quality and elaborating on ideas as well as how to write for impact.

The ten writers from the Juniors worked with Ben on how to use *imagination* as a catalyst for an idea and ways to develop that idea and build it into a story.

Ben was very generous with his time and approach with these two groups and answered their questions with respect. We were very fortunate to have this opportunity.



## *From Andrew Barker co lead principal of the Kāhui Ako*

On behalf of the Kāhui Ako I would like thank **Victoria Shaw** for orchestrating the most amazing week of artistic celebration. The depth and variety of events was truly amazing. How Victoria managed to organise all the in school and ECE workshops and four evening events is astounding. *Thank you for your dedication and ability to inspire students, staff and community to achieve something truly special.*



Our Kāhui Ako is a group of seven schools and eight early childhood centers. Our vision is to create a learning community focused on seamless, high quality education. This arts festival was a wonderful way to celebrate our students, their schools and community.

*After such a superb week there are many people to thank:*

#### **The Arts Festival Planning Group**

The Arts Festival Planning Group is a collection of teachers from across all of the schools and centres who have given up their own time to attend meetings and also to coordinate things related to the festival in their own schools. Without their time and energy things would not have come together. *Victoria Shaw, Zara Dolan, Helen O'Connell, Brad Banks, Danielle Coulter, Belinda Walsh, Fiona Rodgers, Geoff Siave, Helen Stowers, Sue Greenwood, Wendy du Toit, Julie Brown, Judith Bell, Jess Johnson, Miriam Foulds, Nic Hunter and Renee Watkinson.*

**Kāhui Ako Across School Team:** Thank you to the group of teachers who work across the Kahui Ako that have supported Victoria to ensure that the Arts Festival has been such a great success. *Tom Davies, Joseph Houghton and Emma Smith.*

#### **Kāhui Ako Steering Committee**

Thank you to the Kāhui Ako Steering Committee for their support. This includes the heads of the ECE and principals of the schools a special mention must go to *John Laurenson* who is the recent past Kāhui Ako Lead Principal and has supported Victoria as the idea of an Arts Festival came to life.

#### **The Senior Leadership Team from AGHS and SBHS**

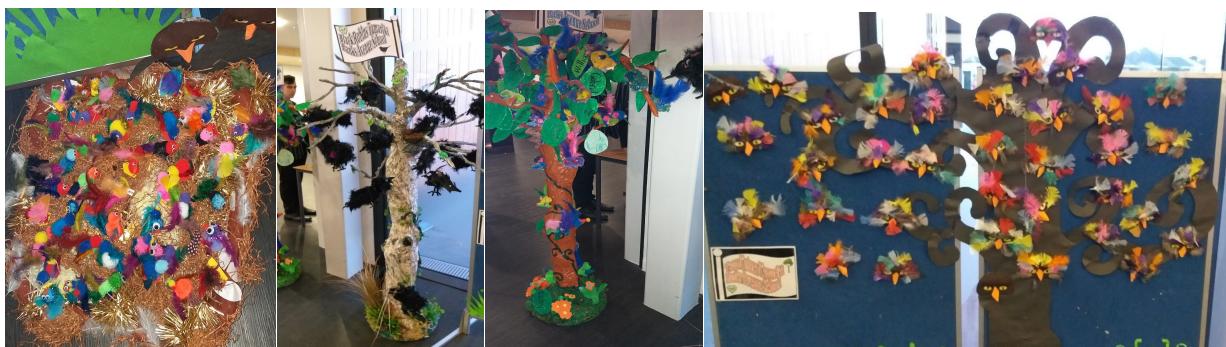
This has put pressure on both secondary schools and their resources. We really appreciate all they have done to ensure the venue, music, catering, ushers, lighting, posters etc. are in place to make for an amazing week. We do acknowledge that this takes a lot of work behind the scenes.

#### **Shirley Village Project**

We thank the *Shirley Village Project* for their support with the Collaborative Mural. They found the space for us to permanently display in McFarlane Park and helped with permission and processes. *Bunnings* have also been a great support of this community project.

**Zara Dolan** needs special mention. She worked with students to sort the poster and visual art images. She ended up coordinating the Community Art Project, including designing the mural concept, gathering resources, distributing materials, collecting and putting together the end product. She also oversaw the installation of the Visual Art Exhibition with the support of her art students. Thank you to *Sue Greenwood* for her support of this too.

**Blake Wells**, thank you for the Visual Design and advertising, you have worked well above and beyond your job description.



## Other notices

### Postponements and events

Banks Avenue School trip or event postponements and or cancellations will only be advised via Flexibuzz, Facebook and as viewed on our website:  
[www.banksave.school.nz](http://www.banksave.school.nz)

### Absences

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: [www.banksave.school.nz/absences](http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences) or Flexibuzz app: [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com)

If your child arrives at school after 9:00am 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.

### PTA

#### Honey

Spring specials 2 x 500ml jars of creamed clover for only \$12! Buy your honey online here ([www.thebeekeepershoney.nz](http://www.thebeekeepershoney.nz)). Remember to use the code BANKSAVEPS to have your honey delivered FREE to school.

Please make sure you pick your order up from room 17 after school on the Friday of the week you placed your order. If you can't make it to pick it up then just send Susannah a text 0276782031. Or use the code BanksPS to have your order delivered.

### Kindness Challenge

THE CHALLENGE: Practice being kind each day for 14 days by choosing 1-4 ideas from the lists below. You can choose from one category or all four each day. Choose your level of kindness and add your own ideas. Students may want to keep a record of their 'acts of kindness' via photos, journaling, a list or even a small video montage.



### 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>

### Pies4you Fundraising

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### White Elephant & Craft

### Twilight Market

**Fri 27 Sept 4 -8 pm**  
**Ferry Rd, St Johns St, corner**

Devonshire Tea,  
sausage sizzle, stalls,

Cash only event

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