

Banks Avenue School

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



NEWSLETTER

28 February 2017

Hi, kia ora, Mirēdita Ahalan, Goede dag, Bonjour

Number 05

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Tuesday 28 February	BoT meeting – 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Wednesday 1 March	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm
Monday 6 March	PTA meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
Wednesday 8 March	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm
Friday 17 March	School Assembly 2:00pm
20-31 March	Team Kahikatea – Aquagym Swimming Programme
Wednesday 22 March	Hanmer Camp and Living Springs Camp Parent Information Evening – 7:00-8:30pm
Monday 27 March	Primary Schools Duathlon
Wednesday 12 April	Last day Term 1 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
Thursday 13 April	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Friday 14 April	Good Friday – school closed for the Term 1 holidays
Monday 1 May	Term 2 begins

*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.

At the end of this week we are almost halfway through the term! Amazing!

This week's newsletter is a day early so we could remind parents that school closes early tomorrow.

I love walking into rooms 9 and 10. These children have only been here for a few weeks (in some cases a few days) and yet they are already well adapted to school and settled in to great learning routines. Well done to Miss Denny and Mrs Nilsson for being amazing new entrant teachers.



I also love the opportunity I get to mix with children informally. Last Friday a group of *cool kids* joined me in the office for lunch.



Cool kid luncheon

Scooters

If your child scooters to school please remind them that scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds. We don't want any children being run over or injured.



Values

Congratulations to the following children who have each received **twenty-five tokens** in a single value. I am looking forward to see who receives our first wrist band. Wrist bands are earned by getting fifty tokens in a value.

Excellence

Roto

Joshua C. Loleannah M. Lucas B.
Rylee G. Bella L. Nation R.

Respect

Roto

Loleannah M. Lucas Bl.



An example of aroha: During our flower show one boy was sitting alone. Siiali went over to him and invited him to come and join his group. Thanks Siiali for showing aroha.

PTA and BOT

Parents play an important part in helping us run, manage and govern our school. Parents can be involved both formally and informally.

Next Monday night, 6 March our PTA meet at 7:00pm in the staffroom. This group meet once a month to organise fun activities in and out of the school. They had an additional meeting last week where they decided on key resources that they would gift the school, this was our staff *wish list 2017*.

We will let you know what this list is once it has been ratified by our PTA at their next meeting.

All parents are welcome to come and join the PTA. Ring Katrina on 021 899 141 if you would like more information

Our Board of Trustees (BoT) are elected by parents. They also meet once a month and have a focus on lifting student achievement. Board members are: Kirk McKay, Noella Gould, Glenn Bogantz Paul O'Donovan, Mike Stewart and David Campbell. Helen Stowers is the staff rep. and the principal is also a member of the board.

Our next BOT meeting is tonight, Tuesday, 28 February at 6:30pm. These are public meetings so parents can attend if they wish. BoT minutes are also available to the public.

Celebrating Success

Has your child achieved something special outside of school? We love hearing about these successes and where applicable sharing them in the newsletter. Something you're proud of? Email tburnside@banksave.school.nz and let me know.

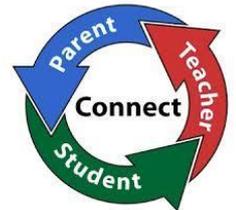
Well done to all the children who participated in the *kiwi kids triathlon* over the weekend. The bad weather did not dampen your enthusiasm.

Learning Conversations

We have two days set aside for learning conversations; this **Wednesday, 1 March** and next **Wednesday, 8 March**. **Children will be dismissed at 12:30 on both these days.**

If you cannot make your appointment please ring the office to let them know as we may be able to allocate your time to another parent.

Remember to bring your child along to the learning conversation. It is important for them to discuss their learning journey.



Crèche

There will be a crèche available for siblings. This will be running in Room 11.

Supervision

There will be supervision available for children if you are unable to collect them at 12:30pm. Please make this request in writing to the school office or by email to office@banksave.school.nz

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Kai from AWA has embraced being a Year 6 and taking on responsibilities. This has also transferred to thoughtful written language. His oral contributions are continuing to show in his love for maths

Bullying

Most widely-accepted definitions of bullying are based on four elements. Bullying is deliberate, harmful, involves a power imbalance, and has an element of repetition. Bullying can be both physical and emotional. It does not only involve children hurting others it can also refer to other events like the child who constantly has their belongings taken or pushed aside. *No acts of bullying are acceptable in any shape or form.*

At BAS we take every child's physical and emotional wellbeing very seriously. How do we address bullying behaviours at BAS?

- We have a positive focus on the behaviours, attitudes and values we want to encourage. Our school HEART values are central to this.
- We have three teachers on duty at every break as well as student peer mediators.
- If we know we have particular children causing additional problems in the playground we will also put on additional support and / or restrict those children causing problems to limited play areas.
- We encourage children to tell if they are being hurt or if they know of someone else being hurt so we can act immediately, investigating all allegations.
- We run programmes like *Kia kaha* which gives children the skills to be assertive, sticking up for themselves and for others.
- We contact parents and have meetings with families. In some cases we talk to parents *every day* in order to work in partnership with parents to prevent unacceptable behavior
- We track behaviours closely, recording and reporting on behaviour once a month to the BoT.
- When necessary we stand children down from school and if no improvement is found we will exclude them from attending our school (in the most severe cases).
- We seek additional help from outside agencies to try to address, support and modify behaviour.
- We formally survey children each year to gather their voice and give them the opportunity to share how safe they feel at school.
- We have carried out playground audits to identify areas in the playground where bullying may occur.
- Teachers are skilled at identifying children's feelings and will delve deeper when they think there is a problem.

If you have concerns over your child's physical or emotional safety, in the first instance discuss it with

the class teacher. If you continue to have concerns please make an appointment with either of my two deputy principals or myself so we can look at what else needs to happen to keep children safe. Please never approach a child you think may have been involved. Let us do it.

Whakatauki

Me he whakawhiti o te ra

'Personify that of the sun. That which removes adversity, brings calm and provides light'

This refers to the role we all play in making our environment safe and pleasant for ourselves and for others.

Basketball

Our year three and four basketball teams have started playing at Cowles Stadium every Thursday night. This is a great opportunity for our young students to grow and develop skills. To support this development we have members of the Rams team coming along every Monday lunchtime to practice with our students. Thanks Abby for all of the time and effort you put into organising basketball.



Rams players coaching students

Flower Show

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who turned up for our junior flower show last Friday. It is great to see everyone sitting around in groups making masterpieces.



Rooms 17 & 18 were rock painting



Lunchtime Activities

Banks Avenue children get a huge amount of extra-curricular and leadership activities to participate in. Some of these include: Kapa haka, single wicket cricket, choir, band, media club, digi kids, jump jam and PALs (playground leaders).



Single wicket cricket

Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Coaching Session

Last week our year 5 and 6 girls went to English Park where they received coaching in football by Annalie Longo (a NZ Silver Fern) and others.

Girl's Football Star

I wanted to give it my all. I ran into the crowd, kicked the ball out of the crowd and took the lead, kicking the ball one foot at a time and running as fast as I could. I scored with everyone else far behind me. I have a rest by being a goalkeeper and then I feel like I'm flying until I realise I was flying! I fell on the ground to stop the ball. On the third rotation I was against Ella who had been in the Zones twice. Somehow I managed to dodge her and I ran and scored a goal. I felt amazing, I don't even like sport that much and now I do like football.

Eden



Junior Module Flower Session



PTA

Lunch On-Line – every Thursday. Orders must be in by 8:30am on Thursday.

Go to: www.lunchonline.co.nz



Second Hand Uniform Shop – open this Friday 3 March from 2:45 – 3:15pm - CASH ONLY.

Next PTA meeting is

Monday 6 March

7:00pm in the staffroom.

We would love to see some new faces



We are looking to get some super ideas from the everyone of what they might like the PTA to raise money for this year and what they think the children might like.

We will be putting a box in reception from next week, please make your suggestions by writing on a piece of paper and popping it in.

NO IDEA IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS



e.g., outdoor bean bags, more scooter ramps, chalk boards, obstacle course, giant games.

BoT Meeting

Next meeting:

TONIGHT

Tuesday 28 February

6:30pm in the Sky Room

All welcome

