



# Banks Avenue School



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

## NEWSLETTER

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Hi, kia ora, goeie dag, haileo, jou sanh, goedendag

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Thursday 21 May	Hanmer Camp Celebration Evening 6:00-7:00pm – detail in newsletter
Tuesday 26 May	North East Zone Cross County
<b>Wednesday 27 May</b>	<b>Parent Evening – see notice on page 2 – everyone welcome</b>
<b>Friday 29 May</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – school is closed for instruction</b>
Tuesday 9 June	Strike Percussion - Teams Totara & Kahikatea
Wednesday 10 June	Canterbury Cross Country
Friday 12 June	PTA Disco
Thursday 25 June	Shirley Area Music Concert – Matinee & Evening
Wednesday 1 July	Reports go home
Friday 3 July	Last day Term 23 – children dismissed at 3:00pm
<i><b>Banks Avenue School trip / event postponements and or cancellations will only be heard on NEWTALK ZB 1098AM and CLASSIC HITS and viewed on our website: <a href="http://www.banksave.school.nz">www.banksave.school.nz</a></b></i>	

**SCHOOLGEN LINK:** <http://schoolgen.co.nz/schoolgen-schools/banks-avenue-school-christchurch>

Dear Parents and Whānau

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou – a warm welcome to you all and especially to Willow Nicolson, Shaista Ali (Room 8) and their families who joined our school community this week.



It was great to welcome back, last Friday, some very tired but very happy campers. The weather was equally as beautiful in Hamner as it was in Christchurch last week which allowed all of the planned outside activities to take place. Students got to build a bivouac, use a hobo stove to cook pikelets, climb to the uppermost branches in trees while harnessed up and orienteer throughout the forest. Wild pigs on the perimeter of the camp added an extra dimension to the camp.



We thank all of the parents who supported the camp in one way or another by providing transport, helping with

fundraising or staying for one or more nights to help with the logistics of running a camp.

There is much lost property from camp in Room 24- so if your child is missing something call in to have a look.

Once again thanks also to all of the teachers who gave up the comfort of their own homes so camp could occur!

### Parent Evening – Our New School

We are still waiting to hear from the Ministry Of Education about where our new school will be sited, however, we have not let this delay or stop other aspects of our journey forward.

Staff are on a learning journey as are our Board of Trustees in relation to *future focused teaching and learning*.

- Most staff are involved in an intensive twenty week professional development module where they are building their own understandings while working collaboratively with other staff members. Next term we will see some of their new knowledge put into practice in class rooms.
- As well as this we already have clusters of staff throughout the school working in collaboration with each other as they plan and teach together.

- We have plans to open up another two teaching spaces to allow this type of co-teaching to occur more easily.
- Our BOT have had meetings with the Ministry and are at the beginning stage of thinking about design briefs for the new school.

Later this year we intend to review and revise our current school vision and values to ensure it is aligned with our new thinking and understanding, however, in order to do this we need to ensure our parent community is knowledgeable and understanding of the shifts in education that lay ahead.

We have organised a parent evening hosted by one of the foremost educationalists in this field, Derek Wentmoth. Derek will share his vast knowledge with us and facilitate parents voicing their wonderings, needs and hopes for their children. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the best and to have a say in our new school.

In order to help with the parents attending this session we will provide child care in one of our classrooms. Please RSVP by **Friday May 22** so we can gauge numbers and ascertain whether we may need a larger venue.

The following link is to a video on the creation of *learner centered teaching* – this gives great insight into the things we as a school community need to be thinking about as we move forward into the design phase of our new build.

<http://www.edtalks.org/video/ten-trends-2015-learner-orientation>

## Parent Evening

Wednesday 27 May

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Derek Wentworth presenting

Creating our vision for

Banks Avenue School

The Rae McDonald Library Information Centre  
(school library)

RSVP by 22 May

### Extra opportunities for our BAS students

Our children at BAS get many opportunities to extend themselves outside of the classroom. The recent camp is a great example of this. This week we have also got children participating in other events out of the classroom.

### Netball

The netball season has begun and we have two teams of students who have entered into the weekly competition which is held at Hagley Park.

### National Young Leaders Day

Yesterday we sent ten of our senior students off to a young leader's conference at the Wigram Airforce Museum with 1300 other delegates from throughout Canterbury. This was a great opportunity for our young leaders to listen to and be inspired and motivated by the stories and experiences of successful leaders in the community.



The theme of the conference was “This is your journey” and every speaker had some strong messages about their life's journey.

*Be prepared to fail. Be prepared to make mistakes.*

*Leadership is not about power it is about empowering others.*

*Sometimes you'll win. Sometimes you'll learn but you'll never fail.*

*Focus on outcomes not obstacles.*

*Develop a willingness to serve – find a need and do something about it.*

*Success is a meeting of a positive mind-set and actions.*

### Basketball

The basketball season is about to begin and once again we have entered two teams into the Thursday night competition at Cowles Stadium.



### Principal Challenge

Last week our students were given the chance to think and reflect on what made their mums (or aunties or grans) special. These are some of the responses I received.

*My mum...*

*My mum is a great mother. She is happy and friendly. She helps me a lot! Caitlyn McT*

*I love my mum because she loves me to the moon and back... that's why I love her too! Cheyenne*

*My mum is great and she makes really great food! She is special because she is one of a kind. She is sometimes grumpy but that's because she wants me to do the right thing. Sophie McT*

Mothers day  
 Her kisses are soft.  
 Her cuddles are warm.  
 She spoils me like crazy.  
 The best in the world.  
 Chocolates and sweets just for me  
 She's my perfect mother. Aaliyah



Why I love my mum...  
 You help me in hard times. You always make time  
 for me. You have kindness and courage. You buy  
 food and water. You accept me for who I am. And  
 no matter what you always love me. You always  
 love everybody no matter what they do! Jemma

Thanks girls for writing about your mums – let's  
 make it easy on them and give them a day when  
 they don't need to make your lunch - Sophie,  
 Caitlyn, Jemma, Aaliyah and Cheyenne join me on  
 Monday for pizza!

**Hanmer Camp Celebration Evening**  
**Thursday 21 May**  
**Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm**  
**Where: Dudley Block and Rooms 25, 26 & 27**  
**Come along – view our learning – have a chat –**  
**try our challenges ☺ fastest pup tenters, BAS**  
**code breaker, hobo pancakes..... plus check**  
**out the vast amount of lost property and take**  
**part in our lucky ticket draws for our left over**  
**camp food items. We'd love you to join us!**

**Scholastic Book Club** – now two easy ways  
 to order

- 1) Return your completed order form and  
 payment to class teacher by Thursday  
 28 May 2015.

Alternatively you can now order and pay for books  
 online

- 2) **LOOP: Online Ordering for Parents**  
 Parents can now order and pay for Book  
 Club online directly with Scholastic's  
 Linked Online Ordering and Payment for  
 Parents, or LOOP.  
 It's simple! LOOP makes it even easier to  
 run Book Club at your school.

It is easy for parents with the simple ordering and  
 secure payment online via the LOOP  
 website or mobile app.  
 LOOP is the next stage of the ALL-  
 NEW Scholastic Book Club, as we  
 work with teachers, schools and  
 parents to help get Kiwi kids excited  
 about books and reading. Parents can access LOOP  
 at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or [download the](#)  
[iPhone app from the App Store](#)



**Cross Country** – Yesterday in mixed weather  
 conditions we held our school Cross Country event.  
 There was plenty of enthusiasm and encouragement  
 from both the children and the adults on the  
 sidelines. A big thank you to Abby Savage and her  
 team for organizing and managing this event for the  
 whole school. The results follow:

**Year 0/1 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shantelle Hosken R2
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lydia Hosken R2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Cumming R2

**Year 0/1 Boys**

- Oden Paterlini R2
- Xavier Sing R2
- Will Sanders R2

**Year 2 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ashlyn Gillespie R7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Olive Linton R16
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rylee Green R16

**Year 2 Boys**

- Liam Stocker R15
- Dallys Rapanaphillips R16
- Douglas Bongartz R15

**Year 3 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jessie Patterson R7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ava McIntosh-Watts R11
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Caitlin Wright R11

**Year 3 Boys**

- Oliver Elliott R12
- Brendan Bernard R15
- Sam Kennerley R11

**Year 4 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Blakemore R20
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maddison Copp R25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Libbi Watts R25

**Year 4 Boys**

- Harry Burke R25
- Tyler Ufton-Tanagaroa R22
- Logan Rendell R20

**Year 5 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Watt R25
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Welford R25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Morrow R25

**Year 5 Boys**

- Kieran Thacker R20
- Madoc Wiltshire R20
- Phoenix Johnson R20

**Year 6 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Mackey R26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meika McLean R26
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trisha Shailaj R26

**Year 5 Boys**

- Joshua Emmett R27
- Meshach Haggerty R27
- Jayden Culling R26

Congratulations and well done all of you.



# House Keeping / Reminders

**Entertainment Books** – These are available to families again this year at \$65.00 each with \$13.00 from each book sold coming directly back to our school. You still have time to get your order in. The books will be launched next week.

## **Lunch On-line**

Remember lunch on-line every Thursday. Orders must be in by 8:30am. Go to:  
<http://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to place your order.



Next PTA meeting:  
*Monday 8 June at 7:00pm  
in the staffroom  
All welcome*



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Next meeting  
*Tuesday 26 May at 6:30pm  
Please note the change of time for the open part of the meeting.  
in the Sky Room  
All welcome*



# *Memories from school camp!*



## **RSVP for Parent Evening Creating our Vision for Banks Avenue School**

Yes I would love for you to reserve seats for me for the Parent Evening on **Wednesday 27 May**

Family name:

\_\_\_\_\_ number of seats reserved

If you will need child care please list the names of your children and their ages

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***“Don’t judge someone’s story by the chapter you just walked into.”***