



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: Wednesday 25 August 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 3

From the Principal - *Te pū kāea a te Tumūaki*

Congratulations to all the mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers and siblings out there who have been teaching for a week! Well done for all the hard work you have put in.

I checked my spam folder today and picked up that I had missed out on a couple of important messages. Can you do the same? I know teachers still haven't had any contact with a few families and maybe it is because you are not getting the information we are sharing.

We also know that we still don't have accurate contact details for some families (e.g., when we went to drop off learning packs the actual addresses didn't exist). In the next few days our office staff will contact you and ask that you confirm the details we have or update them so they are accurate.

Fun During Lockdown

Thanks for sharing your lock down moments with us! Please continue to share by emailing me tburnside@banksave.school.nz

Lily and Beau doing science (volcanoes).



IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

Junior Module - Delightful Dads

Friday 3 September
12:00-12:30pm TBC

House Day/Bring a Food item for DELTA food bank

Friday 10 September

Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 24 September -
9:00-9:30am

Shelby and her wee sister Daisy. Shelby has built a birdhouse.



Jacob; I bumped into Jacob while out on a walk, when I got home he had sent me a digital picture through.

Dexter having fun in his heated swimming pool.



Work from Team Ruru (Rooms 1 and 2).



Available resource from the Ministry of Education

These resources are available at the [Supporting learning from home resources](#) page on Learning from Home.

- Curriculum teaching and learning resources (with guidance for parents) can be found online [here for English-medium](#) and [here for Māori-medium](#).
- Home Learning TV can be [accessed On Demand here](#) or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart TV or tablet).
- Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora can be accessed on demand from Māori TV for [primary-aged tamariki](#) and here for [secondary school rangatahi](#).

Real Time Resilience in Lockdown

Here is a link to the *Well Being and Resilience* website. They have a number of resources that specifically support us during lockdown. If you are feeling the strain of lock down have a look at [Real time Resilience: Coping During Covid](#) and [Real time Resilience strategies for Coping in Lock Down](#).

The infographic consists of 12 grey rectangular boxes arranged in two columns, each containing a tip for resilience during lockdown. The tips are:

- Choose where you focus your attention.** >> What is still good? (Icon: coffee cup)
- Do the things that make you happy.** Talk to the people that make you happy! Love, joy, hope, pride, thankful, calm, interested, inspired. (Icon: lightbulb)
- Strong relationships = strong wellbeing.** >> Keep texting, talking, emailing, chat. (Icon: three people icons)
- Help yourself by helping others.** >> Stop thinking too much about you. (Icon: first aid kit)
- Find the right people to talk to...** People that make you feel good. (Icon: speech bubble)
- Put a timer on.** >> Worry / be sad for ONE minute ... then call a friend. (Icon: alarm clock)
- Keep safe! Don't be careless.** >> This is a marathon, not a sprint. (Icon: warning sign)
- A little kindness will go a long way.** A lot of kindness is even better! (Icon: heart)
- Give your brain a holiday from COVID-19.** Find distractions. (Icon: flower and hearts)
- Keep helpful daily routines ... or make new ones!** (Icon: dog)
- Is the news helping or harming you?** >> Choose your sources carefully >> Switch it off! (Icon: TV)

Pareawa Banks Avenue School

https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/



- As you can see it is very quiet at Pareawa Banks Avenue school. The builders tell us that they will be able to return to work at Level 3, however, time in lockdown is likely to impact on our final move in date.
- Our open morning will be postponed; we will let you know the new date once it is confirmed.
- The concrete slab has now been poured for the library and admin building.
- All of the soil mounds you can see are the beginning of the site works. They have been digging out the car park and preparing to lay shingle before putting the top soil back on.
- One of the learning pods is just about ready to be fully enclosed which will allow the internal fit-out to begin.

Staff Reading Stories

Would you like to hear our staff reading stories? Click [this link](#).

Alert Level 3

It is possible we will drop to Level 3 next week. If we do, we need to be prepared. The key message for you **at Level 3 is that if you can, you should keep your child at home**. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to, that is, if there is no one at home who can care for them. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep them at home. If your child is sick, please also ensure you keep them at home. If a family member is sick, keep them at home.

At alert Level 3 only children of essential workers can attend school. The vast majority of children will continue to work from home.

If you are an essential worker and need your child to attend school at Alert Level 3 then you must register them with us so we can put the staffing in place. To do this email office@banksave.school.nz give your child's name, and room number and let us know what days they would be attending. In some cases school is only needed on alternate weeks due to custody arrangements or on different days due to shift work; this is okay, just let us know.

Alert Level 3 - Frequently Asked Questions August 2021

Can my child go to school under Alert Level 3?

- At Alert Level 3, all children and young people who can stay at home, **must stay** at home. This will support physical distancing and reduce the number of people in close proximity in schools. All children who stay at home will have access to distance learning.
- Banks Avenue will be open for children and young people in years 1- 6, who are not able to stay at home because their parents are essential workers.

When will school start?

- Online learning will continue for the vast majority of children at Level 3 and Level 4. School onsite, for everyone, will not resume until we are at alert Level 2.
- Children will continue to be taught from home unless the parents have contacted the school and asked that they return to school at Level 3 (parents need to have a valid reason for this request).

How will my child be kept safe at school?

Public Health officials have advised that schools are safe to open at Alert Level 3, if appropriate public health control measures are put in place. These are:

- Ensuring that all children and staff stay home if they are sick.
- Children will be put into school bubbles of ten or less children.

Specific public health control measures to be taken in schools include:

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school then we will send them home.
- Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in bathrooms.
- Staggered entry gates into school to minimise gatherings of children or parents.
- Breaks will be staggered and bubbles will not mix during breaks.
- Although we will endeavour to physically distance ourselves in these bubbles this is not always possible.
- Initially, public health advice is to limit the number of children in each bubble to 10, but this could be increased to up to 20 children once schools have all their processes running smoothly.
- Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily.
- Contact tracing registers must be set up and identify which children are in each teaching space, record when and who they have contact with during the day if that changes. This includes

recording who the adults are in contact with as well as recording any visitors to the site, including parents.

What about children who have existing health conditions?

- If a child has an existing health issue that puts them at risk, e.g., diabetes, lung conditions, severe asthma etc., then they need to remain at home at Level 3.

Are children able to just turn up to school at Level 3?

- **No.** Our school has set up a process to engage with the community to identify which students need to return to school. This allows for planning to be undertaken. It will also allow for attendance to be monitored as part of regular health and safety.

What does the Ministry of Education say?

- Here is a link to their frequently asked question page; [MOE FAQ's](#)

My ex-partner and I have shared care. The week I have the children I can supervise their learning at home but the weeks he has the children he is out working. Can our children be enrolled on the Level 3 roll for alternating weeks?

- Yes. Email the office and let them know the exact dates/days that your child will need to be supervised at school.

Can I enrol my child on the Alert Level 3 roll part time because I have to work in an essential service two days a week, the rest of the week they could stay home with me?

- Yes. Email the office and let them know the exact days you need us to supervise your child at school.

My children are driving me nuts! Although I am at home I would like a break from them. Can I enrol my child on the Level 3 roll?

- No (sorry) . We have been given clear guidelines by the Ministry. At Level 3 we are endeavouring to limit the amount of social contact we have; keeping staff and students safe is our first priority.

I am struggling to get my child to do their school work. I am stressing over it. What should I do?

- Don't panic! Your wellbeing and your families wellbeing is the number one priority. Get them to do what they can. Have fun, build memories, spend quality time together. Once we are back at school we will take care of the learning.

I am a bit confused about how things are working. Who can I talk to to sort things out?

- In the first instance, email your child's class teacher with your query or concern. If you still need some answers email principal@banksave.school.nz.
- All teacher email addresses are on our school website.

How do children access paper packs?

- We have dropped off 75 packs to our families where we knew paper packs were needed. Most of these went to children in junior classes. There should be enough work in those packs for a couple of weeks. Once we see how long we will be in lockdown we will be able to make further decisions about additional paper packs.

- As a back up if there is no technology available for home learning and no paper pack has been dropped off you can log on to the Government's learning at home TV show. TV2+1.

Here are some additional sites/resources that can be accessed by parents:

Sparklers <https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>

Sparklers have some fantastic resources for parents including [40 Ka Pai things to do outside](#) and tips for [home learning and working at home](#)

The Feelings Series - Music with Michal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahe9h4iPldw&list=PL6HEgnBWbcOFXAW9w0rMWyMxGUC2lhtmx>

This is a fantastic resource for young children to learn to understand, express and navigate their big emotions - created by my wife who is an award-winning children's songwriter and entertainer. She has a lot of fantastic videos on her [youtube channel](#) and is also doing live music sessions for young children every day on [Facebook](#) at 10:00am.

Cosmic Kids Yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

This is a brilliant youtube channel full of yoga and mindfulness activities for young children. Really good for breaking up home learning activities, to start or end the day, and when children (and parents) need to find some calm.

RNZ Storytimes <https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/best-of-storytime-rnz>

A great option for screen-free downtime

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 commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Term 3 HEART Value Focus Excellence



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:

Excellence: Nixon B (*Kiwi*)

Aroha: Crystal-Ann B (*Kiwi*)

Respect: Nixon B (*Kiwi*)

Togetherness:

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristbands this week.

Hauora:

Excellence: Alissa S, Anna A, Mason S and Lucia G-S (*Kiwi*)

Aroha: Alissa S, Anna A and Kennedy W (*Kiwi*)

Respect: Melinda B, Sophia W and Kennedy W (*Kiwi*)

Togetherness: Beau Y and Lucia G-S (*Kiwi*)

Chisnallwood Intermediate

Chisnallwood Intermediate is still taking enrolments which can be completed online from our school website www.chisnallwood.school.nz under the **School Info** drop down box at the top of the homepage there is **Prospectus & Enrolment tab**, click to open and at the bottom is the enrolment form to download and it can then be filled in online and then just emailed back as an attachment directly to info@chisnallwood.school.nz with a copy of students birth certificate.

If any parents require a paper enrolment they won't be available until School reopens.



Kim Goggin

P.A to Principal Justin Fields

Chisnallwood Intermediate School
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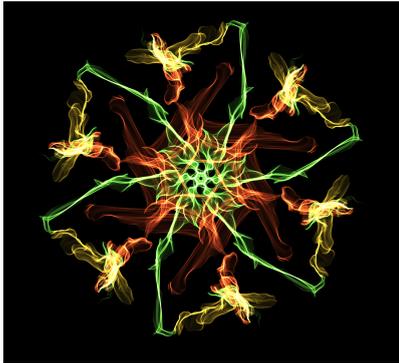
"Tākina ngā moka o te pae ka korara o parirau"
"Challenge the margins of time and explore what is beyond"



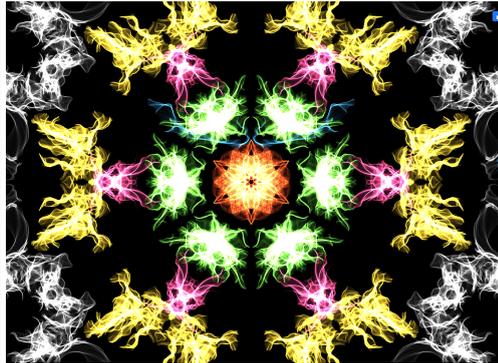
Updates from the teams and school events

Team Miro

Learning At Home: Here are some examples of our wonderful learners in action using Weavesilk:



Artist: Morsal



Artist: Alex



Artist: Summer

Digital Classrooms

Thank you parents for supporting your child to join us each day in our Google Meets, we value that connection that we feel with one another even in a virtual classroom.

Our schedule continues:

- 10:30-11:15am Roto - Monday to Friday with Mrs Pannell and Mr Bradley.
- 10:30-11:15am Kuaka - Monday to Friday with Miss Angela.
- 11:45am-12:30pm Dudley - Monday to Friday with Ms Thompson, Ms Abrahams and Mrs Bourne.
- 11:45am-12:30pm Awa - Monday to Friday with Mr Hastilow, Miss Walsh and Mz Minifie.
- 11:15am ESOL morning tea - Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs Palmer.

Ms Mora's Team Miro Competition Time

Lego or Mini Toy Figure Photo Competition



Climbing trees, making huts



Your challenge is to create a scene with your lego character, to do with being in lockdown and take a photo of it. This scene can be either indoors or outdoors. Try and set the scene so we know what your character is doing. Be as creative as possible. Send your photos to Ms Mora tmora@banksave.school.nz.

Rules:

- Your photo must include a lego character or mini toy figure.
- Only one entry per student.
- Competition closes at 4:00pm on Sunday 29 August.

Happy snapping!



Term 2 Reflections

Term two was a busy term for the BAS Red Zone Action Team. We did a lot of planning around the Hut Ceremony, where we will finally place the huts in the chosen trees, and our Spring event, a community movie night at our awesome site. We also did some work on our new sign which we hope to unveil in the next two weeks. One of the big highlights was going on a bus tour to learn from central city and the Richmond Community Garden sites. It was also really cool because the two Red Zone Action teams from Whitau and Christchurch East Schools also joined us. There are over 45 children now involved in the Avon Otakaro Network children's red zone project.

"My favourite thing about Adventure Ave are the huts. I love talking to other team members about what we want for the site. When those things happen and become real, it makes me feel amazing"
- Georgia

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I love going down to the site and doing stuff in and with nature. I can't wait to get the huts up into the trees. I would love to have more huts made of sticks and wood scattered around our site. Oh, and strawberries! - Rylan



Term 3 Working Bee

On Thursday, August 5th students, teachers and parents from Awa came to help out at an amazing working bee. We got so many jobs done - mulching, weeding, topping up the bike track and identifying and protecting self-seeded natives. It was fantastic to have so many people helping and connecting with the site. We're hoping to hold more school and community working bees so everyone in the community feels like Adventure Ave is their space!



Adventure Ave Noticeboard

Top three things to do:

- Playing in and with nature and taking care of plants
- Mulching: Please feel free to mulch around our plants!
- Bike track and huts: Bring your bike and your imagination and have fun.

Things we need:

- Railway sleepers
- Tyres
- Garden tools such as wheelbarrows, spades, rakes, hose etc.

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Other notices

Postponements and events

Banks Avenue School trip or event postponements and or cancellations will only be advised via Skool Loop, Facebook and as viewed on our website: 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, Skool Loop app or email: absences@banksave.school.nz

Or notify us via our website: www.banksave.school.nz/absences.

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.

HEARTBEAT Media 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>