



# Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 1 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 10 February 2021

*Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai*

Term 1

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

**This week's Newsletter is coming home as a one off hard copy for the year. All further Newsletters will be emailed out weekly on a Wednesday.**

### Welcome Back to Our 2021 Year

It has been a lovely start to the 2021 school year. The weather has been incredible and the children all look refreshed and ready to be back. I am actually pleased to see the rain today as it's very hard getting off to sleep on these hot nights.

Feedback from teachers has been very positive about the *Meet the Teacher* sessions last Tuesday and Wednesday. We had about 85% of the families attend. Was it worthwhile to come along before school started back and meet your child's teacher? If there is something in particular that we can improve on, either mention it to the class teacher or email me with your feedback; [principal@banksave.school.nz](mailto:principal@banksave.school.nz).

It was awesome to see so many parents stay for the Mihi Whakatau on Thursday morning. We love seeing parents and whānau in our school; we know that by working in partnership, the child will benefit. *Thanks Ang for organising this event!*

### Looking Back - Monday 22 February

Monday 22 February will be a bittersweet day for most Cantabrians. We were all impacted by the Christchurch earthquake ten years ago. Our school was severely damaged leading us to design and rebuild a new school (to be completed July 2022).

We are aware that the majority of our students will have no memory or connection to 22 February so we want to keep our remembrance low key.

Our seniors have been developing 'Adventure Ave'; a play area on the corner of River Road and Medbury Street. We invite all of our families to come along to Adventure Ave for a BYO picnic tea on Monday 22 February from 6:00pm - 6:45pm.

Bring a flower because at 6:45pm we will cross to the river, sing a waiata, have a minutes silence in remembrance and drop our flowers into the Avon river as part of the 'river of flowers theme' that will have happened earlier in the day on different parts of the Avon river.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### February

Monday 22 February - whānau picnic 6:00pm - 6:45pm  
Adventure Ave

Thursday 25 February - Sod Turning Ceremony 7:30am Averill Street

#### March

Wednesday 17 March - Parent Cyber Safety Evening  
Shirley Boys' High School  
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Friday 26 March - Junior Module Collaborative Art event starting at 11:10am. Whānau welcome to help.

#### April

School closed for Easter:  
Friday 2 April  
Monday 5 April  
Tuesday 6 April

Thursday 15 April - Last day of Term 1  
Friday 16 April - Teacher Only Day

#### May

Monday 3 May - Term 2 starts  
Monday 10 May - Team Miro Camps



We think this will be a nice way to connect with each other without causing too much sadness or trauma.

### **I Love My Job**

I love how it takes a village to raise a child and how so many people work quietly behind the scenes helping our school and our tamariki. In the last three days I have had two people step forward and continue with their support of Banks Avenue School. Firstly, **City Church** have confirmed they will continue to pay for our two school councillors for 2021. Our councillors work in depth with twelve children each week. Children have a minimum of ten sessions with the councillors so real progress and support occurs over time.

Secondly we have an amazing gentleman, **Mr H.**, who contacts me every year and makes a significant donation each time. The funds from Mr H. help us to provide extra teacher aide time for our at risk students. I love my job and I love our community!

### **Bikes**

One staff member is setting up a bike club at lunch time. We have some school bikes children will be able to use, however, these all have 24 inch wheels which are too big for some of our smaller children. Does anyone have a smaller bike, preferably 20 inch wheels, which we could have. If we could get two or three smaller bikes it would be much appreciated. Bring the bikes into our office or email [medmonds@banksave.school.nz](mailto:medmonds@banksave.school.nz) to arrange picking up.

### **Looking Ahead - Sod Turning Ceremony**

After many years of delay we are finally ready to begin building Pareawa Banks Avenue, our new school. The actual build is scheduled to begin on 29 March, however, we have an official sod turning ceremony planned for Thursday 25 February. This will be a low key ceremony with student representatives, Ministry guests, Board and staff members and iwi representatives.

Parents and community members are also welcome to attend.

#### Sod Turning Programme

7:20am	Assemble on path in Averil Street
7:30am	Follow kaumatua onto school site
7:35am	Brief explanation of sod turning ceremony
7:40am	Blessing and sod turning - led by Ngāi Tūāhuriri
7:45am	Speeches Toni and Kirk. Potentially MOE
7:50am	Photo opportunity
7:55am	Conclude waiata and karakia
8:00am	Guests invited back to Banks Avenue School for morning tea

RSVP by Friday 19 February 2021

Email [clucas@banksave.school.nz](mailto:clucas@banksave.school.nz) or phone Colleen on 3854163.

## Pareawa Banks Avenue School Updates

- Sod turning ceremony planned for 25 February at 7:30am.
- Build scheduled to begin 29 March 2021 and be completed by July 2022.
- The turf and courts attached to the gymnasium will be ready for the community to use in a couple of weeks.
- Uniform; our school uniform has been revised and altered slightly (after consultation with parents last year). Parents will get a full update on the new uniform later this term with a schedule for implementation. In the meantime there may be some stocks of our current uniform running low - especially any items with logos. If you can not buy a logoed uniform item then purchase a generic item, in the same colour, without a logo.
- Re-branding: with the upcoming name change we have needed to look at rebranding involving some colour and design changes. This rebranding will in turn impact on school logos for uniforms and sports gear. Once we have some samples we will share. Our HEART values will continue to sit at the center of our branding.

## Absences

It is vital children are at school every day. Some children and families get into the bad habit when children are younger of letting the child stay home for insignificant reasons, e.g., it being too cold outside. Once bad attendance habits are formed they become ingrained and it becomes harder to get children to attend school when they are older. Children should only stay home if there is a medical issue or a valid and important family reason.

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](mailto:absences@banksave.school.nz)

Or notify us via our website: [www.banksave.school.nz/absences](http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences).

In the past, when we have not been informed of an absence our office ladies have tried to contact parents of children who are absent. This is a hugely time consuming exercise therefore we are changing our procedures.

If a child is absent and we have not been notified then we will send a text message alert to your cell phone. If your child is meant to be at school, but not showing up as present on our system please ring the school office; 3854163. It is vital late children check into the office, otherwise an absence alert will be sent to you.

One day a week absent across five years of schooling means a child will have missed out on a year of education! Please value education and get your tamariki to school on time!

## Breakfast Programme



Banks Avenue School has been accepted into Fonterra's KickStart Breakfast programme. The purpose of this programme is to ensure that those students who may miss out on breakfast at home are not disadvantaged by being hungry at school.

The breakfast programme will run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am - 8:50am in Room 7. The teachers supervising this programme will be Ms Aitken and Ms Walsh. The menu will be weetbix - which is supplied by *Sanitarium* and *Fonterra Anchor* milk.

There is limited space, so we ask that only those who for genuine reasons wouldn't have breakfast at home attend. Children are asked to line up quietly outside Room 7 at 8:30am. This programme will begin Week 3 - Tuesday 16 February.

## Gentle Reminders

### Parking

Anybody who travels down Banks Avenue at any time of day knows how dangerous it is. As a parent please make sure that you do not park on the yellow lines - this reduces visibility for other drivers. Please do not call children across the road. If you are waiting in your car please walk your children across to your vehicle. Our tamariki are precious and we need to do everything possible to ensure they are safe.



### School hours

School doesn't officially open until 8:30am in the morning; before then, teachers are in their classrooms preparing for the day. If children or families do arrive at school a few minutes early, we ask that they wait on the back court until the 8:30am bell which signals children can go to class. If it is cold or wet we have children wait in the library until 8:30am.

We have a clearing bell at 3:15pm. This is a prompt for teachers to get organised to attend after school hui and for children to leave the school grounds and head home. If parents are supervising children then you are welcome to stay on and use the playgrounds.

### Signing in at The Office

If you visit our school for a meeting or a school visit is important you sign in when you arrive and sign out when you leave. If we need to evacuate for fire or any other emergency or go into a lockdown this information is critical so we can ensure everyone is accounted for and safe.

### Kindo - Our BAS One Stop Shop

This year we want to be fully transitioned to Kindo; we do not want any families paying into our school account. If you have not yet signed up for Kindo, could you please do so. Clear instructions for creating a Kindo account are on our school website, however, if you need help come and see our office ladies anytime after 9:00am.

Kindo will be used to pay for lunch online (Thursdays) and for any PTA or extracurricular school activities e.g., basketball.

If you already have a Kindo account, please make sure you update your child's details with their new room number.

For those families that have a credit on their E-tap School Account, we will be transferring this credit to your Kindo Account.

### Wrapper Free Lunch Boxes: Zero Waste Challenge

In an effort to model healthy sustainable practises we are encouraging wrapper free lunch boxes. All wrappings should be removed at home and where possible recyclable containers used.

We congratulate all of the families who have made such a great effort with this already. We can see the difference in the food being cut up into smaller portions so the children can manage and eat it more easily. We already have less food, single use containers and plastic going into our school rubbish bins. Thank you for supporting us in this.

### Facebook

Find us and *like* us then you can follow us on Facebook.

### Latest News on our Website

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:

<https://www.banksave.school.nz>

## School Loop

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- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



**Simple free download:** In Google play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' & choose our school once installed.

## Sunhats/Sunscreen/Healthy Food/Water

Sun Hats are compulsory for children during Terms 1 and 4 each year. Children without a sunhat will eat and play in shaded areas to protect them from the hot sun. The next few days are supposed to be very hot. Please make sure children have enough healthy food in their lunchbox and a good sized drink bottle to get them through each day.

**Sunscreen** is important to protect us all from the sun.

Children are welcome to bring their own sunscreen to apply themselves during the school day.



### **Start of Year Forms to be completed and returned to the school office**

A large number of parents completed our *start of year* forms while attending *Meet the Teacher* interviews. Some of you took them home to complete. Please ensure all these forms are returned to either your child's class teacher or the school office by Friday 12 February. Those parents who did not attend a *Meet the Teacher* interview, can you please call into the school office to get these forms updated. It is important we get all this information updated in our school records at the start of the year. The forms are:

1. Account Declaration Form (excluding Team Totara)
2. EOTC Blanket Consent Form
3. Volunteer Assistant Form
4. E-Learning Student User Agreement Form

### **Donation Scheme**

In 2021 we continue to benefit from the Government's Donation Scheme; this means the government will fund us for many things that previously we had to charge parents for or pay for ourselves. We are hoping this will relieve some financial pressure from parents as the majority of school based activities will be paid for, e.g., swimming, shows at school and trips out of school.

There will still be a charge for extra curricular activities students may opt into, e.g., after school basketball, music lessons etc. This year we have our seniors attending camp in Term 2; some camp costs can be covered through this scheme, however, we will still be asking for parents to contribute to the majority of camp costs.

### **The Importance of Sleep**

We often end up with some very tired children at school. In particular, after a weekend, we notice children are especially tired on a Monday.

Lack of sleep can be for a number of reasons: We have children with sleep disorders. If you think your child may have a sleep disorder take them to your GP.

Access to wifi and devices at the end of the day can also impact on sleep. As a parent please make sure your child's bedroom is device free. When your child goes to bed take their device from them and put it in your room. If needed, turn off the wifi. We know of some five year olds who sneak up and access games in the middle of the night!

Bedtime routines are essential for sound sleep e.g. 5:00 - 6:00pm dinner, 6:00 - 7:00pm freetime, 7:00 - 7:30 pm bedtime routine (teeth, shower, story, bed with no tv or devices in the bedroom).

There is more and more research coming out about the benefit of a good night's sleep. It is recommended that

- **3-6 Years Olds:** 10 - 12 hours sleep per day e.g., going to sleep at 7:30pm and getting up at 7:30am in the morning.
- **7-12 Years Olds:** 10 - 11 hours sleep per day e.g., going to sleep at 8:30pm and getting up at 7:30am in the morning.

Children who are refreshed after a good night's sleep will have optimal learning.

<https://www.sleep.org> have some good articles and tips on creating calm and peaceful sleep environments.



## School Values

Our school HEART values are central to all that we do at Banks Avenue School. You will read about our values in newsletters and I know your children will talk about them at home.

All children are able to earn HEART tokens. These will be given out for showing explicit expected behaviours in the classroom by the class teachers and relievers. They will also be given out in the playground by duty teachers. Teachers will identify to the child why they have earned the token e.g., *Amber this token is for aroha - you were very kind asking Moana to join in with your group.*

Once a child has received a HEART token they will hand it into a collection box in their classroom. Teachers will 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 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 wrist band which depicts strong school citizenship.

As we now have some children who have earned their black wristband we have introduced a badge for the second lot of bands a child earns. We have a HEART wall in our foyer where you are able to see all the children who have earned their black bands or their HEART badges.

Teachers will shortly be sending home a Class HEART Booklets. Read this as it explains Positive Behaviour for Learning, PB4L, in detail.

## Cyber Safety Opportunity for Parents

**Ōtākaro Kāhui Ako presents**

# **An Online Safety Information Presentation**

**With Rob & Zareen Cope - Parents & Filmmakers**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2021 | 7PM - 8.30PM**

**ŌRUA PAEROA, 209 TRAVIS ROAD (SBHS & ASGH)**

- **Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators & social media access.**
- **Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.**
- **Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.**
- **Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.**
- **This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.**

## Starting School

We welcome the following students and their families to our Banks Avenue School Community.



The Nest: Aiden, Makani, Dexter, Emma, Kianah, Hugo (Front)  
Georgia, Odin, Lulu, Maggie, River, Bailey (Middle)  
Ashton, Nikalai, Charlotte, Darius, Emily, Isla, Willow,  
Harrison (Back)



Ruru 1: Evelyn



Kea: Jayce



Kiwi: Tyler



Dudley: Joel

## SDMS - Shirley District Music School

SDMS enrolments are now open for 2021 music tuition in:

cello, clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard, percussion, piano, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet & violin.

**Keyboard & piano are now closed for 2021**

Students can learn their instrument for \$180.00 for the entire school year and a CS card discount is offered.

Some lessons are offered at school during the day, others are given at Shirley Intermediate after school.

For more information link onto: <http://www.sis.school.nz/Web/66>

## Community Dental Service

We have the Community Dental Van onsite at school at the moment. Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit. Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.

The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include: Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth), Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth), Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay), Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.

If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and

appointment times are required. When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child in to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.

**To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983/email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)**

### Netball

In 2021 we aim to have teams playing at Hagley Park that include children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. These games happen first thing on a Saturday morning at the Christchurch Netball Centre in Hagley Park. If your child would like to play, please pop into Dudley and pick up a notice from Ms Thompson. Beginners are most welcome!

## 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](http://www.banksave.school.nz)

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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>

### PTA

**PTA Meeting 15 February 7:00pm in the Staffroom at Banks Avenue School. All Welcome!**

**Entertainment Books** - Start 2021 with an Entertainment Book – AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND from \$70.00. These are now all digital so much more convenient to place in your pocket.

These start any time and are available for 12 months from date of purchase. Monthly promos and new members being added all the time. Enjoy Willowbank, eateries, beauty and family entertainment.

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<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1348e93>

## Term 1 HEART Value Focus Aroha



# Aroha

Kind thoughts, words and actions

### Hauora Excellence Aroha Respect Togetherness

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#### Twenty Five Tokens

Hauora:

Excellence:

Aroha:

Respect:

Togetherness:

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora:

Excellence: Ruby, Gabriel and Ling Ling (C/F 2020)

Aroha:

Respect: Aya (Roto)

Togetherness: Damon (C/F 2020); Luca (Roto)

#### Black HEART wristband

A big congratulations to Ashleigh C and William M-S who both earned their Black HEART wristband at the end of 2020. Well done to you both!

#### Library Books

Last year when we did our stocktake we noticed we had a few books that were missing or overdue. Please have a check and see if you have located any over the holidays, as we would love to have them returned to us so we can all enjoy the stories.

We would love to have them returned to us, no questions asked, just happy faces to see them back at school.