



# Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 5 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 10 March 2021

<i>Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai</i>	Term 1
<b>From the Principal - <i>Te pū kāea a te Tumuaki</i></b>	<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> <b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>
<p>As the anniversary of the 15 March 2019 terror attack approaches, I reflect on the importance of aroha, inclusiveness and community. In particular, my thoughts go to those families in our school community who were directly impacted by the horrors that unfolded that day two years ago. I also reflect on the overwhelming show of support and compassion that was shown across our city and across our country. Kia kaha Christchurch!</p>	<p>-----</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>Wednesday 10 March at 7:00pm Team Miro Camp Information Evening</p>
<p><b>Emergency Planning Updates</b></p> <p>Last week principals across Canterbury had a day with the Police and the Ministry of Education looking at refining our emergency preparedness. There were some new learnings for me and as a result some changes have been made to our current emergency plans.</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 March Parent Cyber Safety Evening Shirley Boys' High School 7:00pm - 8:30pm</p>
<p>In our documentation we have differentiated between <i>lockdown</i> and <i>shelter in place</i>.</p>	<p>Friday 26 March Junior Module Collaborative Art event starting at 11:10am. Whānau welcome to help.</p>
<p><b>Shelter in Place</b></p> <p>A <i>Shelter in Place</i> directive is issued when <u>the threat is external and not directed at the school</u> or early learning service. For example, a school may activate their shelter in place plan if there is a report of a swarm of wasps, toxic smoke from a nearby fire, a chemical spill nearby, or active armed offender incident in the community (but not in or near the school grounds).</p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <p>School closed for Easter: Friday 2 April Monday 5 April Tuesday 6 April</p>
<p><b>Lockdown</b></p> <p>A <i>Lockdown</i> instruction will be less commonly used and is only likely to be issued if the <u>threat is directed at the school</u>. This will generally be an attacker on the school grounds or in the buildings, or on instruction from Police.</p>	<p>Thursday 15 April Last day of Term 1</p> <p>Friday 16 April Teacher Only Day</p>
<p><b>Attacker on Site</b></p> <p>We have introduced a new procedure for <i>An Attacker on Site</i>. Staff and students are advised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Escape:</b> Move quickly and quietly away from danger but only if it is safe to do so.</li><li><b>Hide:</b> Stay out of sight and stay silent (silence our mobile phones).</li><li><b>Tell:</b> Warn others. Initiate full school lockdown. Call the police when it is safe to do so.</li></ul>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p>Monday 3 May Term 2 starts</p> <p>Monday 10 - Wednesday 12 May Awa Camp</p> <p>Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 May Dudley Camp</p> <p>Monday 17 - Tuesday 18 May Roto and Kuaka Camp</p>

## Crowded Spaces

The MOE and the police have done much thinking around the risks of attack when people are gathered en masse. The response for an attack on a crowded space is the same as that for an attacker on site.

If we are involved in an attack in a *crowded space*, e.g., *sports event, drop off time, assembly*, then the message is:

**Escape:** Move quickly and quietly away from danger but only if it is safe to do so.

**Hide:** Stay out of sight and stay silent (silence your mobile phones).

**Tell:** Warn others. Initiate full school lockdown. Call the police when it is safe to do so.

To make a crowded place less vulnerable to attacks, owners, operators and schools need to consider how to **deter, detect, delay and respond** to an attack. These four aspects of protective security are known as layers. See the diagram below.

Figure 2: Layered Security



## Roles in an Emergency

We have clarified key roles in an emergency and have created brief job descriptions for each role.

Key roles are:

- Incident Management Team - Toni, Tracey, Tricia
- Incident Controller and Operations Manager - Principal - Toni
- Communication Officer 1 - External Communication in and out - Colleen
- Communication Officer 2 - Internal Communication - Rebecca
- Pastoral Care (staff and students) Tricia and Tracey
- Medical Officer - Lydia
- Logistics (safety, security, heating etc) Mike
- Reuniting Families - Tricia and Tracey

## Reuniting Families

After a serious event occurs it is vital that we reunite children with families or caregivers in an ordered and safe way.

In our school documentation parents can identify up to ten people as emergency contacts who would have permission to uplift their child in an emergency if they were unable to get to school in a timely manner.

It is best if we have those names NOW so if an event does happen we know who we can legally release children to. To add these contacts to your paperwork call into the office or email [office@banskave.school.nz](mailto:office@banskave.school.nz) with the peoples names and phone numbers.

Health and Safety of our tamariki and staff is always foremost in our thinking. Being prepared for an emergency and having clear guidelines in place will help us successfully manage and navigate future emergencies that may occur.

## Online Safety - Parent Session

**When:** Wednesday 17 March

**Where:** Orua Paeroa (Shirley Boys), 209 Travis Road

**Time:** 7:00-8:30pm

**What:**

- Understand the harm our children are facing online in relation to pornography, predators and social media access.
- Learn practical strategies for online safety.
- Get advice on healthy ways to deal with these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do if your child has been exposed to something harmful.

This is a great opportunity to build some new knowledge and some new strategies around helping children remain safe in online environments.

## Help Needed!

We have a number of students across the school who would really benefit from some one on one support in reading and in phonics. We are hoping there may be **grandparents or parents** out there who can give up half an hour a week to work with a child.

Maree Hunter, our Resource Teacher of Literacy, would do some training with you to show you what strategies you could use to help children unlock text and read.

Can you help? Do you have half an hour a week? Email [principal@banksave.school.nz](mailto:principal@banksave.school.nz) or call in to see me.

## Kindo - Our BAS One Stop Shop

This year we want to be fully transitioned to Kindo. 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 is used to pay your child's school account, lunch online (Thursdays) and for any PTA or extracurricular school activities e.g., basketball or netball.

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

## Willowbank

Coming home with your child/ren today is a Voucher for One Free Entry for a Child or equal value off a family pass to Willowbank. We have been very fortunate to be given one voucher per child. Please support this local business.

## I love My Job

I shared with one of my wee dots the other day that I was going to become a first time grandmother in July. He looked at me in horror and squealed, "No! Don't be old".

## Found - Capsule Trolley

Have you lost your baby capsule car seat trolley? This was found outside school by a parent and brought into the school office. Please contact the school office if this is yours.



## FREE Parent Webinar – Support your children to success. Setting up for a great 2021 year.

Our next Free Parent Webinar will be held on Monday 29 March at 7:30pm. We have had a number of school staff attending the sessions and we would be very happy to have parents/caregivers, if you would like to register.

Parents are saying they are getting a great deal of understanding from the course content below. The parent webinar topic is - “Understanding children’s learning differences, setting up for success and supporting children with home learning.”

- Understanding your child as a learner
- Understanding learning difficulties
- Specialist referrals
- Supporting at risk learners
- Literacy and supporting children with home learning
  - Tutor reading
  - Basic spelling activities.
- Next steps for those who want more

To ensure we keep track of numbers people can register by emailing their name and email address to **admin@raisingachievement.co.nz**. A link to attend the webinar is sent out once registrations are received.

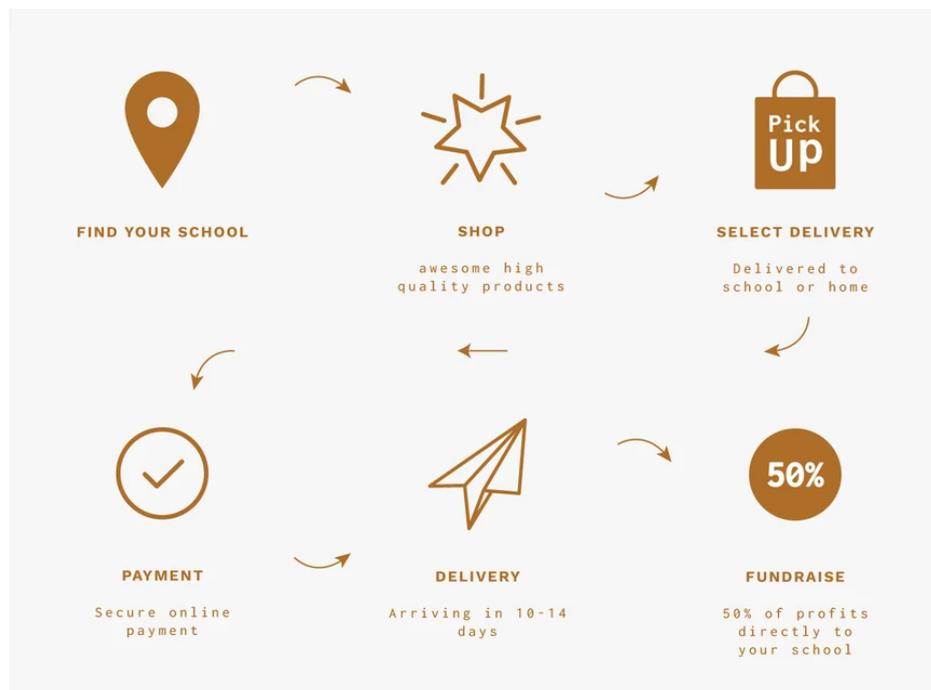
# SchoolPickUp

Please go to <https://www.schoolpickup.nz/> and take a look at this fantastic online shopping site with 50% of profits coming directly back to Banks Avenue School. Follow the easy to use steps below and start shopping!

**Don't forget to nominate Banks Avenue as your preferred school.**

**SHOPPING WITH PURPOSE - raise money for Banks Avenue School just by shopping**

**FREE SHIPPING OVER \$50 (excludes bulky items)**



Term 1 HEART  
Value Focus  
Aroha



Aroha

Kind thoughts, words and actions

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:

Aroha:

Respect: Marcus (*Roto*)

Togetherness:

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

Hauora: Alex and Jayden (*Kuaka*)

Excellence: Quorra, Solomon, Bradley and Makaii (*Kuaka*), Aya (*Roto*)

Aroha: Quorra and Sam (*Kuaka*)

Respect: Hunter (*Kuaka*), Claudia and Zach (*Roto*)

Togetherness: Ruby and Ethan (*Kuaka*)

#### **Double Wristbands - Lunch with the Principal**

These children have earned their double wristbands so are invited to have an icecream with me this Friday at lunchtime. Meet me in the library at 12:30pm.

Nea V, Tim S, Drae I, Indi B, Oliver B, Nimeet M, Jenn B, Ruby M, Alissa S, Tilly C, Stephanie D, Koryn P, Samuel W, Annabel A, Cooper W, Rylan O'D, Summer B, Erin H, Luke P, Oscar B, Olivia K, Jayden C, Alex H, Catherine H, Hollie L, Chase W, Kayla E, Jayden K, Ruby A, Lily S, Bella K, Georgia McK, Samantha F, Heidi L, Spencer W, Taani N and Payton C.

#### **Black HEART wristband**

A big congratulations to Taani from Dudley for working very hard to achieve his black HEART wristband.



## School Uniform

Thanks to the parents who have contacted me over the last week in relation to our new uniform. Below we have begun a *frequently asked question* sheet to help give some clarity to our process. If you have any questions or queries you would like answered, then please contact me. We will keep this updated [FAQ](#) on our school website.

## FAQ School Uniform



[Is there an alternative for the girls to the culottes?](#)

Girls can wear culottes, tracksuit bottoms, shorts or our current winter pinafore.

[Is there a warmer version of the tee-shirt for the winter?](#)

No, but students can wear thermals underneath, as they do now.

[Could the girls wear navy tights with the culottes?](#)

Yes, they can wear navy or black tights.

[Where could we buy the unbranded version from?](#)

The unbranded items can be bought from a number of places, e.g. The Warehouse, Kmart, or Postie Plus.

[What shoes do they need to wear? What colour socks?](#)

Any shoes are okay, however keep in mind that they need to be sturdy and safe; in winter they should be waterproof. Socks can be black or navy.

[Can girls wear the track pants as well as boys?](#)

Yes!

[Can girls still wear a winter pinafore?](#)

We are keeping our current winter pinafore for the next few years. Eventually it may be phased out.

[When can we start to buy these items?](#)

We hope to have initial sales from midterm 2, 2021 onwards. We are waiting to confirm our new logo layout.

[When does the old uniform stop being worn?](#)

Our aim is to have the old uniform phased out by 2023.

### How can we purchase the uniform?

There will be two options. The uniform will be able to be brought online through Direct Uniforms or it can be purchased through school. It would need to be ordered and paid for and a school order would be placed once a month.

### What would girls wear in the winter - the culottes may not be warm enough?

The culottes are heavier than our current ones. Girls can also wear fleece track pants. Our current winter pinafore can also be worn.

### When will parents be able to see the new uniform?

We will shortly have some items printed with our new logo. We hope these will be on display in the office by the end of the term. We will also run a parent session to hear feedback.

### Can we still give feedback on the uniform?

YES! We are open to feedback. We will have a parent session and take feedback on uniform items. The colour of the uniform has been decided, however there is flexibility around other items, e.g., we heard that soft shell jackets may not be warm enough for winter so we have sourced a waterproof heavier jacket as an option.

**Have you got any questions or thoughts we should consider?**  
**Please email [principal@banksave.school.nz](mailto:principal@banksave.school.nz) or call in to chat to me.**

### Team Miro

#### Miro Camp Information Evening

A reminder that this is on tonight at 7:00pm in the Library. We will be covering both camps and would love to see you there. Children are welcome too.

#### GROW Ōtautahi - Christchurch Garden Festival

We are entering this festival for the second year with Awa designing our 2021 entry. Gardens are on display in the Botanical Gardens this Friday, Saturday and Sunday - call in as we'd love to see a friendly smile. Well done to our Awa children, Belinda Walsh and Adam Hastilow for all the effort and thought that you've put into this process. We can't wait to see your creation!

#### ***Awa's Garden Design:***

"As the environment around the Eastside of Christchurch has changed so significantly, our connection to it has increased. Our school is surrounded by what we know as 'The Red Zone' but should really be renamed 'The Green Zone'. Within this land and water from the Ōtakaro River to the ocean, there is so much that we celebrate daily as we pass through it or play in it or live off the fruit that grows within it. Our garden is a tribute to our connection to this land and our role as Kaitiaki, as well as an acknowledgment of what was there in the gardens of those who had to leave this wonderful place. Ngā mihi nui."

#### Netball 2021

We have three netball teams entered into the Hagley competition for 2021. Thanks to everyone who put their hand up to help out with the teams, we can only enter as many teams as we have Coaches, Managers for and this is the first time we've been able to enter 3 teams.

#### ***Volunteers for 2021 - our thanks to you for giving up your time:***

Year 6 Team: *Coach - Ayla Roberts, Manager - Marilyn Stewart, First Aider - Jemma Wilder*

Year 5/6 Team: *Co-Coaches - Jan Thompson and Angela Stevenson, Manager - Jen Bourne, First Aider - Rehana*

Year 3/4 Team: *Coach - Lydia Hira, Manager - Amanda Hawke, First Aider - Leanne Wratt*

## 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)

### 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: [absence@banksave.school.nz](mailto:absence@banksave.school.nz)

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

### PTA

#### PTA Meeting and AGM

PTA Meeting and AGM Monday 15 March 7:00pm Banks Avenue School Staffroom.

Everyone Welcome!

#### Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books – AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND for \$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.

Support us and purchase online today at

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

**CAR BOOT SALE CALL OUT!**

## Avebury Gala 2021

11 AM TO 3 PM | SUNDAY, 28 MARCH 2021

Book a spot at the Avebury Gala Car Boot Sale. \$10 for a spot! Proceeds go to supporting the Richmond Community Garden.

Book your spot today by emailing: [coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz](mailto:coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz). Be in quick as we have limited space.