



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 9 - Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 14 April 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 1

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

Last day of Term 1 Thursday 15 April

Yay we have just about finished Term 1! Although it has been a long term, 11 weeks, at least we have gotten through it without a lockdown or a terrorist attack. Both events marred the beginning of the previous two years!

I hope everyone has a relaxing and safe break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on 3 May!

PTA

On Monday night I attended a PTA meeting. A huge thank you to the team of mothers who make our PTA work so well. These mums do an amazing job organising discos and fundraising for our tamariki. They have just gifted each class a few hundred dollars each to help with resources. They also run the second hand uniform shop and our online lunch system.

Would you like to join our PTA? Our next meeting is Monday 17 May. We meet at 7:00pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to just show up or you can ring Randi on 0212421000 and she will arrange for someone to chat to you about the PTA.

Scooter Day - Thursday 15 April

Children in Team Kahikatea and Team Miro can bring their scooters to school on Thursday as we have a scooter day. Scooters will need to be locked up in our scooter shed before school. If children have protective gear we encourage them to wear it, especially helmets.

At lunchtime I will supervise children scootering on the back court!

Guidelines:

- Put your scooter neatly and carefully in the bikeshed before school.
- NO scooters out at morning tea!
- Eat lunch first - when bell goes collect scooter from the bike shed.
- Walk your scooter to the back court area.
- If possible wear protective clothing, e.g., helmet, elbow and knee pads.
- Ride your scooters around the perimeter (outside) of the courts in a clockwise direction. DO NOT go the wrong way!
- When the 1:15pm bell goes, walk your scooter back to the bikeshed. Put it in neatly - do not just throw it in!

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

Thursday 15 April - Last day of Term 1

Friday 16 April - Teacher Only day

May

Monday 3 May - Term 2 starts

Friday 7 May - Hells Pizza

Friday 7 May - Uniform shop
2:45-3:15pm

Monday 11 May - Pasifika Fono

Monday 17 May - PTA meeting
7:00pm

Friday 21 May - Assembly

Camps

Monday 10 May - Camp Awa

Thursday 13 May - Camp Dudley

Monday 17 May - Camp Roto and
Kuaka

June

Thursday 3 June - Uniform shop

Friday 4 June - Ōtakaro Teacher
Only Day

Monday 7 June - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 8 June - Teacher Only Day

Note: School closed for instruction:

Friday 4 June

Monday 7 June

Tuesday 8 June

Friday 18 June - Assembly

July

Friday July 2 - Uniform Shop

Friday 9 July - Last day of Term 2

Kahui ako Pasifika Fono

All of our Pasifika families are invited to this fono organised by our kāhui ako. It will be a chance to mix and mingle with other families, see a great performance, share a meal and have a say about your children's education.

When: Monday 11 May

Where: Shirley Boys' High campus

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Purpose: To look at the Pasifika Education Plan

What: Pasifika performance, guest speaker Nasi Manu, shared meal

RSVP: hstowers@banksave.school.nz

Kindo

All families should be signed up with Kindo; this is our online shop. Kindo allows you to pay bills for things like extra curricular sport and to pay for school functions like school discos. Lunch online is ordered through Kindo as are Hells Pizzas (7 May). To set up a Kindo account go onto our [school website](#) and look for Kindo under the parent tab.

First Time Users

- Click on this button if you are a first time user of Kindo. You'll need to register to set up your account.
- All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school.

Registered Users

- Click to use Kindo online to make full or part payments for all school activities and donations, register and pay for school sports teams, support fundraisers and complete permission slips.
- Choose to pay as you go, add funds to your Kindo account in advance, use internet banking or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply).

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who participated in our Cross Country event last week. I was so impressed with how hard they tried. We have some amazing runners at our school; I look forward to the Zone Cross Country next term.

Placings:

Year 1 Girls - 1st: Zoe M, 2nd: Amira W, 3rd: Leyana L-H

Year 1 Boys - 1st: McGuinness H, 2nd: Samuel F, 3rd: Harley B

Year 2 Girls - 1st: Macie S, 2nd: Amiyah H, 3rd: Scarlett-Mae K

Year 2 Boys - 1st: Alex L, 2nd: Luca S, 3rd: Jaxon L

Year 3 Girls - 1st: Evie H, 2nd: Lilyāna T, 3rd: Danielle P

Year 3 Boys - 1st = Jack C and Archie B, 3rd: Braxton G

Year 4 Girls - 1st: Grace B, 2nd: Blake M, 3rd: Aya P

Year 4 Boys - 1st: TJ C, 2nd: Bradley E, 3rd: Zach B

Year 5 Girls - 1st: Hazel B, 2nd: Claudia F, 3rd: Hollie L

Year 5 Boys - 1st: Karn S, 2nd: Oscar B, 3rd: Luca E

Year 6 Girls - 1st: Isla-Rose C, 2nd: Aaniya S, 3rd: Kaiya P

Year 6 Boys - 1st: Tajimi P, 2nd: Rylan O, 3rd: Jackson K

No Smoking

There is to be no smoking or vaping allowed on school grounds.

Thanks for supporting us!



Kapa haka

Maaka our Kapa haka teacher is looking for a mum, grandma, auntie, etc that could come and help teach poi to the Kapa haka group. We meet on Thursdays at 11:45am. Please contact me at hstowers@banksave.school.nz, or leave a message at the office and I will contact you. Thank you.

Term 1 Winning House

There are only 39 tokens between the first three houses. This term Mahuika has won. All children in Mahuika have received a lolly pop for being in the winning house.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Sub total YTD
Tangaroa	1189 4th			
Papatūānuku	1249 3rd			
Mahuika	1288 1st			
Tāwhirimātea	1256 2nd			

I love My Job

One of our 7 year old cherubs arrived in my office last week with a question.

“How much money would I need to give you to get you to stay home and not come to school?”

“A lot. Why do you want me to stay home?”

“So I can come and visit you at your house.”

I wrote my figure down to stay home. He said it wasn't enough and he wrote his figure down. I love my job!



Dyslexia

Our staff have continued with professional development on dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a learning difference, a combination of strengths and weaknesses which affects the learning process in reading, spelling, writing and sometimes numeracy.

The difficulties experienced by someone with dyslexia can be reduced with effective individualised teaching and specialist support.

If your child is dyslexic, or you think they might be, your child's teacher or kaiako is your first point of contact.

Your child may have dyslexia if after a year at school they often display a number of these difficulties:

- unsure of the sound a letter or combination makes e.g., h or sh
- poor sense of rhyme
- often mixes up letters or figures e.g., b/d/p/q or n/u, or 15 for 51
- great difficulty spelling simple words like 'duck' or 'like'

- highly disorganised – often doesn't know what day it is
- finds learning sequences difficult e.g., months
- extremely messy handwriting – letters are poorly formed
- very poor reading, even of very familiar words
- difficulty with things like tying laces, getting dressed quickly, clumsiness, confuses left and right.

At home you can help by:

- Play 'I spy' or 'ka kite au' to help your child learn the sounds of letters. Use the beginning sounds of words as clues
- Play 'change a name' by removing the first letter sound, e.g., Timmy becomes immy, mummy becomes ummy
- Play an alphabet game where the child finds a word for each letter of the alphabet
- Clap and count the syllables in children's names and everyday words
- Play riddle games, e.g., what rhymes with 'pig' and starts with d?
- Sort everyday objects into groups based on the initial letter sound, e.g., pegs, pins, pencils, book, bowl, button. Try extending it to whole words e.g., 'Which words start with the same sounds? Dog, doll, mum?'

Successful people with dyslexia have said that their success is largely due to the practical and emotional support they received from their parents. Have fun with your child at home or in the car; play word games and make rhymes, read together and talk about what you're doing. Acknowledge that some things will be harder to learn and that you know they are working overtime doing their best. By school and families working together we will make a difference.

Bricks4Kidz

At the bottom of this newsletter is a flyer for bricks4kidz. This runs once a week at Chisnallwood. Bricks4kidz will pick children up from Banks Avenue School and drop them home to you after the session.

For more information, head to their website: <http://bricks4kidz.co.nz/christchurch-north-west/>

Keep updated via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/b4kchc>

To secure your spot, click on the link below. Spots are limited so get in quick!

<https://nz.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=1636403&locationfilterid=1655537>

Hells Pizza - Friday 7 May

Pizza needs to be ordered through Kindo by the end of the school holidays. Make sure you do not forget to get your order in early!

BAMP (Banks Avenue Mentoring Programme) Volunteers Needed

We are looking for grandparents or any adult who has some time to give, for our BAMP programme. This means volunteering to spend time with a child for an hour a week, e.g, baking, craft, building, gardening, playing music, art activities or board games. These relationships can have a wonderful impact on a child's life. If you would like to spend time with children and want to make a difference please don't hesitate to contact Belinda Walsh by email bwalsh@banksave.school.nz or you can phone the school office on 385 4163 to speak with her.



Starting School

We welcome Surpreet from Kuaka and Holly from Room 9 (The Nest) and their families to our Banks Avenue School Community.



Netball School Holiday Programmes will be running in the April School Holidays

Please see below to register.

Week 1:

Future Ferns Festival Day

Date: Wednesday 21 April

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Fee: **FREE**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163922>

Attack/Defence Sessions

Date: Thursday 22 and Friday 23 April

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm (Year 3-4) 12:00 – 2:00pm (Year 5-6 & Year 7-8)

Fee: \$20 per person per day

Week 2:

Full Netball Preparation (3-day programme)

Date: Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 April

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm (Year 3-4) 12:00 – 2:00pm (Year 5-6 & Year 7-8)

Fee: \$50 per person

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/154692>

Dental Care During the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby**
- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8:15am and 4:45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

PTA

Hells Pizza Lunch - Friday 7 May - ORDER NOW ON KINDO

Children are able to order a Hells Pizza for lunch as a special fundraiser. All options and orders are through Kindo. Orders are open now and will close on Friday 16 April at 5pm. No late orders accepted. Pizzas are \$6.00 each and will be delivered to your child's classroom at lunch time on 7 May. Please ensure you order the pizza under each child's name if you have several children, that way the correct pizza will be delivered to the correct classroom!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

This is run by the PTA. Funds raised go toward our hardship fund.

The uniform shop is open the first Friday of each term then the first Friday of each month. It is located to the side of Dudley. Do you have any old uniform items you could donate? If so drop them into the school office.

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: Jakob and Rihot (*Dudley*)

Excellence:

Aroha: Marcel, Jaziah and Erin (*Dudley*)

Respect: Zyah (*Roto*)

Togetherness: Phoenix and Kendra (*Dudley*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Karn, Kaylee, Roame, Charlotte and Elizabeth (*Kuaka*); Elizabeth and Luca (*Roto*); Annabelle, Charlee-May, Joel and Lakai (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Kaylee, Alex, Ethan, Elizabeth and Grace (*Kuaka*); Reta (*Dudley*)

Aroha: Kaylee and Aiden (*Kuaka*); Blake (*Roto*); Ari, Alex, Gabriel, Luca, Finn and Rihot (*Dudley*)

Respect: Bradley, Ella and Ruby (*Kuaka*); Sofele and Daniel (*Roto*)

Togetherness: Sam, Mark, Bradley, Ethan, Jayden, Makaii, Charlotte, Zeppelin, Corban, Lauren and Freelance (*Kuaka*); Elijah (*Roto*); Tajimi, Sophie, Joel and Isla-Rose (*Dudley*)

Black HEART wristband

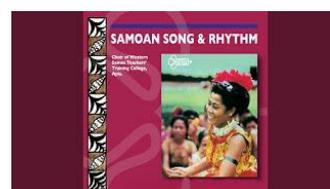
Rawiri, Ari, Luca, Finn, Rihot and Lakai from Dudley have been working very hard to earn themselves their Black HEART wristband. Well done to you all!

HEART Badge

A big congratulations to Gabriel of Dudley who has worked extremely hard to earn his HEART Badge.

Pasifika

Here is a link to the new dance the Pasifika children have been learning this term. It is called Mauluulu and is sung by the Choir of Western Samoa Teachers' Training College in Apia. Your children might like to teach you the moves at home. There is also a link to this song on our Pasifika at Banks Avenue page on our website [Mauluulu](#)



Updates from the teams and school events

Junior Module

We occasionally come across evidence of learning going on in and around our playgrounds. Before Easter these lovely drawings were seen on the concrete in Team Totara. Mrs Edmonds, one of our Learning Assistants had been working with some of our children in PMP (*Perceptual Motor Programme*) to develop body awareness and this was how their learning was shown, i.e., in chalk drawings.

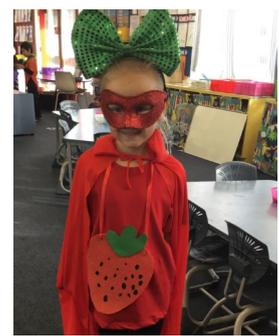
Meanwhile in Team Kahikatea vegetables and fruit have been growing in front of their classrooms but no one expected to see a carrot like the one picked and photographed last week.



Healthy Heroes

The Juniors have really embraced the Healthy Heroes challenge this term. Well done to whānau and the teachers who have supported this initiative so well in their homes and classes. We know that more of our tamariki are *eating well, being active, getting enough sleep, stretching their minds and are helping others*.

We sincerely thank our wonderful Rotary supporters who have visited our school to find out how our Healthy Heroes programme is working and how they can continue to improve and support this in our school. They have also provided the prizes for us. Last Friday representatives from Rotary were here to see Team Totara celebrating their dress as a *Healthy Hero*. We had heroes in the form of fruit, vegetables, a doctor and some in their pyjamas because they are sleep heroes. They were lucky enough to have a picnic with fruit kebabs to eat.



Kia ora, the team at Bricks4Kidz is excited to continue our afterschool Junior Robotics programme for Banks Avenue School children at Chisnallwood Intermediate School for Term 2, offering FREE pick-up and drop-off service. Our programme this term will build on the programme from term 1 and involve new, exciting themes. Check out below what we are all about!

Bricks4Kidz is a children's Enrichment Programme teaching all aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). We offer After-School Classes that provide educational play with Lego in a fun, non-competitive environment bringing a new project each week based on an overall theme for the term. Our trained teachers grow student's general knowledge leading interactive discussions relating to the Master Build of the day.

As we enter the world of learning with Lego, we will run our class once a week for a total time of 1.5 hours. We will learn how to relate the concepts of STEAM to our Master Build and after completion we will send a code to our Master Build. Upon completing your code to your Master Build, watch as it spins, flips, and moves in every direction possible while making noise and changing colours!

Bring a buddy along and enjoy the challenge of working as a team to complete the greatest Master Build yet! You will learn everything from gears, torque and friction, to robotics and MUCH more! From initial discussions and concepts, the children see all the way through to hands-on fun completion. We explore the principles of engineering, architecture, physics and more.

For more information, head to our website: <http://bricks4kidz.co.nz/christchurch-north-west/>
Keep updated via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/b4kchc>

To secure your spot, click on the link below. Spots are limited so get in quick!
<https://nz.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=1636403&locationfilterid=1655537>

Check out some photos below of our students from our Term 1 after school programme.

