



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

COVID UPDATE

Alert Level 4

These are very challenging times for us all (once again); every household will have its own needs and its own challenges so the idea that one plan fits all is not feasible.

**During lockdown, the most important thing is our physical health and our mental and emotional wellbeing.
Continuing learning sits under these two priorities!**

Teachers will provide a learning at home plan, however, what you do with it or how you use it is up to you. Please don't add to your stress levels or the anxiety in your home by battling over learning activities.

Keep households calm. Enjoy each other's company. Make pleasant memories. Find the silver lining!

As we have gone into lockdown with little warning we are aware that some senior students may have left their chromebooks at school. At this stage we are NOT allowed to go back onto school property to retrieve them. If the lock down continues beyond three days there may be a dispensation; if so we will let you know.

We also had learning packs prepared to hand out to our junior classes; again because of the short notice these will not be available. If we move to Level 3 next week we will be able to get these to our junior homes if needed.

How will each team function under Level 4?

Team Totara

The primary site Totara teachers will be using to share learning is Seesaw. At present parents/caregivers have a QR code to access in-class learning and parents/caregivers will be sent a Home Learning Code, which will enable students to see and complete tasks set up in Seesaw. Parents have to ensure that they download the Seesaw class app. Full instructions are on the Home Learning Code sheet.

We will also be using Sunshine Classics to support your child's reading. To access the reading books, your child's username and password will be sent to you via email or Seesaw.

If lockdown continues for longer than three days, Totara teachers will share video clips that they have made of themselves and activities will be posted regularly for the children to complete at a time that works for families. The expectation is that you do the number of activities that suit your children. Please read with or to your child each day as this is a lovely way to spend some quality time together.

Communication between the teacher, the child and the parents will be through Seesaw.

Kahikatea

Team Kahikatea will use Seesaw as their main vehicle for sharing learning during lockdown; however, they will also schedule a daily Zoom session to connect with the class or to connect with groups. Codes for these Zoom sessions will be shared with parents.

These daily Zoom sessions will begin with a waiata and whakatauki as well as sharing the home learning tasks for the day that can be found on our google site: <https://sites.google.com/banksave.school.nz/kahikateaon-linelearning2021>

If you don't have your home learning code for Seesaw, please contact your class teacher (email addresses are on our school website).

As well as learning activities set by the teacher, children can independently work on their PIA (Pride in Achievement) activities - see the school webpage for more information on these.

If you can't make the scheduled daily Zoom meeting, they will be recorded so you can watch them later in the day. Don't stress if you don't get the activities completed, your health and wellbeing are more important at this time. Teachers will look forward to seeing you in online Zoom meetings and seeing your work being shared via Seesaw.

Team Miro

Team Miro have put together a comprehensive Learning At Home Plan. We will share weekly learning via Google Classroom which is a tool the children are familiar with. The learning plan sets out goals and learning activities. Children will complete their learning at the bottom of the document that is shared with them. A new learning template will be shared each week while we are learning offsite. Children's University learning can also be completed and loaded into the portal and this will also be looked at. We encourage daily reading of either library books, Duffy books, books from home or online reading to help maintain momentum.

We will also use Google Meet to join together and learn as a class each day - Monday to Friday. Please see the schedule below. Each class will have their own format and children are able to access their class lesson on the header at the top of their Google Classroom. There will be a direct link visible there beginning Thursday 19 August. During class time our Student Teachers will be with us in Dudley and Awa. We will also have Mrs Burnside, Ms Mora, Mrs Slade and Mrs Bailey joining us for some classes.

Teachers will communicate with whānau regularly using either eTap, Gmail, Seesaw or Class Dojo. As we are a BYOD team we ask that children check in regularly to engage in the learning shared with them. It is so important to stay connected with their friends and teachers. Whilst not the same as being onsite, it still feels great to be together. We understand that not all children will be able to make every class and that is the reality of family life. Your whānau wellbeing is priority one and we support you with this.

Taiora QEII Swimming

Please note that a decision will be made re: Team Miro swimming at Taiora QEII once more information is known around alert levels later in the week. We will communicate with whānau what is happening on Friday once arrangements are confirmed. Swimming could only go ahead if we were to move to Level 2.

Educational Websites and Apps Children Are Familiar With

These are some apps or websites children will be familiar with that they have used at school. Consciously limit the amount of time children are online.

Sunshine Classics	To access reading books and activities
Storyline Online	This link has famous people reading stories aloud.
Prototec Maths	Basic facts maths site
Home learning TV	Home Learning TV
Mathsweek.co.nz	NZ site with maths activities for all levels
BAS Portal	This link will take you to an overview of what each team does while at level 3 and 4

Timetable for Online Sessions

We are aware that in many households devices are limited so we have endeavoured to schedule online sessions for our different teams at different times of the day.

	Monday 23 August	Tuesday 24 August	Wednesday <u>Note</u> not today	Thursday 19 August	Friday 20 August
Team Kahikatea	Kea / Kiwi / Tui 9:00-10:30	Kea / Kiwi / Tui 9:00-10:30	Kea / Kiwi / Tui 9:00-10:30	Kea / Kiwi / Tui 9:00-10:30	Kea / Kiwi / Tui 9:00-10:30
Team Miro	Roto / Kuaka 10:30 -11:15	Roto / Kuaka 10:30 -11:15	Roto / Kuaka 10:30 -11:15	Roto / Kuaka 10:30 -11:15	Roto / Kuaka 10:30 -11:15
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Looking Ahead

Once we move out of Level 4 it is likely we may work our way back through the levels before we return to Level 1. Below I have a summary of what will be involved at Level 3 and Level 2.

Alert Level 3

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.

We will be creating an **Alert Level Three School Roll**; this will be made up of the children we will be supervising at school during the Level 3 period.

- At Level 3, school is only open for children of essential workers. All other children will continue with home learning.
- Parents need to email office@banksave.school.nz to advise us that they are an essential worker and that their child will be returning to school at alert Level 3.
 - We need this information so we can get appropriate staffing in place. Most teachers will continue to work from home at alert Level 3.
 - Children will not be with their normal teacher at alert Level 3; we will make up classes of similar aged children.
 - An adapted programme will run at alert Level 3 for those children who do attend.
- No parents allowed on site; please drop off and pick up at the Banks Avenue gates.
- Increased hygiene practices will be in place.
 - Children are asked to bring their own drink bottles to school.

Alert Level 2

- All children and staff return to school.
- Parents asked to drop off and pick up children from the school gates.
- Covid 19 passes can be used to come onto the grounds if the paperwork has been updated in the office or on our school website (under covid updates). More information on covid passes will be shared later.
- Large school gatherings are suspended.
- Increased hygiene practices will be in place.
 - Children bring their own drink bottles to school.

We will keep you informed as updates come through. In the meantime stay safe, stay positive and enjoy whanau time!



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Newsletter 23 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 18 August 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 3

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

Parent Consultation

Many thanks to the parents who completed our Parent Survey. We had 45 people complete the survey which represents about 17% of our families. We are in the process of analysing the results, however, there are a couple of things we can address immediately.

- Are you concerned your child is not getting long enough to eat their lunch and morning tea? In junior school this can sometimes be an issue. Please share your concerns with the class teacher so they can keep a watchful eye out. Also I will chat to our senior leaders to see what we can do at our end.
- I have booked in two parent coffee mornings between now and the end of the term. Our first session will be in the staffroom next Wednesday at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to come to mix and chat with each other.

Always feel free to chat to teachers if you do have any concerns or questions; we want to provide the best education possible for our tamariki.

New School

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



There seem to be very big mountains of dirt!

Funding Application

We are putting in a funding application to help pay for outdoor seats and tables for the new school.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August

Parent Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25 August - 9:00-9:30am

Shirley Area Music Festival

Wednesday 25 August

September

Junior Module - Delightful Dads

Friday 3 September

12:00-12:30pm

House Day/Bring a Food item for

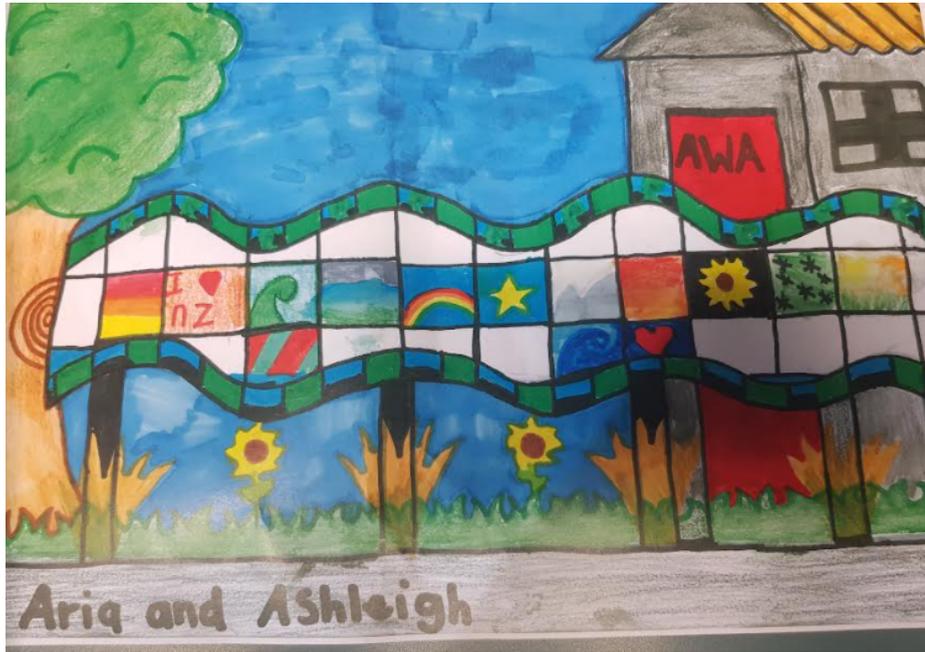
DELTA food bank

Friday 10 September

Parent Coffee Morning

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

School Mural



We have applied for a funding application to employ a professional artist to create a school wide art piece that will be made here but taken and installed in our new school.

Above is a visual interpretation by two students showing what this art could look like and below is the design brief our professional artist will be working with.

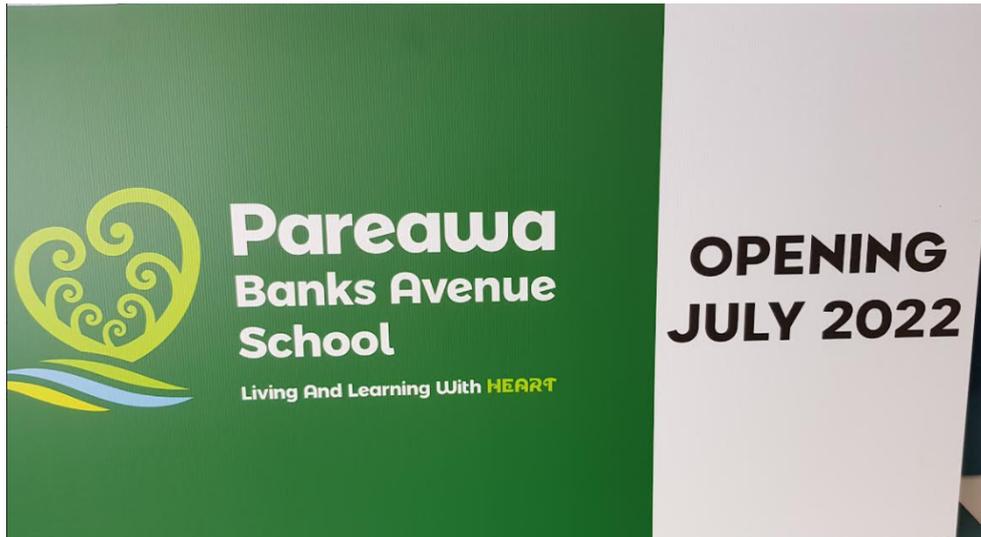
When you look at the design that the children have settled on you will see that its shape represents a river, awa. Our artist will work with each and every child in our school along with all staff creating individual ceramic tiles that represent them and their culture. At Banks Avenue we celebrate the diversity within our school and have created many opportunities to share this richness of culture with each other. We envisage getting the whānau of the junior class involved in a practical way in the classroom and as a tuakana teina (older children helping younger children) project our Year 6 students will also help in the junior school. These tiles will be mounted on a 9 metre board that is shaped like a river. The tiles that run along the entire edge of each side of the river represent the tangata whēnua who will guide us along this journey; these tiles will be made by students selected for an art extension group across the Year 3-6 learning bases. We will also include past Year 6 students' names on tiles: these students were to have been part of the new school, they had input into its design but with build delays they missed this opportunity and for this reason we want to include them.

The planting at the base of the installation is a part of the vision as it will represent the native plants that thrive along the banks of the river and would have covered the local land before it was developed - we see this as a small step toward giving back to the land.

The collaborative approach taken in the creation of this Art Piece will not end there as we also plan to create a book with the story of each person's tile in it. We feel that this along with our art will become a tāonga in the future.

Signage

Our new signage has arrived. We will mount this on the fenceline of the new school. Thanks Todd, from Dynamite Signs, for dropping this off to us.



RSVP - Sausage Sizzle

On Saturday 4 September from 11:00am-1:00pm, all whānau and community members are invited to come down to our new school to have a look around. Access to the site is off Averill Street. There will be a **free** sausage sizzle. To help with numbers for the sausage sizzle can you please complete the form online. [Here is the link](#). You can also find this link on the [school website](#) or return the form at the bottom of this newsletter to the office. This will help us to order the right number of sausages!

There will also be some competitions running on the day. We are so excited that people will finally get the chance to see the beginnings of our fabulous new school.

I love my job

At the end of last term I had much pleasure in attending an event at the Turanga Library where our children's art work was on display. Here is an image from that display. How many of us can say we have displayed our art in a public gallery space? I love what our children achieve!



Shirley Area Music Festival

Next Wednesday, 25 August the choir will be performing as part of Shirley Area Music Festival.

They have been working hard towards this performance and are very excited to use the amazing theatre at Ōrua Paeroa.



Tickets for the evening performances are available from the office and are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. This starts at 7:00pm. There is also a matinee starting at 1:15pm which will be a gold coin donation.

HOUSE DAY - Coming up on Friday Week 7

- You have lots of time to work on your outfit!
- There will be plenty of fun and games on the day.
- We will be collecting dry food such as cans, pasta, rice or biscuits towards our Kiwi Can community project - The Delta Foodbank.

Organised by the HEART Leaders and PALS.

Parent Coffee Morning - Wednesday 25 August 9:00-9:30am

Would you like to come along and meet with other parents? Join me in the staffroom next wednesday to mix and mingle. Sign in at the office and then come up the stairs to the staffroom. It would be great to have you join us. We will have a follow up session at the end of the term.

Mental Health Supports

Below is a list of different supports, for mental health, that are available for young people and parents. We never know when a crisis may present itself so put this list away in case you need it at some stage.

[All Right?](#) Provides information and tools about looking after yourself and others.

[How to help kids manage worries](#)

[Helpful tips for teens](#) | 0800 What's Up?

[General information and resources for parents and whānau](#) | Youthline

[Helping my child with anxiety](#) | [HealthInfo](#) – local advice on helping children with anxiety, including the importance of eating and living well, especially when anxiety is affecting learning

National helplines

- Need to talk? Free call or text **1737** any time for support from a trained counsellor
- **Lifeline** – 0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE) or free text 4357 (HELP)
- **Suicide Crisis Helpline** – 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)
- **Healthline** – 0800 611 116
- **Samaritans** – 0800 726 666

Helplines for children and young people

- **Youthline** – Free call 0800 376 633, free text 234, email talk@youthline.co.nz or [Web chat](#) from 7:00pm–10:00pm
- [thelowdown.co.nz](#) – or email team@thelowdown.co.nz or free text 5626
- **What's Up** – 0800 942 8787 (for 5–18 year olds). Phone counselling is available Monday to Friday, 12:00noon–11:00pm and weekends, 3:00pm–11:00pm. Online chat is available Monday to Friday from 1:00pm–10:00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 3:00pm–10:00pm.
- **Kidsline** – 0800 54 37 54 (0800 kidsline) for young people up to 18 years of age. Open 24/7.

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.

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Luca W-D (*Roto*); Te Atua W and Kade M (*Awa*).

Excellence: Angus Y, Jayden E-FC and Mikayla M (*Roto*); Meliame H and Chloe P (*Awa*).

Aroha: Tyler McG and Ashley C (*Awa*).

Respect: Jayden E-FC and Luca E (*Roto*); Emma R, Coby P and Amelia B (*Awa*); Sophie B (*Dudley*).

Togetherness: Zach B (*Roto*); Milly L and Chase W (*Awa*).

Black HEART Wristband

Congratulations to Lewka C, Charlee S, Kayla E and Drae I of Awa who have all earned their black HEART wristband.

HEART Badge

A big congratulations to James G of Dudley and Aria H of Awa who have been working extremely hard to get their HEART Badge. Well done!

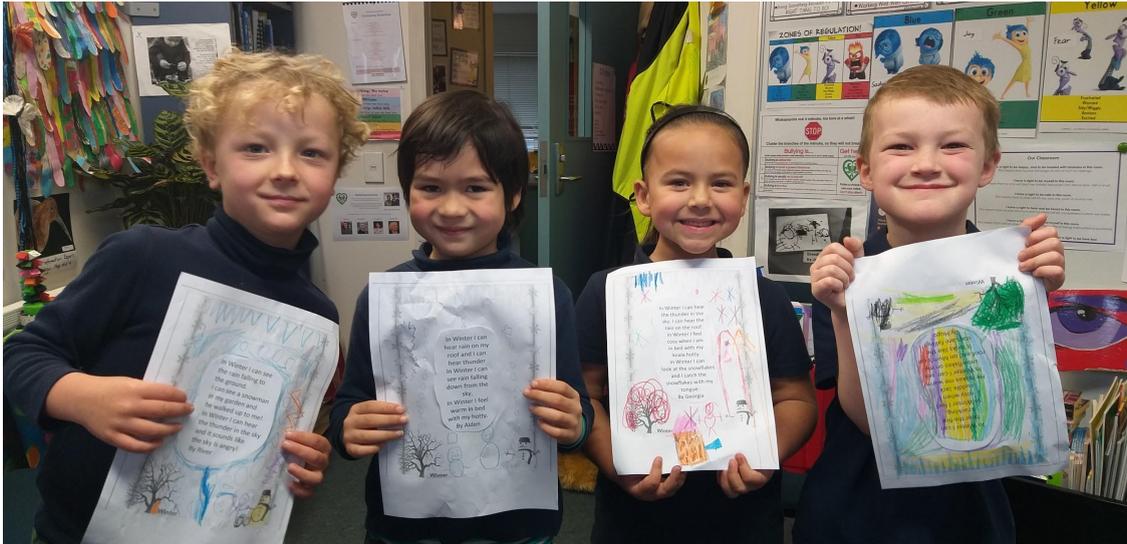
Double Wristbands - Lunch with the Principal

Well done for earning your double wristband. When we are able to return to school we will meet for ice-cream.

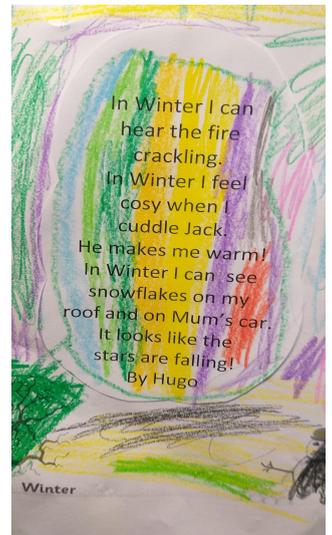
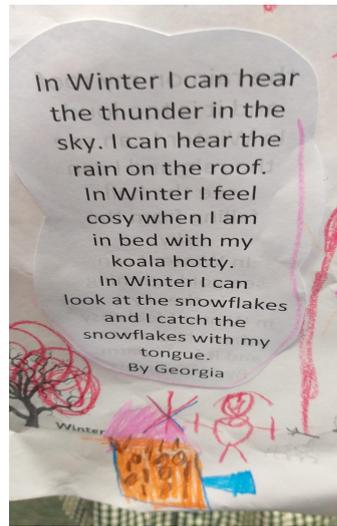
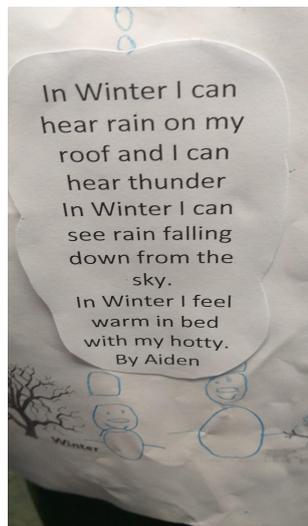
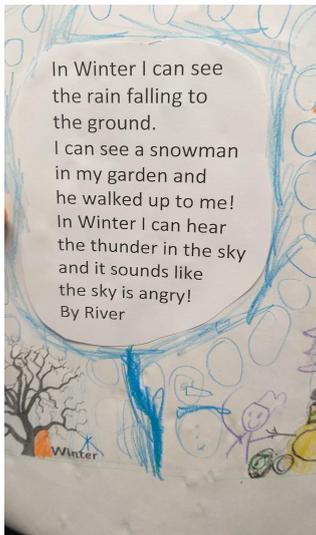
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Updates from the teams and school events

Junior Module



Here are the newest poets in our school. River, Aiden, Georgia and Hugo who are all in The Nest. Room 9 snuck into Ms Carroll's office and recited their Winter poems to her. Look how happy they are to share their ideas and published poems.



PMP Olympics

Although it was another busy week last week Mrs Edmonds managed to fit in her own Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) Olympics event with one of her groups. They took part in a marathon, gymnastics, sprints, hurdles and trampolining.

We had nine medal winners! These learners from Team Totara were recognised as having a *great attitude* and *being great team players*.



Team Miro

On Sunday two of our Hagley Netball teams took part in the annual Rainbow Tournament. Rainbow HEARTs and Crayolas played for 5 hours and were wonderful ambassadors for our school with their sense of fun and fairplay. Congratulations to the Crayolas who achieved third place in the Year 6 Best Dressed competition.

Postponement: Please note that this Saturday's Future Ferns netball is cancelled and the final day of the season for Future Ferns has been postponed by one week until next Saturday 28 August.



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>

RSVP to Sausage Sizzle

Please return the following form to the office by Friday 27 August.

If you prefer you can fill this form in online by clicking on this link: [Here is the link](#)

We will be attending the open day at Pareawa Banks Avenue School on Saturday 4 September.

It is likely our family will eat :

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Other

Please circle the total number of sausages you think your family will eat.

Family Name: _____

Children's Names: _____