



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 28 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue:

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 4

From the Principal -Te pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Twenty school days until the end of the term! EEEKKK

I hope all of our families enjoyed their long weekend. Teachers were thankful to get their reports finished. Reports now come to senior management for checking so they can go home with students in two weeks time.

At this time of year teachers and leaders are busy looking at our student achievement data for the year. We take a lot of time in analysing data so we can identify needs or gaps and look at what future interventions we need to put in place to support these. We also look closely to see what progress has been made by individuals and by cohorts of children. It is always great to see big shifts in achievement and to be able to celebrate these successes. Once we have analysed the data it is shared with the BoT and eventually with the Ministry of Education.

We measure children against the curriculum. Our New Zealand curriculum is split into curriculum levels and each curriculum level should take two years to work through. Year 1 and 2 students work at Level 1 of the curriculum, year 3 and 4 students work at Level 2 of the curriculum and year 5 and 6 should be working at Level 3 of the curriculum.

Teachers use a range of tools to help them make a judgment about what level of the curriculum children are working at. As each curriculum level is quite broad, we narrow it down by identifying if children are working at the beginning of a level, working within a level or on the way to transitioning to the next level up. You will see this terminology in this year's reports.

There are some standardized tests that teachers use to help them make these judgements:

PAT - Progress and Achievement Tests. Children in years 3-6 sit PAT's for a range of subjects. Currently we are analysing our PAT maths and our PAT vocabulary results. PAT's give students a scaled score. By comparing scaled scores from the beginning of the year to now we can see both progress and achievement.

e-asTTle- Children in years 4-6 sit e-asTTle tests in reading and maths. When children sit an e-asTTle test they will receive an *individual pathway* which identifies

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Thursday 19 November

Pyjama Day
(Gold coin or Non Perishable Food Item)

Friday 27 November

Celebration Evening
5:00pm - 7:00pm

what curriculum level they are at; it will also highlight their strengths and identify some next steps. Teachers are happy to talk to you about your students progress and to share test results.

School Accounts - Kindo

We have been using Kindo as our school shop for over a year. Instructions on how to set up a Kindo account are on our school website. Any payments to the school need to be coming through Kindo. We still have a few parents who have set up **automatic payments** to our school account; these transactions need to be **cancelled**.

Our office ladies reconcile payments in Kindo, it becomes more complicated and an added workload if they also need to check our school bank accounts.

**If you do not already have a Kindo account please set one up.
Please STOP any automatic payments to our school account.**

Fabric

If you or anybody that you know has access to offcuts or end of rolls of heavy duty fabric/thermal backed fabric that we can use to make library bags for our New Entrants can you please contact Rebecca in the school office or alternatively email: rpower@banksave.school.nz.

2021 School Stationery

We are currently putting together our Stationery Lists for 2021 and you will receive these with your child's school report later this term. We will no longer be selling Stationery Packs from school at the beginning of each year. Stationery can be ordered and paid for online through Qizzle, who put all our stationery packs together for us, or you can purchase through a provider of your own choice. If you do not have internet access to complete your online order or you need support with your stationery purchase for 2021, you will have the option to pre order and pre pay for your child's 2021 stationery pack. This must be done prior to school closing on Wednesday 16 December. If you have any questions or wonderings, please contact Rebecca at our school office.



Kiwi Can

This year all classes from year 2 up have been having weekly Kiwi Can lessons. It is great when learning can be fun!

Kiwi Can leaders Chris and Steve are teaching the students about how important it is in making sure everyone feels safe. To get this learning intention across to the class, they are playing the game called "lava".

With Positive Relationships being the Kiwi Can focus for Term 4, this game is all about getting your team from one end to the other without falling in the lava. They must work together with lily pads, communicate and co-operate together so that they all get across and don't fall in! If they fall, everyone must begin again.

Playing these sorts of games teaches our students that we need to learn how to get along with others. To communicate calmly even if we have a struggle that we must face. To be there for each other and to make sure everyone is feeling safe.





School Donation Scheme

This year we have opted into the Government's Donation Scheme; this has meant that trips and activities that we would usually ask parents to pay for have been covered by this funding, e.g., swimming, shows, class excursions. I hope parents have felt the positive impact of this scheme.

Activities like extension writing courses or Thursday night basketball are not covered by this scheme as individual children opt into these; they are not a part of our standard curriculum and only involve a small number of children.

As teachers, we have enjoyed being able to organise events without worrying about asking parents to pay for them. Our Board has decided to opt into the scheme for 2021.

Camp is one big expense and it happens every second year for students in years 4-6. We know many children have already fundraised for camp by selling chocolates. We also have some donation scheme money left over from this year that we will carry forward to 2021 to help with camp costs. However, even with next year's donation scheme money there will not be enough to cover the cost of camp. Therefore, in 2021 we will be asking parents to *contribute* toward part of the camp costs. Jan Thompson, the Team Miro leader, will calculate exact camp costs at the beginning of 2021 and let families know how much additional funding will need to be contributed by families.

Thank You

Over the last four years we have had a team of ladies who have worked diligently in the background to raise money for resources for our school. They did this by completing applications to various foundations. The successful applications have funded the following resources for our teachers and children.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart Signage & Flags • 30 Chromebooks • Portable Gazebo for Sport • Robotic Equipment • School Sound System • 10 Mountain Bikes, 10 helmets, 10 vests and 1x bike pump • 15 iPad minis (+covers) plus Mac mini server 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodwork tables and shed for Junior School • Music equipment • Apple TVs and Components • 21 iPad Minis & covers • Stacking chairs for library • Uniforms for children in need • School camera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Chromebooks & 10 iPads • Sports Shed • 2x macbook airs for ESOL and 3 library centre Computers • Concrete Table Tennis Table • 2x Reversible Basketball and Netball Hoops • Dodgeball Pit
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A big thank you to Cath Blakemore, Fiona Graham, Merodie Wright and Marilyn Stewart for the time you have given. You have made such a big difference to our children and admirably three of these ladies continued to support the school, long after their children have left. Thank you!

Term 4 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: Ella (*Tui*)

Excellence: Sophie (*Dudley*)

Aroha: Chris (*Dudley*)

Respect:

Togetherness: Dillon (*Dudley*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Cobey, Christian and Jordae (*Tui*); Tim (*Roto*); Cooper and Reta (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Jenn (*Tui*); Luca and Nea (*Roto*); Kiera (*Dudley*)

Aroha: Fern and Mason (*Tui*); Kaiya, Will, Ruby and Solomon (*Dudley*)

Respect: Fern, Elizabeth and Jordae (*Tui*); Tim, Milly, Jaziah, Jack and Drae (*Roto*); Zach (*Dudley*)

Togetherness: Annabel (*Tui*); Indi and Jack (*Roto*); Oliver, Nimeet, Irmhild and Chris (*Dudley*)

Ice-Cream with the Principal

The following children have earned their first double wristband in a HEART value so they get to have an ice-cream with me this Friday at lunch time:

Ella D, Archie B, Georgia McK, Willow B, Oden P, Hank J, Sofia H, Irmhild B, Will S, Solomon T, Brooke W, Patrick H, Riley M, Ruby M, Xavier S, Zach W, Makayla W, Taylor T, Tumeke H, Aiden A, Walter B, Bradley E, and Zeppelin K.

Black HEART Wristband

Congratulations to Nitin, Kaiya and Annabel from Dudley for working really hard to earn their Black HEART Wristband.

HEART Badge

Well done to Olivia from Roto and Solomon and Ruby from Dudley for earning their HEART Badge. This is a HUGE achievement.

Updates from the teams and school events

Team Miro

Beach Education

Please can we have all of the paperwork back for this EOTC on Thursday. For this outing we need a parent/child ratio of 1 adult to 5 children, so thank you to those parents/grandparents who have volunteered to come along.

SCAPE Art, Learning & Wellbeing

In 2020 Dudley has been working with SCAPE exploring the impact Art has on us, and the ideas and feelings it generates as we respond to it. This week we worked with local artist Jacqueline Greenbank on her 'community engaged project'. We made 3D objects which will form part of her installation going into Canterbury Museum. As Zach said "Art doesn't have to be perfect to be great art".

Our contribution was apples as Jacqueline's exhibition reflects her heritage as the granddaughter of an early market gardener in Christchurch. We were super proud of the outcome and are excited to see our exhibition when it opens. In 2021 Ms Thompson will undertake a further pilot research study with SCAPE looking at the relationship between Art, Learning and Wellbeing. We are grateful and honoured to be the only school offered this initiative. Tino pai rawa children - it was your ideas and enthusiasm that got this wonderful opportunity for us!



- **Eastside Football Academy** has been formed by local NZ Football Qualified coach Darren Clements to give access to quality coaching for all skill levels of local footballers.
- Get ready for the 2021 Football season
- Next programmes starts in **JANUARY 2021**
- Spaces for kids born in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 & 2009
- **Spaces are limited!**
- Held @ Clare Park – Burwood
- Website – www.eastsidefootballacademy.com
- If interested please contact Darren
- dkclements@xtra.co.nz or 027 272 3172

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: office@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 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

Help Required - The PTA would love to have some parents help on the night of the Learning Celebration Evening for half an hour. If **YOU** can help with this please call Sue Turner on 021 634 666. We would love to have you join us.

Library Bags - If you have any Library bags hanging about at home we would love to have them for New Entrants. Please take to Room 9.

Entertainment Books - Support Banks Avenue School and purchase online today at <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1348e93>

Enjoy the new Digital Book in your pocket. Another round of school holidays are looming fast so get them sorted, no bulky book to carry around just your phone, the digital version is now valid for the FULL 12 months from date of purchase with NEW offers being added each month. Enjoy Willowbank, McDonalds, Plenty of Coffee stops, Plenty of Eateries. Books are priced from \$70.00.

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Georgia Thomson | eastern@yeahgirls.nz