



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 17 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 23 June 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 2

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

Paid Union Meetings - Tomorrow

Teachers will be attending paid union meetings tomorrow afternoon Thursday 24 June. School will remain open, but run on a skeleton staff as all teachers will be off site. We are asking that, where possible, children are picked up at 12:30pm from your child's classroom. Teachers will be signing children out so please see the teacher before you take your child home.

If you cannot pick up your child at 12:30pm then, can you please email office@banksave.school.nz so that we can add your child/children to our *supervision roll* for the afternoon of Thursday 24 June. Thank you to the parents who have already let us know that we will be supervising their child/children.

Please pick children up at lunchtime, 12:30 pm.

No lunch online orders this week.

Winter Fire Safety

Well, winter has arrived and with a recent house fire in North New Brighton, I think it would be good to go over some Fire Safety tips for the modern family. I am talking about smart devices like chromebooks, tablets and laptops, but in particular, cell phones and their chargers.



When plugged in to charge, most devices and their wall chargers will generate heat, more so if you are using your device while it is being charged. This is normal but the main thing you must remember is where you place the device while it is charging. This should be on a hard surface, away from combustible materials like paper, cardboard or soft furnishings. This means no charging or leaving a device charging on the bed, couch or any other furniture that has soft coverings. If the chargers are really hot, this is not normal and may mean you are using the wrong cord, plug or something is wrong with those items. Using a charging station to allow full air circulation around the device is also good but the same rule applies that you need to have it on a hard surface. If in doubt, check the manufacturer's website for instructions on how to charge your device safely. Also please make sure you have smoke alarms and they are working.

For more Fire Safety tips please visit www.fireandemergency.nz and follow the links there to learn more on how to be Fire Safe in your home.

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June

Thursday 24 June
Union Meetings

Pick children up at 12:30pm

Friday 25 June
The Nest - Christchurch School of
Gymnastics

Tuesday 29 June
Children's University On Campus
Experience @ Canterbury University

July

Friday 2 July
Uniform Shop 2.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 7 July
(Note change of date)
Be the Brightest You Can Be Mufti Day

Thursday 8 July
Matariki Evening 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Friday 9 July
Last day of Term 2

Monday 26 July
First day of Term 3

New School

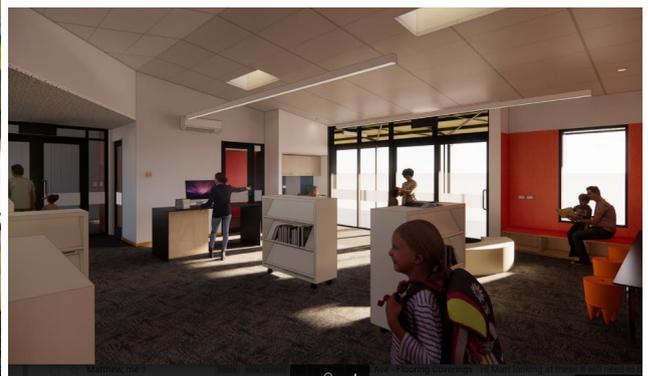
https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/

Although it is a bit murky we can see the steel work on the learning pod.



Library

This week Tricia and I met with Matt, our architect to discuss our library. One wall will have a mural on it. Matt has shared some potential concepts for the library below.



Learning Pod

Below is a mock up of what the inside of a learning pod will look like. As you can see the space will accommodate two teachers and about 50 children.



New Housing in Bramwell Street

Construction on new housing is getting underway on the two sections on our Bramwell Entrance boundary. On Friday 25 June, the foundation pours will take place and concrete trucks will be moving to and from the site from early morning until the job is complete. Miles Construction will have traffic management in place on the day. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained under their supervision but there will be no street parking in Bramwell Street until the job is complete. Please use one of our other entrances on Friday. Miles Construction have also assured us there will be no large vehicle movements between 8:30 - 9:15am and 2:45 - 3:15pm to allow our children and families to move freely and safely to and from this entrance. Thank you for your patience.

Learning Conversations

In Term 3 we give parents the chance to come to school to meet with teachers to discuss their child's learning and progress. Children form an integral part of these conversations so should be present. However, we also know that some parents would like the chance to chat to teachers alone for a few minutes, without their children hearing the conversation. If you would like this opportunity make sure you let the teachers know.

We have set dates for our learning conversations as:

Tuesday 10 August
1:00 - 8:00pm

Thursday 12 August
1:00 - 8:00pm

Some teachers will have fifty four learning conversations to cover in the two days so it is important that we run to time; meetings will be ten minutes long and we will rely on parents arriving promptly and leaving on the bell. Due to the number of learning conversations we need to fit in, we can only timetable one meeting per family. We know this can be awkward in some situations but time is a constraint. There will be two late nights. In two weeks we will provide more information on how you can book a meeting time.

Be the Brightest You Can Be Mufti Day (Note change of date)

On **Wednesday 7 July**, there will be a mufti day where you have to be the brightest you can be by dressing up in the brightest clothes you have and bringing along a gold coin donation. We will be raising money for wet day games in the classes. At lunchtime there will be a bright parade for Team Totara, Kahikatea and Miro where you can show off how bright you are. There will be a certificate for the brightest in each team and another for the most creative. Start looking for those bright clothes and wigs now! Rylan and Joel on behalf of the Student Council.

Is it Bullying?

At school we try to distinguish between behaviours that are rude, mean or bullying. Here are the definitions we work with. Sometimes behaviour will be labeled bullying when in fact it has been a mean or a rude act as opposed to on-going bullying. We also know many interactions between friends can be labeled bullying when in fact the key problem is children having the skills and abilities to form positive and healthy relationships.

If you think your child is being bullied, please talk to the class teacher. Bullying is never acceptable and it can have long lasting effects. Please help us identify bullying and stamp it out!

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*-
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

Examples of being Rude, Mean and Bullying

A 7 year old says to a peer, "I'm not inviting you to my birthday party", in front of other classmates. (Mean)

A 13 year old learner cuts off a peer mid-sentence during group work, saying "I have a much better idea than that." (Rude)

A 9 year old pinches the same peer on the mat each day and has ignored them when they have said "Stop it, I don't like it" (Bullying)

A student commented that my friend's new profile picture is ugly. Then they shared it across our friendship group with negative comments. (Bullying)

My classmates won't let my friend join in four square at lunchtime. (Mean/Bullying)

A kid in my class got super angry at lunchtime because someone made fun of their lunch. Now they're getting teased, people are saying things like "stand back, here comes the rage cage" when they walk past. (Bullying)

You are waiting in line at the canteen when two senior students push in front of you. This is the third time this week. (Bullying)

You are ready for the school dance/disco and a friend says "Are you really going dressed like that!" (Rude)

Whakapūpūtia maiō mānuka, kia kore ai e whati.
Cluster the branches of the mānuka, so they will not break.
Let's stand together to support each other!

Health Alert

Community and Public Health have noted an increase in the number of gastrointestinal illness cases reported in schools and Early Childhood Education centres.

There is an increased possibility of children developing symptoms. Children who develop vomiting and/or diarrhoea should not attend school and can return once they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

Handwashing and increased hygiene practises will help minimise the risk of infection.

WONDER Project - plastic bottles needed please for Rockets!

Dudley is taking part in the 2021 WONDER project and **we need 1.5 litre plastic bottles** to use for our rocket making. These can be dropped into or sent along to Dudley over the next 3 weeks please. We would be very grateful.



Matariki Celebration

Thursday 8 July
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

- All whānau welcome
- To be held in your child's classroom
- Bring your kai (dinner) along to school and mix and mingle with other whānau (families) in your child's class.
- You will also be able to see and hear what your children have been learning about Matariki.
- We look forward to seeing you all.



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: Darius P (*The Nest*); Chloe A and Pheonix M (*Dudley*); Tevita M (*Roto*)

Excellence: Bailey B and Charlotte H (*The Nest*)

Aroha: Marcus B (*Roto*)

Respect:

Togetherness: Grayson G (*Roto*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: TJ C (*Roto*); Tajimi P (*Dudley*)

Excellence: TJ C, Ella D and Walter A (*Roto*); Hazel B (*Dudley*)

Aroha: Summer B and Nea V (*Dudley*)

Respect: Ethan H (*Kuaka*); Heidi L, Karl B, Luca WD, Te Araroa G and L Eldershaw (*Roto*); Bella K and Dillon V (*Dudley*)

Togetherness: Luca S (*Dudley*)

Black HEART wristband

Congratulations to Nea V from Dudley who has earned her Black HEART wristband. Well done Nea!

HEART Badge

A very very big congratulations to Ethan H of Kuaka who has worked extremely hard to earn his HEART Badge. Awesome work Ethan!

Starting School

We wish Ebony-Rose V who has started in the Nest (Room 9) and her family a very warm welcome to our Banks Avenue School Community.



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>

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TE TAHU TAKAWAENGA O IRARA SHIRLEY INTERMEDIATE ON FIRE FOR LEARNING

No school zone

School Swimming Pool
-in use October- April

Te Tahu Rua Reo
We are the only Christchurch intermediate with a bilingual Māori/English class.

Shirley Intermediate Open Night
Thursday 5th August
6:30pm-8:00pm

60 Shirley Rd, Christchurch
Ph: 385 2229
Email: office@sis.school.nz

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