



# Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 18 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 26 August 2020

*Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai*

Term 3

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

### Kia ora tatou

The flu season has well and truly struck. Last week we had a number of staff away sick and more than 50 children away on some days. Thank you for keeping your sick tamariki home; we know how easily bugs spread.

PLEASE make sure you contact the office if you are keeping your sick children home. It is really important that you do this as it can take hours of our office ladies time ringing homes to see why children are not at school.

**If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please let our school office know using one of the following options:**

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### Breakfast Programme

Fonterra have kindly offered to provide us with weetbix and milk to help feed those few children who sometimes come to school without breakfast. More details on how this programme will run will be shared later as it is not expected to begin until term 4, however, we are asking for any old cereal bowls or spoons to be donated so we can put a breakfast kit together. If you have some at home then we would love you to drop them into the office.

### MUFTI DAY - Thursday 27 August 2020

This Thursday (27 August), we are running a mufti day as part of our Kiwi Can Community Programme. During these challenging times we thought it would be great to support an Agency who is supporting others when they most need it.

We are collecting cans or dry food that we will take down to the Delta Community Trust in North Avon Road.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### AUGUST

**Thursday 27 August**  
Mufti Day  
(bring a can or dry food)

#### SEPTEMBER

**Friday 4 September**  
12:00pm - 12:30pm  
Junior Module Father's day event  
(Dad jokes and Board games)

**Hell Pizza Lunch**

**Loud Shirt Day - change of date**  
Now Thursday 24 September

#### OCTOBER

**Wednesday 21 October**  
Whanau hui (Kapa haka and kai)

#### NOVEMBER

**Tuesday 10 November**  
Pasifika fono

### **Lego Wanted**

We are looking for donations of lego. If you have any lying around home, we would love to receive your donation. Contact Tracey or drop into the office.

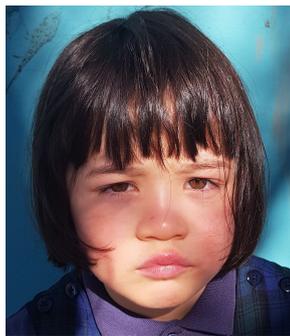


### **Pasifika Students and Families**

Pasifika students - if you log in to the Banks Avenue School website and then go to the Pasifika page you can watch a video of the new song we are learning.

### **Starting School**

We welcome Justine (The Nest) and her family to our Banks Avenue School Community.



### **SDMS Competition**

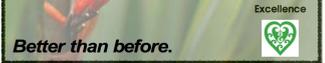
On Monday night seven of our Banks Avenue School Musicians took part in the SDMS Competition at Shirley Intermediate. After their wonderful performances the medal tally was three gold, two silver and two bronze! Congratulations to you all - it was a proud moment for yourselves, your whānau and Banks Avenue School. (In photo: Amber, Macel, Solomon, Kayleigh, Joel, Holly and Hazel.)



## Term 3 HEART Value Focus Excellence



Eke panuku,  
eke Tangaroa.



### 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: Amiyah and Alexis (*Base Camp*)

Aroha: Tyrone, Ryan, Anika and Scarlett-Mae (*Base Camp*); Chase and Ruby (*Roto*)

Respect: Hannah, Alex and Wyatt (*Base Camp*)

Togetherness: Scarlett-Mae, Jaxson, Isaac, Bryson and Alex (*Base Camp*); Harley, Noah, Luca and Lilly (*The Nest*); Hazel (*Roto*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora:

Excellence:

Aroha: Crystal-Ann and Aya (*Tui*); Chase and Ruby (*Roto*)

Respect: Beau (*Base Camp*); Kayla, Lily and Ruby (*Roto*)

Togetherness: Wyatt (*Base Camp*); Crystal-Ann (*Tui*); William (*Roto*)

#### **Black HEART wristband**

Congratulations to Crystal-Ann and Aya (*Tui*) who have both earned their black wristband.

#### **EZLUNCH FATHER'S DAY PROMOTION**

It's time to celebrate Dads - and how better than to get them something a little different!

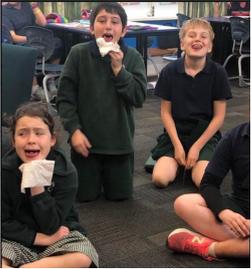
Place an order with [ezlunch](#) for delivery from **Monday 31 August - Friday 4 September** and be in the draw to WIN!

Winner will be drawn on **Friday 4 September** and notified by email.

Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to start ordering.



## Updates from the teams and school events



### Whole school event

We often have a school wide competition each term and last week we had quite an unusual one. It was advertised as: *Do you have grit? Do you have self control? Do you have the 'coolest' tongue? How would you know?*

*Do you know how long a 'pebble' can last on your tongue?*



This competition required self control as well as a 'cool tongue' and possibly a cool head.

It would be fair to say that some competitors did not surprise us. Once the countdown from 5 to 0 took place quite a few put the pebble (lolly) into their mouth and immediately swallowed or ate it. Some were not so quick though and the coating and chocolate slowly melted. However, more competitors than many of us predicted showed perseverance, self will and in some cases quite a bit of saliva and lasted up to one hour with a pebble lolly on their tongue.

The last ones, in what had become a marathon effort and mind over matter, really surprised us and still had a pebble with a coloured outer coating on their tongue after one hour and thirty minutes! It was at this time we called a halt to the competition and declared all of those with a bit of the pebble in their mouth as winners.

Here is my challenge to the readers of this newsletter: *Do you know how long a pebble can last on your tongue?*

### School Communications

**Reminder that we are now using Skool Loop for our school communication. Follow the very simple steps below. If you need help please contact our school office.**



Step 1: Go to: [www.skoolloop.com](http://www.skoolloop.com)

Step 2: Download the app.

Step 3: Search and select Banks Avenue School.

Step 4: Tick the groups you connect with.

Latest newsletter will be available here, school calendar is available.

Absentees can be recorded here too.

### HEART at home tokens for parents

These tokens can be used with your own children or other children at our school, e.g., when you come into the school grounds you can give them to a child who you see using HEART. Please be explicit with your language when you give the token/s out and acknowledge what they are for, e.g., *Pete, this is for showing hauora because I saw you wash your hands before tea, or, Maria, this is for showing hauora because I heard you talking about what has been worrying you.*

When the token is filled out and given to the child it can be put into the class container in order to be counted for house points and to then go into our 'Caught Being Good' draws at our whole school assemblies.

<p>Caught Using HEART@Home</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Room:</p>			
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## 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

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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 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.htm>

### PTA

**CALENDARS** - Please view your child/childrens artwork. The teachers will do their very best to photograph and send through your child/childrens artwork which is displayed on the wall of the classroom. Due to Level 2 restrictions parents will be unable to view in the classrooms. Watch for forms coming out.

**SCHOOL DISCO** - The PTA are hoping to have a disco on 11 September 2020, so please keep the night free. Tickets will come home with your children next week. Fingers crossed we are allowed to go ahead with it.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - Did you know Entertainment memberships last for 12 months from date of purchase? Now is the perfect time to buy your digital membership and support Banks Avenue School with our fundraising! Excellent offers from popular favourites such as Bloody Mary's, Francesca's Italian, King of Snake and Fox & Ferret will keep the family fed and enjoy getting out and about with activities such as Porter's Ski Area, Alpine Ice, Zone Bowling and Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. You can save thousands while supporting local businesses – purchase here today

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