



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 13 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 26 May 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 2

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

Queens Birthday Weekend

Next weekend is Queen’s Birthday; school will be **closed for five days**; Friday 4 June is the Otakaro Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day. All seven schools in our Kahui Ako are closed for the day in order for staff to attend a Kahui Ako conference. Some of the workshops staff will be attending are:

Dyspraxia Trauma informed care Student wellbeing Gender diversity Not wrong - just different Introduction to Samoan language	Altogether Autism Managing big emotions Storytelling A better start to literacy History through a Ngāi Tahu lens The power of picture books	Understanding sleep Unteaching racism Life Mechanics Students on the spectrum Understanding self harm and suicide Mental health
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Monday 7 June - Public Holiday for Queen’s Birthday

Tuesday 8 June - Report Writing Day

Teachers will be home writing mid-year reports, however, they will set tasks for students that can be completed at home. Teachers will ask parents to communicate about or share the work that has been completed; this will allow us to code children as learning off-site so they will not be marked as absent. If no work is shared then students will be marked as absent.

Concerns/Complaints Process

Excellence is a key school value and it is about doing things *better than before*. At times we, as a school and as a staff, make mistakes, just as children do, however, we always endeavour to learn from our mistakes and to improve our processes and systems so we will be better next time.

With children we talk about, “muck up, fess up, fix up”. We follow this ethos.

If you have a concern or an issue, we ask that in the first place you talk to the person concerned. This gives them the opportunity to fix things up and make amends.

If it is a serious concern or you feel that it has not been resolved then feel free to make an appointment to see Tracey or Tricia, our two Deputy Principals. They have their fingers on the pulse of things that are happening in their teams and are really great at following through and working with parents to resolve issues. I am also happy to be contacted for serious issues or concerns; *together is better!*

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

Friday 28 May - Assembly
Friday 28 May - PTA School Disco

June

Tuesday 1 June - National Young Leaders Day
Wednesday 2 June - Zone Cross Country
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 Queen’s Birthday
Tuesday 8 June

Tuesday 15 June - Radio Presenters ARA visit
Friday 18 June - Assembly

July

Friday 2 July - Uniform Shop
Thursday 8 July - Matariki Evening 5:15pm - 6:15pm
Friday 9 July - Last day of Term 2

We have a [Complaints and Concerns Policy](#): all school policies can be accessed online: To access our policies go to: <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz> Our Username is: **banksave** Password is: **banks**

Hopefully we don't make too many mistakes, but when we do let us know. We always strive to be better than before!

Pareawa Banks Avenue School Update

Webcam on worksite

In the photo below you can see the foundations in the background starting to take shape. These are the foundations for one of our four learning pods; this is team Kahikateas pod. In two weeks we will see the steel work on this pod go in. You can also see the hall and admin buildings have been pegged out. Follow the progress of the build through this link: https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/



Meeting on site

It was very exciting to have our monthly meeting onsite! We had some site-safe training then had a look around.

- Asbestos problem has been sorted enough so the build has been able to continue.
- Expected finish date for the build is 1 July 2022.



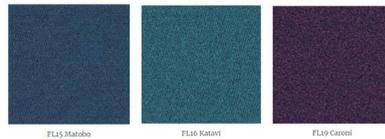
School Hall



This week I have had a meeting with a company that provides retractable seating (left hand picture) and staging that can be dropped from a storage cupboard when it is needed (right hand picture). It is so exciting to be looking at these products and imagine them being used by our tamariki for school productions and community events!

Colours

On Monday Tricia and I met with an architect to confirm colours of carpets and linos in each pod area and in the library and admin buildings. Each pod will have a key accent colour outside (see row below) which will carry through inside to splashes of colour. The main carpet colour in all pods will be a dark grey fleck tile, however the carpet squares below show the splash of colour that will be brought into each pod.



For reference these are the external feature colours on Pods we settled on.



Community Access to the Site

In about eight weeks time Hawkins Construction will open the site on a Saturday morning so our staff and school community will be able to have a look around and see the progress that is being made. I will keep you informed and share dates once I have a firm date for this open morning.

Pause Praise Prompt - Reading strategies to help your child

Reading with and to your child is one of the most beneficial things parents can do at home. While ultimately we want to foster a lifelong love of reading, initially we need to build up reading skills and strategies. Below are some tips for how parents can help build these skills and strategies at home.

As a parent:

PAUSE (don't give them the answer or word) wait 5 seconds.

PROMPT (to use the strategies below).

PRAISE for trying and using the strategies.

After 2 prompts, tell your child the word.

Challenge yourself not to say, **NO THAT'S WRONG**.

Read with the child if the book is hard.

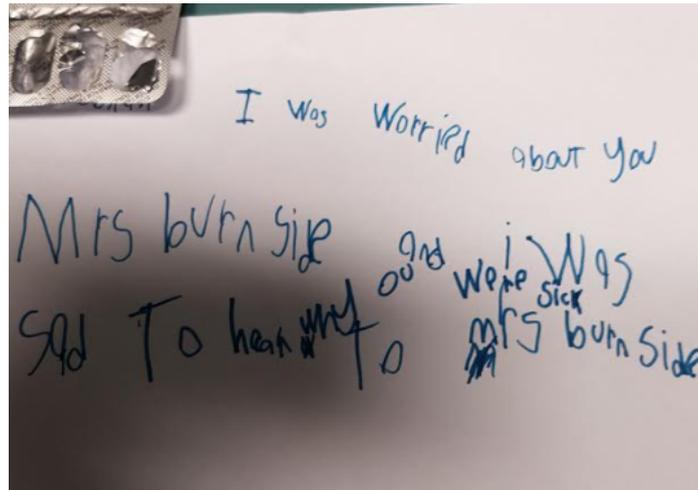
Strategies for children to use to work out unknown words or make sense of text.

1. Go back and try again.
2. Look at how the word starts.
3. Check the picture for a clue.
4. Think about the story – what will make sense?
5. Read on to the end of the sentence.
6. Go back and check if I have read the little words right.

I love my Job

On Friday I was unwell, so I stayed at home. On Monday, my heart was warmed when I returned to school and saw a note on my keyboard. Thank you to this lovely 7 year old for showing aroha!

"I was worried about you Mrs Burnside. And I was sad to hear you were sick Mrs Burnside."



We are holding our annual Matariki Celebration on Thursday 8 July from 5:15pm to 6:15pm. Whānau are invited to bring kai (dinner) along to their child's classroom, to hear and see what the children know about Matariki and to have chat with other parents in your child's class. We look forward to seeing you.

That week our PTA is asking for food items to be donated that can be used in a Matariki raffle. Items suitable for the raffle can be brought to school from Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July (the last day of Term 2).

Tickets for the raffle will be sold at the Avebury House matariki night as well as at school.

Banks Avenue Road Closure

Please note that Banks Avenue will be closed on Saturday 29 May 2021 for sewerage work to be carried out. The road will be closed from the junior gate to the vehicle entrance. The vehicle entrance will still be accessible.



School Fundraising Shop NZ

For every purchase made through our website, we donate 10% of the total order to the school or childcare facility of the customers choice. Shop online and support Banks Avenue School.

<https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/>

Term 2 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: Lucia, Rhiannon, Delilah, Anikait, Kennedy and Brooklyn (*Kiwi*); Sarah, Hunter and Sophia (*Tui*)

Excellence: Juliette, Florence, Amelia, James, George, Imogen and Blake (*Ruru*); Hannah, Rhiannon and Lachie (*Kiwi*); Macie, Grace, Lehansa and Declan (*Tui*)

Aroha: James, Imogen and Zoe (*Ruru*); Lucia, Anika and Alissa (*Kiwi*); Dallas, Sarah, Braxton, Sophia and Aleya (*Tui*); Kendra (*Dudley*)

Respect: Imogen (*Ruru*); Dallas, Sarah, Sophia and Declan (*Tui*)

Togetherness: Alissa (*Kiwi*); Libby, Frieda, Eimi, Jaxon, Dallas, Courtney, Macie, Sarah, Grace, Lehansa, Sophia, Declan (*Tui*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Jack and Mason (*Kiwi*); Hunter, Aiden and Ethan (*Kuaka*); Phoenix (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Dallas and Sophia (*Tui*); Mark (*Kuaka*); Luca, Winter, Claudia, Walter and Elijah (*Roto*)

Aroha: Anikait (*Kiwi*); Hunter, Ethan, Lauren, Zeppelin and Elizabeth (*Kuaka*); Georgia, Reta, Hazel, Rylan, Joel and Reta (*Dudley*)

Respect: Eimi (*Tui*); Freelance, Jayden, Charlotte, Mark, Quorra and Elizabeth (*Kuaka*)

Togetherness: Mason (*Kiwi*); Hunter (*Tui*); Aiden (*Kuaka*); Walter and Marcus (*Roto*)

Black HEART wristband

Congratulations to Ruby, Grace, Aidan, Ella and Kaylee of Kuaka and Hazel from Dudley who have all worked hard to earn their Black HEART wristband.

HEART Badge

A big congratulations goes to Jayden from Kuaka and Taani, Rylan and Joel from Dudley who have earned themselves a HEART Badge by working really hard. Well done guys!



Updates from the teams and school events

Team Miro

Show Quest

Show Quest is a National event held annually. Dudley has taken part over the last 3 years in the Toi Wearable Arts section. This year we entered two items, one woven on looms and one of origami cranes. Both won an award. The loom dress won 'Excellent Garment Construction' and our 1000 crane dress won 'Outstanding Storytelling'. We are super proud of this achievement and look forward to taking on both the Toi challenge and the performing Arts challenge in 2022.



Team Miro Camps - Parent Reflections

We have begun our review process as we reflect on our 2021 camps and begin planning for 2023. We value your thoughts as parents. Parent helpers that came to camp have had a separate reflection document shared by email. Link to the Google Form - Team Miro Camps: Parent Reflections 2021: [Team Miro Camps: Parent Reflections 2021](#)

PTA

Disco!

Banks Avenue is having our first disco of the year on Friday 28 May. Tickets and payment needs to be returned to the school office drop box no later than Thursday 27 May. There will be lights, lollies, chips and drinks for sale on the night. Please help us by bringing coins rather than large notes. We are looking forward to a night of dancing and fun.



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