



# Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 31 - Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 27 October 2021

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

Term 4

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

### Celebration Evening Reviewed

In last week's announcement the government made it clear we will remain at Level 2 until we reach 90% vaccination rates across the country. They have said they will review where the South Island is on Monday 29 November. As this date falls after our planned end of year *Learning Celebration* Evening we have made the call to adapt it to meet current health requirements.

We are now planning for a fun afternoon for all children on Friday 26 November from 1:00pm-3:00pm. There will be bouncy castles, wobbly bikes and other games. The PTA will also pre-sell sausages and slurpees on Kindo for lunch that day.

Because of restrictions in relation to numbers and social distancing we will **NOT** be inviting parents to join us.

It is sad to cancel a whānau event which is always a highlight of the year, however, we are trying to work within current guidelines.

### Clarifying Visitors Verse Volunteers

As a school we are coming to terms with what compulsory vaccinations will mean for our parent community. Last week there was some further clarification.

Parents must be able to show they are fully vaccinated (by January 2022) if:

- They accompany their child/children on school trips.
- They come and work in class with individuals or groups of children.
- They mentor children.
- They help out at discos etc.
- They go as parent helpers on school camps.

In all of these roles they are classed as volunteers and must be vaccinated.

Parents are classed as visitors to the school if:

- They drop children off or pick them up.
- If they arrange a meeting with the teacher or leadership to discuss their child's learning.
- If they come to watch a sports event.
- If they attend an assembly or production.

If a parent is a visitor then they do not need to be vaccinated, however, they must wear a mask at all times and they must socially distance themselves from others.

Undoubtedly there will be further updates, however, these are the current guidelines we are working with.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Some of the events below will be dependent on us being out of Level 2.

#### October

Friday 29 October

**Loud Shirt Day**

#### November

Wednesday 3 November Yr 3-6 2022  
BYOD Parent Information Evening -  
Zoom @ 7:00pm

Friday 5 November  
Gumboot Friday - PTA Mufti Day

Friday 12 November - Show Day  
**School closed**

Monday 15 November - Teacher Only  
Day - **school closed**

Sunday 21 November  
Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition

Friday 26 November  
**adapted**  
Celebration Afternoon 1-3pm  
No parents  
Order sausages on Kindo

#### December

Tuesday 14 December  
Junior Module Christmas Extravaganza  
2:00pm

Friday 17 December - Last day of school

#### January/February 2022

Monday 31 January - Meet the Teacher  
Tuesday 1 February - Meet the Teacher  
Wednesday 2 February - All children  
present  
Monday 7 February Waitangi Day

If you know you are likely to be classed as a parent volunteer then we invite you to call in to see Colleen, with proof of your vaccination status, so we can add you to our vaccination register.

THANK YOU for working with us as we navigate the way forward.

A gentle reminder at this stage all parents visiting on site **must wear a mask** and must **socially distance themselves** from others.

### Reasons to Get Vaccinated (Information from the Ministry of Education)

Without vaccines, we're at risk of serious illness, disability or even death from things like measles, meningitis, pneumonia, tetanus and polio – and now COVID-19.

Vaccines work by stimulating the body's natural resistance by training our immune system to create antibodies.

Here are a few reasons why vaccinations are good – for everyone:

- They can prevent us from getting sick.
- They are safe.
- They can save lives.
- They will not cause a disease they are designed to prevent.
- They can help protect the community.
- Prevention is much better than treatment.

In a nutshell, by getting vaccinated, we are protecting ourselves, our loved ones and those around us. Most people can be vaccinated, but those who cannot be – including very young babies, those who are seriously ill or have certain allergies – they depend on us to be vaccinated to ensure they are also safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

These are the reasons the Government is requiring the education workforce to be vaccinated by 1 January 2022 (currently 79% of our staff have had both vaccinations and 15% have had one vaccination with the second booked in).

It is important to know that licensed vaccines have been rigorously tested across multiple phases before being approved for use.

### How Does the Vaccine Work?

The COVID-19 vaccine works by teaching your body to fight the virus and protects you from getting sick:

1. The vaccine sends a set of instructions to teach your body how to fight the COVID-19 virus.
2. With these instructions your body learns to recognise the COVID-19 virus and use antibodies against it. Antibodies stop the virus from infecting your cells and help to kill it.
3. That means if you come into contact with the COVID-19 virus in the future, your body will have the right tools to protect itself so you are less likely to get sick.

### Is the Vaccine Safe?

The Pfizer vaccine has been thoroughly assessed for safety by our own Medsafe experts.

Medsafe only grants consent for using a vaccine in Aotearoa once they're satisfied it has met strict standards for safety, efficacy and quality.

This is the same process used to assess other vaccines, like the flu, measles, and tetanus vaccines. There have been no shortcuts taken in granting approval.

The Pfizer vaccine has been used successfully by millions worldwide and is highly effective at preventing severe illness and death. It continues to be monitored for safety.

### Reminder: My COVID Record

A reminder that anyone aged 16 and over can now access a record of their COVID-19 vaccinations through [My Covid Record](#).

The records include details of the vaccinations you've had including date, time, location and batch number. You will initially need to register and create an account.

You can also [request proof of your vaccination here](#).

Here is a range of resources available to inform people in your community who are anxious about the vaccine.

## Videos

- Nigel Latta, Dr Maia Brewerton and Dr Helen Petousis-Harris recently [answered questions in a Facebook live event](#).
- Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Dr Nikki Turner, Dr Siouxsie Wiles and Dr Vanisi Prescott recently [answered questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#), moderated by Mihingarangi Forbes.
- Mihingarangi Forbes sat down with Dr Hinemoa Elder [to discuss some key concerns and hesitations](#).
- [Vax Facts with Māori Doctors](#): Dr Anthony Jordan, Dr Papaarangi Reid, Dr Rawiri McKree-Jansen, Dr Maia Brewerton (specialists and activists in Māori health) take phone calls from the Public about Covid and the Vaccine. (Most callers are unvaccinated).
- [Clinical psychologist Rachel Prebble](#) explains how to talk to friends and whānau in this video and create an opportunity for open, safe conversations which build trust and enable change over time.
- A fun and informative item on the [Hahana Facebook page](#) with answers to lots of vaccine questions.
- [A rangatahi panel with Dr Jason Tuho](#)e to kōrero about the vaccine from different perspectives (vaccinated, vaccine hesitant, wants to be vaccinated but whānau pressure not to).
- Watch a discussion between four health professionals where they share their thoughts, knowledge and experiences of the COVID vaccine in [Straight Up with Dr. Lily Fraser – The Panel](#).

## Articles

- [Why some people struggle to change their minds about vaccination](#) is a video and article in The Whole Truth series on Stuff.
- Talking to vaccine hesitant people – an article on the [World Health Organization](#) website, also available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish.
- A recent article in The Herald where University of Auckland vaccinologist Associate Professor Helen Petousis-Harris looks at [10 vaccine myths circulating on social media](#).
- In this [The Spinoff](#) article, Kate Hannah (a cultural historian at [Te Pūnaha Matatini](#)) shares some thoughts on how to talk to loved ones who are vaccine hesitant.

## New School

[https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks\\_ave/](https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/)



## The Build

- The school car park has been laid out; it will be asphalted next week. You can see the concrete kerbing below.



- One of the pods is now being painted on the inside!
- The roof is due to go on the last pod and the admin building in the next week.
- The green building below is the last learning pod; this will house our New Entrants and Year 1 students next year.



*Junior Pod*



*Hall*

## Site Visit

Sadly, because of Covid restrictions we can not schedule a community visit, but staff are going to be able to have a look at their new learning spaces on Friday 19 November. It will be so exciting for them to be able to stand in the new school and imagine teaching in the new environment.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform can now be purchased through NZ Uniforms: <https://banksavenue.nzuniforms.com/>. You will need to go onto their site and set up an account. They do provide an afterpay option. If you need help to do this our lovely office ladies will help you set up an account. Once ordered the uniform items will be delivered to your home address.

I look forward to seeing our students beginning to wear the new uniform!

## Kapa Haka Uniform

Below are the three options we have for our new Kapa haka uniforms. Shortly we will be asking parents for their views on the one they like best.



## HEART Rewards

The table below shows how many HEART tokens children need to earn to get their wristbands and badges.

We have a number of children who have now earned their bronze badge; this means they have earned 550 tokens. This is a huge achievement.

We are about to make a new milestone; we have our first two children who have earned their silver badge. They have accumulated a staggering 800 HEART tokens. Congratulations Joel and Rylan!

	Hauora	Excellence	Aroha	Respect	Togetherness	Total
Bands	50 Tokens					
<b>Black Band</b>	All of the above plus 50 tokens extra					300 Tokens
<b>Bronze Badge</b>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Double Band</i>	550 Tokens				
Total	100 Hauora tokens	100 Excellent tokens	100 Aroha tokens	100 Respect tokens	100 Togetherness tokens	
<b>Silver Badge</b>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Triple Band</i>	800 Tokens				
Total	150 Hauora tokens	150 Excellent tokens	150 Aroha tokens	150 Respect tokens	150 Togetherness tokens	
<b>Gold Badge</b>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Four H bands</i>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Four E bands</i>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Four A bands</i>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Four R bands</i>	Extra 50 Tokens <i>Four T bands</i>	1050 Tokens
Total	200 Hauora tokens	200 Excellent tokens	200 Aroha tokens	200 Respect tokens	200 Togetherness tokens	

## Starting School



We welcome Lucy and Leo of Room 8 (The Nest) and their families to our Banks Avenue School community.



## Term 4 HEART Value Focus Excellence



Eke panuku,  
eke Tangaroa.

Better than before.



### 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: Lakai H (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Courtney H (*Tui*)

Aroha: Grace M, Lehansa S and Macie S (*Tui*); Kaiya P, Lakai H and Hazel B (*Dudley*)

Respect:

Togetherness:

**Fifty Tokens** These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Aleya W, Hunter P and Thomas F (*Tui*); Annabelle P, Samantha F and Max C (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Frieda E, Mason W, Grace Mck, Eli M, Macie S and Ella Jay H (*Tui*); Annabelle P and Kendra H (*Dudley*)

Aroha: Libby C and Lucas S (*Tui*); Rylan O'D and Isla-Rose C (*Dudley*)

Respect: Libby C, Lucas S and Thomas F (*Tui*); Isla-Rose C (*Dudley*)

Togetherness: Mason W, Eimi P, Braxton G, Grace Mck, Aleya W, Thomas F, Luca P and Macie S (*Tui*); Dillon V (*Dudley*)

#### **Double Wristbands - Ice Cream with the Principal**

Well done! These children have earned their double wristbands. They get to come and have an ice cream with me on Friday 29 October. Come to the library at 12:30pm.

Willow B, Kaiya P, Riot D, Sophie B, Pheonix M, Christian P, Grayson G, Jordae L, Keahe D, Finn W, Rawiri H, Erin H, Catherine H, Morsal J, Annabelle P, Piper Mck, Walter B, Brian D, Winter MT, Chloe A, Hazel B, Kendra H, Lily S and Jenn B.

#### **Black HEART Badge**

A very big congratulations to the children below who have worked extremely hard to earn their HEART Badges:

**Bronze Badge:** Catherine H, Summer B and Samantha F (*Dudley*)

**Silver Badge:** Rylan O'D, Joel P (*Dudley*)

#### **LOUD SHIRT DAY**

Friday 29 October is Loud Shirt Day and it couldn't be easier to show your support. Come to school dressed in your 'loudest' shirt and your wackiest hair style and please bring along a gold coin donation. Loud Shirt Day raises money for The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme. The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme are the two organisations in New Zealand that teach children with cochlear implants to listen and to speak. See you there!

**Student Council**

## 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

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](mailto:absences@banksave.school.nz)

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 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>

### PTA

#### PTA Meeting - All Welcome

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 1 November at 7:30pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there.

#### Gumboot Friday Mufti Day - 5 November

The PTA is holding a mufti day to raise funds for kids mental health. Please wear your favourite gumboots and mufti. Please bring either a block of chocolate (small or large) and/or a gold coin donation. Please note all chocolate donated will be used for our chocolate wheel fundraising at Avebury House Christmas Market. Thanks for your support.

#### Kidsartworks Orders

Your child's personalised code is coming home with them today. To view your child's picture and order products you need to go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com) and use the Entrance Code on your Online Order Form.

#### Celebration Afternoon

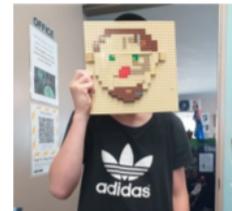
The PTA will be selling Sausages and Slurpees. More information will be in next week's newsletter.



**On site at Banks Avenue School**

Before school session 7:30-8:45 am  
After school session 3:00-5:30 pm

*Safe, friendly space with loads of activities.  
Your child's home away from home.*



**Bookings now open for Term 4**

Book online: [dallington.aimyplus.com](http://dallington.aimyplus.com)

For further information call 027 386 555 or  
email [dallingtonoscar@gmail.com](mailto:dallingtonoscar@gmail.com)