Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 8 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 31 March 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

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

Please note there will be no newsletter next week as it is a short week due to Easter Break. Enjoy your time with family and friends and stay safe if you are travelling.

Easter Break

Enjoy the Easter break! We will see everyone back at school next Wednesday 7 April.

City Church

On Sunday I attended the City Church to express our thanks to them for the support they have provided to us as a school for the last three years. City Church funds our two school councillors. Since 2018 we have had almost fifty children receive in total 600 counselling sessions! We are truly thankful for this generosity which has allowed us to put in an effective intervention for our tamariki. Thank you to all of those associated with City Church, in particular Carol and Garth Chin Poy.

Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a learning disorder that involves difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words (decoding). Also called reading disability, dyslexia affects areas of the brain that process language. Dyslexia occurs in children with normal vision and intelligence. In fact often children with dyslexia are gifted!

Symptoms include late talking, learning new words slowly and a delay in learning to read. Dyslexic children work overtime trying to make sense of jumbled letters and words; this can cause them to become frustrated, overly tired and to lose their sense of self worth. Children with dyslexia can succeed in school with targeted support and adaptations to programmes.

Our teachers and learning assistants are currently involved in professional development to help us better understand dyslexia so we in turn can help our children. Our goal is to identify students who may be dyslexic as early as possible so we can better meet their needs. We are learning about some screening tools which will help us with this early detection. We are excited about this professional development as it helps us to be ' better than before'.

Junior Cross Country - Years 1 - 3

Junior Cross Country is going to be held at 11:15am Wednesday 7 April. All children may compete in their house colours. This is not a mufti day. Please come down and support your tamariki.

Term 1

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

School closed for Easter:
Friday 2 April
Monday 5 April
Tuesday 6 April

Thursday 15 April
Last day of Term 1

Friday 16 April
Teacher Only Day

May

Monday 3 May
Term 2 starts

Term 1 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: Anika and Beau *(Kiwi)*
Excellence: Hannah, Rhiannon and Delilah *(Kiwi),* Tevita *(Roto)*
Aroha:
Respect: Rhiannon and Delilah *(Kiwi)*
Togetherness: Rhiannon *(Kiwi),* Rihot and Ari *(Dudley),* Solomon *(Roto)*

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.
Hauora: Bella *(Roto),* Amelia, Jasmine, Tyler and Lilly *(Awa),* Rawiri, Erin, Hazel, Amber and Oscar *(Dudley)*
Excellence: Delilah and Anikait *(Kiwi),* Te Araroa, Karl and Spencer *(Roto)*
Aroha: Nevaeh and Callum *(Awa)*
Respect: Zaiden *(Kiwi),* Jayziah, John, Indi, Mikayla and T J *(Roto),* Kobey, Adara and Emma *(Awa)*
Togetherness: Billie *(Kea),* Blake and Jordae *(Roto),* Bo-Deen and Natalia *(Awa)*

Black HEART wristband

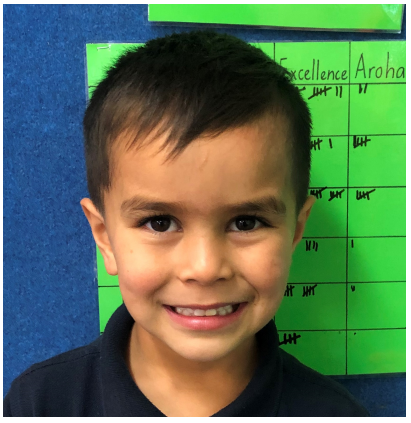
Jasmine from Awa has worked very hard to earn her Black HEART wristband.

HEART Badge

Congratulations to Lily from Awa who has been working extremely hard to earn her HEART Badge. Well done Lily.

Starting School

We wish McGuinness of Room 9 (The Nest) and his family a big warm welcome to our Banks Avenue School Community.



Updates from the teams and school events

Junior Module

BFFS: Last Friday we had a fabulous session in the Junior Module working collaboratively on some *Butterflies* in Team Kahikatea and *Friendly Fish* in Team Totara as our Annual Art Event. You may have already seen some of these artworks on display around our school or still in progress within the classrooms. There was a fabulous hum of activity and excitement as our learners tried out different art techniques and to work and create together.

Our school media team took some wonderful photos and held a few interviews on the day. Please have a look at our school website www.banksave.school.nz to see what we were involved in.

We thank the whānau who were able to join us on the day and who worked together with our budding artists to complete their artworks. We also thank Phil Black who provided the wood and cut out some butterflies for us. We are very grateful and appreciate your generosity, *especially as Ms Carroll initially thought one wooden butterfly between two for each child in Team Kahikatea as opposed to the more realistic idea of one per classroom!*

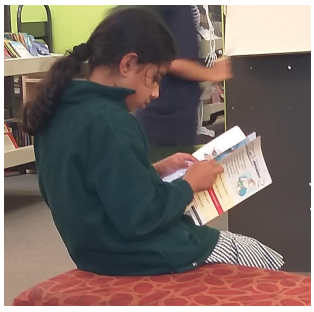
Our Fabulous Library

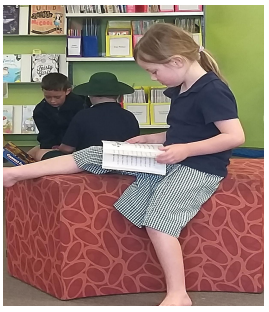
Our library is a well used resource and is a valued part of our school environment. We are lucky to have the space, book stock and flexibility to use it so well, e.g., it is used for assemblies, for meetings, for shows and even for borrowing books from. We have librarians who reshelve and issue books. They also help Mrs Meikle *(who oversees our library)* make sure everything is back in its place by the end of lunchtime.

Last Wednesday at lunchtime there was a queue of 15 people waiting for the library to open so Ms Carroll said, "*let's open it early!*"

Within 10 minutes children were seen settling into reading in one of our comfortable reading spots, browsing to pick the right book for them, being read to or reading to someone else and two groups were playing a game together.

We love our library and that there is space and time to do different things there with our class, with our friends and sometimes on our own.





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.

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Honey

Buy your honey online here (www.thebeekeepershoney.nz).

Use the code BANKSAVEPS to have your honey delivered FREE to school. Please make sure you pick your order up from Room 17 after school on the Friday of the week you placed your order.

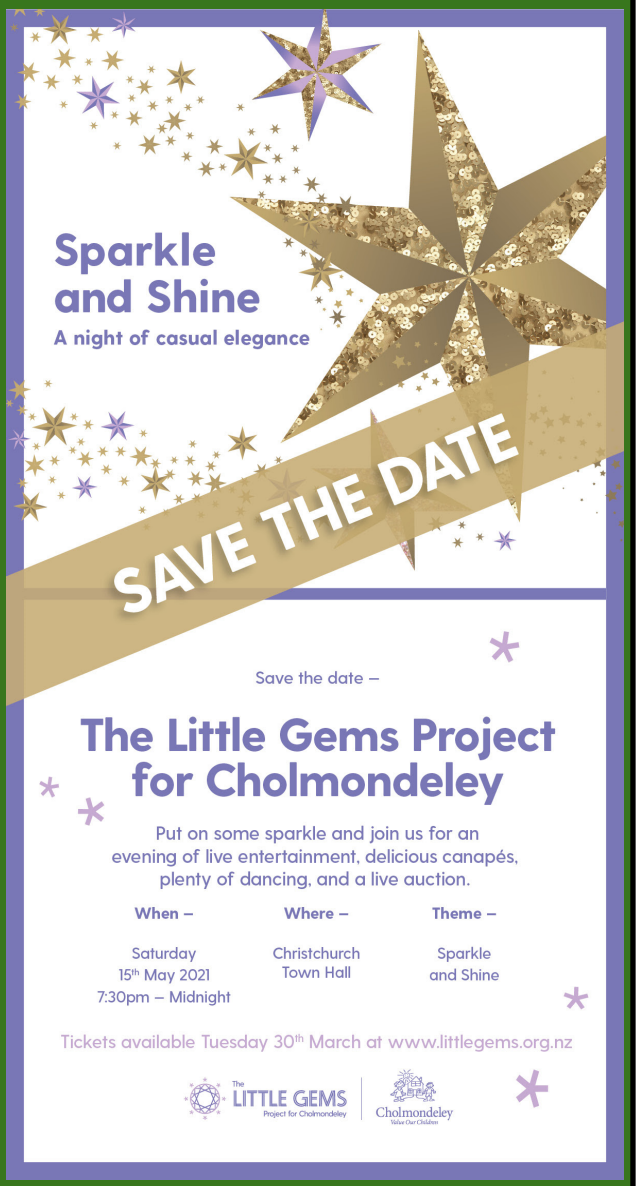
Entertainment Books

School Holidays and Easter with Entertainment Books – from $70. These are now all digital so much more convenient to place in your pocket for the busy holidays that are coming up. Enjoy Willowbank, eateries, beauty and family entertainment
Support us and purchase online today at:
https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1348e93

EzLunch

Remember every Thursday a pre-ordered lunch can be delivered to your child's classroom! All the lunch options are listed and ordered on Kindo. EzLunch has a special promotion on at the moment:

> **ezlunch is celebrating turning 10! PARTY ON!! We don't want the party to end! So we'll be running another class party competition. Order ezlunch for delivery Now - 1 April and be into WIN! Party bags for your whole class including a $10 ezlunch voucher per child .... AND there's 10 cupcakes for the school office!**

Hells Pizza Lunch

Coming soon … keep an eye on the newsletter for dates and how to order.