Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 4 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 3 March 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

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

Sod Turning

Press article

Thanks to staff, students, whānau and community members who turned out on Thursday morning for our Sod Turning Ceremony. It was very emotional being on the site of our new school and knowing that after so many years of waiting we are now beginning the build phase. The build is on schedule to begin late in March and is expected to be finished by July 2022.

Term 1

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

Wednesday 10 March at 7:00pm
(date change due to Covid Level 2)
Team Miro Camp Information Evening

Wednesday 17 March
Parent Cyber Safety Evening
Shirley Boys' High School
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Friday 26 March
Junior Module Collaborative Art event starting at 11:10am.
Whānau welcome to help.

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

Monday 10 - Wednesday 12 May
Awa Camp
Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 May
Dudley Camp
Monday 17 - Tuesday 18 May
Roto and Kuaka Camp

Branding

We have been working with a design consultant to revise our logo for when we move to our new school. Below you will see the new stylised heart design with an explanation of the design features.

Pareawa Banks Avenue School is a caring, friendly school with a BIG heart. Our motto is Living and Learning with Heart*. Our school was hit hard by the 2011 earthquake; even though we were severely tested our heart got our community and our school through those difficult times.*

Ten years on and our school prepares for the next phase of our journey as we embark on an exciting new building project to be completed in 2022. A new logo has been created with the aim of honouring the past while reflecting a change in name as well as a new cultural narrative helping to guide our pathway forward.

Our new Māori name 'Pareawa' means 'adorning the banks of the river". The heart from our current logo , which is static, is now a plant like shape which is living, growing and thriving. In reference to the cultural narrative the shape refers to the native flora adorning the banks of the Ōtākaro river. This acts as a metaphor for the adornment of mātauranga (knowledge) that the learner receives at Pareawa Banks Avenue School. It is a playful like shape referencing the children of chief Otautahi using the Ōtākaro bank as the main area to play on. In the same way children at Pareawa Banks Avenue School will learn through the activity of play.

The five, small unfurling korus still refer to our five HEART values. The two larger koru refer to staff and students embracing our values. The slightly higher koru symbolises our staff caring for and nurturing our tamariki - the lower koru.

There are three wave shapes. The darker green shape represents the river bank. It symbolises the connection our school has to our new school site. The heart is shown just below its surface, its roots firmly in place. It is from here and this community that our school gets its (nutrients) support, in order to flourish. The blue shape represents the river as the source of knowledge and sustenance. The Ōtākaro river provides another connection point for our community. The light green shape is the other bank of the river. It refers to what has gone before and the connection between the old and the new.

What do you think? Do you like the new logo? Does the narrative reflect who we are? I'd love to hear your thoughts so feel free to stop me and tell me what you think (good or bad) or email me tburnside@banksave.school.nz

Uniform

Last year, after consultation with our community, we decided on a new school uniform. This uniform will be available from Direct Uniforms. Once our logo is confirmed we will be able to begin transitioning to it. Our aim is to have our whole school in the new uniform for the beginning of the 2023 school year. For the next 7 terms (beginning in term 2) we will have a mish mash of the old and the new uniform. We are hoping, before the end of this term, to get some monogrammed uniform samples to display in our office area. More details on how and where our new uniform can be purchased will come out later. In the meantime, we reiterate that our current uniform will be able to continue to be worn until the end of 2022.

We have asked the Warehouse to stop making our monogrammed uniform items. Here is a list of the current items they have in stock with our logo on. Once these go there will be no more made. As you can see the pinafore are at a great price!

9401034418396	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 3YR	116	
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9401034418419	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 7YR	56	
9401034418426	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 8YR	94	
9401034418433	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 10YR	17	
9401034418440	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 12YR	8	
9401034418464	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 16YR	1	
9401034418457	PINAFORE BOX PLT TRT028 14YR	11	reduced pr
		337 total	$29.98
9401034394478	BANKS AVE PF TOP WE BTL 12	4	
9401034394485	BANKS AVE PF TOP WE BTL 14	4	
		8 total	$43.99
9401056621019	BANKS AVE CREW TUNIC WE BTL 4	3	
9401056621088	BANKS AVE CREW TUNIC WE BTL 6	1	
9401034394546	BANKS AVE CREW TUNIC WE BTL12	2	
9401034394553	BANKS AVE CREW TUNIC WE BTL14	3	
9401034394560	BANKS AVE CREW TUNIC WE BTL16	3	
		12 total	$27.99

Level 2

Thanks for moving back into our Level 2 routines so well. Remember:

- Children should not be at school before 8:30am.
- If possible, avoid coming onto the school grounds - if you do come on ensure you have your Level 2 Pass or that you sign in and out at the office.
- Avoid congregating outside of classrooms at the end of the day; if possible have children meet you at a gate.
- Team Totara and Team Kahikatea swimming was cancelled this week, however, the team leaders are looking at what needs to be adjusted so children will be able to swim next week, even if we remain at Level 2. A notice about this will be coming home.

Have you been to Auckland in the last ten days? We clarified with the MOE what this may have meant for us as a school. Below is the Ministry's response.

> *At Alert Level 2 schools are open and everyone should be attending. The exceptions are anyone who is:*
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> - *Unwell.*
> - *Self-isolating (at the request of health authorities).*
> - *Waiting for COVID test results.*
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> *Unless recent visitors to Auckland have been at contact tracing locations of interest at the times specified in the link, or meet one of the above criteria, they should be attending school.*

Starting School

We wish Memphis in Kiwi and his family/caregivers a big warm welcome to our Banks Avenue School Community.

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:
Excellence:
Aroha: Joel (Dudley)
Respect: Nea (Dudley)
Togetherness:

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.
Hauora: Isla-Rose (Dudley)
Excellence: Heidi (Roto), Erin (Dudley)
Aroha: Max, Annabelle and Payton (Dudley)
Respect: Spencer (Roto), Kayleigh and Hazel (Dudley)
Togetherness: Taani (Dudley)

Black HEART wristband
Well done to Max and Isla-Rose of Dudley who have both been working very hard to earn their Black Wristband.

HEART Badge
A big congratulations to Payton, Hollie and Kenzie of Dudley who have worked extremely hard to receive their HEART Badge.

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.

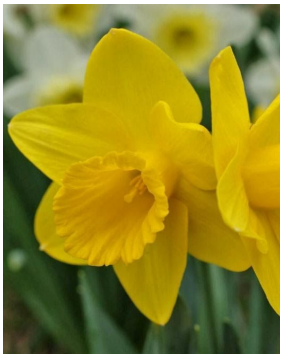
If you live further away, you can access HEARTbeat 106.7FM online, from our school website or from the link on the right.

http://www.banksave.school.nz/heartbeat-1067fm.html

PTA

Daffodils

First fundraiser for the year is now live on Kindo. The bulbs for sale include daffodils, tulips, freesias, iris, anemone, sweet peas and ranunculus and prices start from as little as $4.50.



Please share the information sheet attached with the newsletter with your friends, whānau and work colleagues to sell as many bulbs as possible.

These make fantastic Mother's Day gifts - either gift as a pack or get the kids involved to paint a terracotta pot and plant a couple of bulbs out of a pack for a gift that keeps on giving the lucky recipient will get to enjoy the flowers bloom in a few months time and again year after year.

Orders close 5:00pm **Monday 22 March** and your bulbs will be ready to be picked up after Easter.

The Bee Keepers Honey

This wonderful Canterbury company supports our school by donating a percentage of all sales back to BAS! We will have their fantastic Christmas fundraiser back later this year too.
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. If you can't make it to pick it up then just send Susannah a text 0276782031. If you prefer to pay to have your honey delivered to your house, use the code **BanksPS**.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books – AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND for $70.00. These are now all digital, so much more convenient to place in your pocket.

These start any time and are available for 12 months from date of purchase. Monthly promos and new members being added all the time. Enjoy Willowbank, eateries, beauty and family entertainment.
Support us and purchase online today at https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1348e93