



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 32 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 3 November 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 4

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

Kia ora tātou

A reminder that this Friday is *Gumboot Friday*. Gumboot Friday is **I AM HOPE's annual fundraising appeal**, which aims to raise \$5 million dollars for FREE kids counselling.

Children can participate by wearing gumboots or fancy dress and contributing a gold coin donation. Thanks to the PTA for organising and supporting this initiative!

A reminder that next week is a short week due to Show day on Friday 12 November and the following week is a short week as we have a Teacher Only Day on Monday 15 November.

I Love My Job

I am used to children giving me flowers as I do duty or roam the playground. However, yesterday, I returned to my office to have Bentley give me a “road doughnut”. First time in my life I have received a gift like this - certainly won't fit in a vase!



IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

Friday 5 November
Gumboot Friday - PTA Mufti Day

Wednesday 10 November Yr 3-6 2022
BYOD Parent Information Evening -
Zoom @ 7:00pm

Friday 12 November - Show Day
School closed

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

Sunday 21 November
Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition
Cancelled

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
Children dismissed at 12:30pm

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

Farewell Tracey

Tracey Mora, Deputy Principal (DP) in the Senior School, has won a position, as a DP, at Halswell School. This is very exciting for them and it is a great career move for Tracey; however, it is a huge loss to us as a school. Tracey has been here since 2015 and in that time has been involved in many exciting school initiatives:

- She helped set up the Radio Station.
- She runs the Student Council and was responsible for getting junior students involved.
- She has overseen the "Grants Committee" who have raised in excess of \$80,000.00.
- She has implemented/led a number of curriculum initiatives:
 - School wide inquiry model.
 - Spotlight - a digital reporting portfolio.
 - Curriculum reviews.
 - Tracking and reporting on attendance and behaviour trends.
 - Setup school website.
 - Overseen teacher appraisal processes and systems.
- School assemblies, with our favourite 'take a peek' are her doing.
- She has set up the Media Team who report on school events.
- The Year 6 Leavers Ceremony is her production - it is amazing and truly celebrates our leavers.
- She has put systems in place to track and monitor every child in the Senior School so individual and targeted support can be put in place to meet their diverse needs.

The list goes on!!!! Tracey is a quality educator and a skilled and knowledgeable leader; we will miss her.

Good luck Tracey and a heartfelt thank you for your efforts and compassion. Our staff and our tamariki are better off because you have been on our team.

We are not going to advertise for Tracey's replacement until Term 1 next year. In the meantime Jan Thompson will step up as Acting Deputy Principal for Term 1.

Additional Support

We know times are tough for many families; in particular putting food on the table every night can be challenging. Hungry children struggle to focus and to learn. Mondays and Tuesdays are the days we find children often don't have lunch at school; no lunch probably means no evening meal either.

What can we do to help?

Set up a resource list of support agencies

Do you know of any community pantries or organisations that help families with food? There may be a community garden where they sell cheap vegetables. If so, could you email David, our Learning and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, so he can add them to our list. derece@banksave.school.nz

Make a lunch for a child

Are you able to, one day a week, make an extra lunch for a child. We have a small group of parents who do this now and it really makes a difference for the children who benefit from this generosity. Again, contact David to let him know you are keen to do this. Just choose a day and drop the lunch into the office and we'll take it from there.

derece@banksave.school.nz

Set up our own community pantry

This is something the PTA have been talking about. If you are keen to help email Randi, the PTA Chairperson. Any help is appreciated. ratkinson@hotmail.co.nz

Hardship Fund

The PTA donates all profits from the second hand uniform shop to a hardship grant managed by the school. We also have other generous donors who also contribute to this fund. If you have a few \$\$\$ spare you may like to also donate to this. We use this money in a number of ways: subsidise school uniforms, pay sports fees, provide food parcels, support children getting to or from school, help pay for additional testing for children. Email Colleen if this is something you would like to help with. clucas@banksave.school.nz

School Donation Scheme

Fortunately our school benefits from the Government's *Donation Scheme*. This means that we don't ask parents to pay for school outings, shows, swimming lessons, Kapa haka tuition etc. This has had a big impact as it means all children get to participate in these things; money is not a barrier.

Banks Avenue Mentor Programme - BAMP

Belinda Walsh oversees this programme. Parents, grandparents or caregivers commit to come in once a week to work with, meet, and support a child. They can do a variety of things as a mentor. Some shoot hoops, some read stories, some bake, some play board games. The key purpose of the BAMP programme is to wrap a little TLC around children who need some additional nurturing. If you are keen to be a mentor or to find out more email Belinda. Mentors must be fully vaccinated from 1 January 2022 and they must also be police vetted. bwalsh@banksave.school.nz

Do you need help?

Reaching out can be challenging, however, we want to do everything we can do to support parents and tamiriki. We do have access to additional supports like shoes (through Kids Can) and some food parcels and clothing (through the Blue Ribbon Trust). If you are struggling and if you would like some support then please contact David derece@banksave.school.nz; he will work with you.

Together is better!

Colleen Leaving

Colleen has been our Office Manager for the last 21 years! After much thought Colleen has decided to prioritise her health and well being and is stepping back from full time work. We will miss Colleen as she has given 110% to Banks Avenue and has been a *constant* over the years. Colleen has a fabulous sense of humour, she really cares about our tamariki and our whānau and sets and achieves high expectations in all that she does. We are going to miss Colleen, however we know this is the right move for her and we wish her every happiness as she roams the countryside in her camper van.

We will be advertising Colleen's job in the next two weeks. A huge part of Colleen's role is finance (using Xero and Payroll). If you have these skills and are looking for a career shift, keep an eye out for our advertisement or email lucas@banksave.school.co so Colleen can send you an Application Pack. This position will begin 24 January 2022.

Staffing 2022

Congratulations to Angela Willans (Kuaka). Ang has just been appointed to a permanent position at Banks Avenue School.

Stephanie Taylor has been appointed into a fixed term position for 2022 and will work in the junior school.

Welcome to Murial Haines. Murial will be teaching Year 2 and 3's, primarily working with Stephanie. Murial is a very experienced teacher and we are excited to have her on our team!

We have yet to appoint anyone to the Year 5/6 position for Term 1 (Jan Thompson is Acting DP for Term 1).

In 2022 we will begin the year with 15 class teachers; this is the same as this year.

I can now confirm the following teachers will be teaching in these areas of the school in 2022.

At our new school we will have four learning pods named: Kiwa Kiwa, Poataniwha, Kotukutuku and Manakura. In the list below you will see what learning pod teachers will be teaching once we move to the new school in July 2022.

Junior School	Senior School
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kiwa Kiwa Pod</u></p> <p>Phillipa Ford and Emma Derrick New Entrants - Room 9 and 10</p> <p>Karen Morganty and Rhonda Aitken Year 1 and 2 - Room 1 and 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Poataniwha Pod</u></p> <p>Helen Stowers and Abby Savage Year 2 and 3 - Room 17 and 18</p> <p>Stephanie Taylor and Murial Haines Year 2 and 3 - Room 15 and 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kotukutuku Pod</u></p> <p>Angela Willans Year 4 - Room 23</p> <p>Sally Pannell and Scott Bradley Year 4 and 5 - Room 24 and 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mankura Pod</u></p> <p>Belinda Walsh and Adam Hastilow Year 5 and 6 - Room 26 and 27</p> <p>TBC and Jen Bourne Year 5 and 6 - Dudley</p>

Next week, Senior Leadership will begin to place children into next year's classes. These placements are our decision, however, we realise that sometimes there are very valid reasons for placing children together or separating them. If you have any requests for class placements for 2022 then please email me, principal@banksave.school.nz and state your child's name and the reason you are making the request. We always try to work with parents, however, sometimes because of other factors, we cannot manage all requests, so please make a good case. Can I please have all requests for 2022 placement by tomorrow, Thursday 4 November.

Children Leaving

If you know your child/children are leaving this term please let the office or the class teachers know. When we place children into their 2022 classes, we need to ensure we have accurate numbers.

Shirley District Music Enrolments

SDMS (Shirley District Music School) Enrolments for 2022 are now open. This is an amazing opportunity for our children as lessons are considerably cheaper than other providers.

If students would like to learn:

'Cello, clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard, percussion, piano, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet or violin, they can enrol through SDMS. Many lessons are available at school if the tutor is able to travel to the school. Enrolments for keyboard, piano and percussion are very limited. New students wanting to enrol for SDMS keyboard and piano lessons will now be on a waiting list. Students are encouraged to choose another instrument.

To enrol link onto the SDMS website <https://sis.school.nz/a/OSDGXNL>

New School

https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/

Progress continues!



NEW School Uniform

Our new 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.

Thanks to Mason, Sophia, Sarah, Hunter and Lily for helping us model the new uniform. They look fabulous don't they! We have samples in the office area that can be used to check sizing.



School Photos

Orders for school photos have now closed; however, if you have missed out you can contact Heritage Productions directly and they may be able to help get your order processed.

Heritage Productions Ltd

Phone: 03-3653 554

Freephone: 0800 4 HERITAGE

Kindo links for unlinked students

Our online Kindo school shop now links to our school records, and we've noticed that you have students that are not yet linked.

This could be that you have not yet set up your myKindo account

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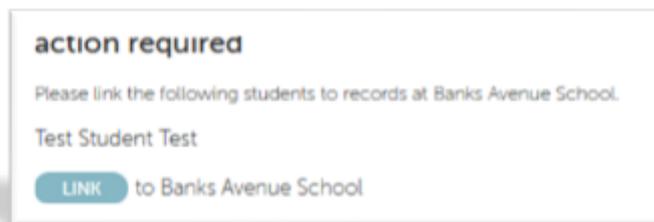
that you have a myKindo account already, but are using a different email address to log in, than the one the school has on file for you.

Don't yet have a myKindo account? You can easily register – it only takes a couple of minutes!

- [Click here to register](#)
- Enter in the email address the school has on file for you.
- Check your inbox for an email from Kindo with a link to set-up your password.]

Your myKindo account is now set-up!

Already have a myKindo or ezlunch account? [Login](#) to your account and click on the 'Fees and Donations' service. If you see a message similar to this one, you need to link your student:



If you need to update your email address, you can either change your login email to match the school email address using the 'my details' page on kindo,

OR

give the school a call and update your school email address to match your myKindo login one.

(NOTE: school updates happen overnight for the transfer over to Kindo, so please allow at least one day before checking again).

Once your myKindo account is set-up and your students linked, you will be able to:

- ❖ see any outstanding payments on your personalised family account.
- ❖ choose to make a part payment or full payment.
- ❖ and we'll amend your child's class automatically when our school records are updated.

Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz

Online support: support.mykindo.co.nz

PTA

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/or mufti. Please bring a gold coin donation. Thanks for your support.

Calendar Art

Calendars and other products using your child's art can be ordered online at the website www.kidsartworks.com. To order you need the child's unique code that was sent home on a piece of paper last week. Any queries to lynda.mckay31@gmail.com Orders close Thursday 11 November at 9:00am.

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: Lyana L-H (*Ruru*)

Excellence: Ryder S, Mujtaba D, Raihan A, Hayleemay T, Finn B, Khloe S, Galloway J, Savreen D and Laurel C-P (*Ruru*)

Aroha: Ryder S, Samuel F and Katelyn L (*Ruru*); Kianah U (*The Nest*); Bella K (*Roto*)

Respect: Leon R-F, Samuel F, Katelyn L, Misti G, Raihan A, Finn B, Laurel C-P and Hayleemay T (*Ruru*)

Togetherness: Jaxon L, Juliette E-F-C and Florence C (*Ruru*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Marcus B, Jayden C and Walter A (*Roto*)

Excellence: Jaxon L, August R, Samuel F, Juliette E-F-C, Leyana L-H (*Ruru*); Ruby A, Winter M-W, Elijah R, Ella D and Te Araroa G (*Roto*)

Aroha: Angus Y (*Roto*)

Respect: Mason W and Braxton G (*Tui*); Robin v-H, Ruby and Claudia F (*Roto*)

Togetherness: Grayson G (*Roto*)

P.I.A. Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have worked extremely hard to earn their Pride In Achievement Awards

Bronze: Marcel C, Max C and Georgia M all of Dudley.

Silver: Summer B of Dudley.

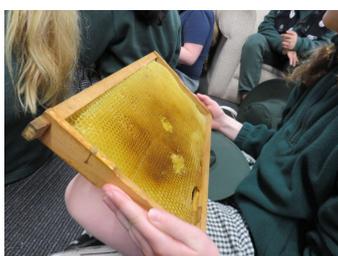


Updates from the teams and school events

Team Miro

Bee Awesome

We are grateful to have been offered the opportunity to participate in the Bee Awesome programme for schools. Dudley has completed our first session with Lesley Hurst - *Worker Bee*, where we learnt about bee life cycles and how to construct and operate a beehive. This is a great chance for all of our children and teachers to learn about the Living World in an authentic science context. At the end of each season, we'll have the opportunity to harvest our honey and make beeswax wraps as the - *Busy Bees!*



Zone Athletics

Sadly the Zone Athletics have been cancelled for 2021. There is still hope of holding the Canterbury Athletics in early December if the community conditions allow. We will update you as more information comes to hand.

Senior Athletics Results

Despite not being able to hold our normal athletics day in front of friends and whānau, last week Team Miro students were able to compete in a range of athletics events to test their skills against their peers. Well done to all the students who entered into the events and for the amazing effort they put in. Here are the results of the events:

Discus

- Yr 4 Boys - 1st: Ethan H, 2nd: Karl B, 3rd: Mythyis E
- Yr 4 Girls - 1st: Ella C, 2nd: Jenn B, 3rd: Lauren B
- Yr 5 Boys - 1st: Oscar B, 2nd: William M, 3rd: Makaii W
- Yr 5 Girls - 1st: Hazel B, 2nd: Adara B, 3rd: Ariana H
- Yr 6 Boys - 1st: Siiali T, 2nd: Taani N, 3rd: Cooper H
- Yr 6 Girls - 1st: Holly S, 2nd: Kayla E, 3rd: Annabelle P

Shot Put

- Yr 4 Boys - 1st: Ethan H, 2nd: Jayden K, 3rd: Roame S
- Yr 4 Girls - 1st: Ella C, 2nd: Isabella W, 3rd: India-Rose M
- Yr 5 Boys - 1st: Sofele N, 2nd: Oscar B, 3rd: Lewka C
- Yr 5 Girls - 1st: Ariana H, 2nd: Hazel B, 3rd: Hoana R
- Yr 6 Boys - 1st =: Cooper H and Taani N, 3rd: Siiali T
- Yr 6 Girls - 1st: Holly S, 2nd: Pheonix M, 3rd: Leila M

High Jump

- Yr 4 Boys - 1st: Jayden E, 2nd: Karl B, 3rd: Zach B
- Yr 4 Girls - 1st: Grace B, 2nd: Aklas E, 3rd: Blake M
- Yr 5 Boys - 1st: Oscar B, 2nd: Sofele N, 3rd: Luke P



Yr 5 Girls - 1st: Ariana H, 2nd: Ashley M, 3rd: Lily Y
Yr 6 Boys - 1st: Tajimi P, 2nd: Rylan O, 3rd: Taani N
Yr 6 Girls - 1st: Holly S, 2nd: Chloe P, 3rd: Kaiya P

Long Jump

Yr 4 Boys - 1st: TJ C, 2nd: Walter A, 3rd: Ethan H
Yr 4 Girls - 1st: Aya P, 2nd: Grace B, 3rd: Amelie O
Yr 5 Boys - 1st: Oscar B, 2nd: Karn S, 3rd: Johan B
Yr 5 Girls - 1st: Claudia F, 2nd: Hazel B, 3rd: Bella K
Yr 6 Boys - 1st: Rylan O, 2nd: Tajimi P, 3rd: Cooper H
Yr 6 Girls - 1st: Holly S, 2nd: Charlee S, 3rd: Kaiya P

Sprints

Yr 4 Boys - 1st: TJ C, 2nd: Zach B, 3rd: Ethan H
Yr 4 Girls - 1st: Blake M, 2nd: Grace B, 3rd: Amelie O
Yr 5 Boys - 1st: Oscar B, 2nd: Sofele N, 3rd: Karn S
Yr 5 Girls - 1st: Ariana H, 2nd: Kayleigh P, 3rd: Hazel B
Yr 6 Boys - 1st: Rylan O, 2nd: Joel P, 3rd: Tajimi P
Yr 6 Girls - 1st: Holly S, 2nd: Isla-Rose C, 3rd: Kaiya P

Long Distance

Yr 4 Boys - 1st: TJ C, 2nd: Ethan H, 3rd: Cody F
Yr 4 Girls - 1st: Blake M, 2nd: Grace B, 3rd: Amelie O
Yr 5 Boys - 1st: Oscar B, 2nd: Luca E, 3rd: Chris P
Yr 5 Girls - 1st: Claudia F, 2nd: Hazel B, 3rd: Lily Y
Yr 6 Boys - 1st: Tajimi P, 2nd: Rylan O, 3rd: Dillon V
Yr 6 Girls - 1st: Isla-Rose C, 2nd: Kaiya P, 3rd: Aaniya S



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>