Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

NEWSLETTER

20 February 2019

Hi, kia ora, Bonjour, Goede dag, Guten Tag, Namaste

Number 04

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Friday 22 February	Junior Module Art Fiesta
	Drift Bikes 12:30 – 1:00pm – see info on page 2
	Huihuinga (school assembly) 2:00pm in the library
Thursday 28 February	BoT meeting – 6:15pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Tuesday 5 March	Learning Conversations
Thursday 7 March	Learning Conversations
Friday 8 March	Team Miro Top Team 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Monday 11 March	DMIC Parent Information Evening with Bobbie Hunter 6:30 – 8:00pm in the library
Friday 15 March	Huihuinga (school assembly) at 2:00pm in the library
18 – 29 March	Junior Module Swimming at Tairoa QE11
Monday 25 March	Canterbury Duathlon
	Team Miro Camp Parent Information Evening 7:00pm in the library
Tuesday 9 April	Whole School Cross Country, postponement day 11/4
Thursday 11 April	Last day Term 1. Children dismissed at 3:00pm
Friday 12 April	TEACHER ONLY DAY

Banks Avenue School trip / event postponements and or cancellations will only be heard on NEWSTALK ZB 1098AM and CLASSIC HITS and viewed on our website: www.banksave.school.nz

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 email: office@banksave.school.nz
Or notify us via our website: http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html or via our Flexibuzz app: www.flexibuzz.com
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 childre

Dear Parents and Whānau

We welcome the following children and their families to our Banks Avenue School community: Archie, Melinda, Jordan and Alex from the Nest and Karishma from Room 27.

School Update

With this newsletter you will have received a copy of our Term 1 *School Update*. You will see drawings of the proposed build as well as a diagram identifying where we will be located on the site. One of our strategic goals for the last three years has been *Banks Avenue: the Connecting HEART of the Community*. It is important for us to keep the local community informed about what is happening with our school so we are going to publish 1000 of these S*chool Updates* and distribute them in the local community.

You can help us by passing on your School Update. When you have finished reading your update, if you don't want to keep it, you could put it in your neighbours letterbox or give it to a relative; this will help us share this information in an environmentally friendly way.

DMIC Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities

Last year all of our teachers began teaching maths differently. The focus shifted to working collaboratively to solve everyday maths problems as opposed to teaching maths skills in isolation. This was a significant shift in practice for us and involved some intensive professional development. At the end of the year we were thrilled to see that our maths student achievement data had improved.

2018 Maths data

85 % of our students are at or above their curriculum level for maths. In 2017 we had 79% of our students at or above their curriculum level in maths.

- 69% of our students are at their curriculum level for math. This is slightly better than 2017.
- 16% of our students are above their curriculum level for math - again this is a slight improvement on 2017.
- 15% of students are below their curriculum level in maths - this is significantly lower than 2017 when we had 21% below their curriculum level.
- In our 2018 data we see girls slightly outperforming the boys in math: girls have 87% at or above their curriculum level whereas boys have 83% at or above their curriculum level for math.
- Our Māori students are out performing the cohort as a whole: 88 % of our Māori students are at or above their curriculum level compared to the whole cohort where 85 % are at or above their curriculum level. In our 2017 data we had 84% of our Māori students at or above their curriculum level.

Would you like to learn more about DMIC maths?

We have been most fortunate to have Bobbie Hunter from Massey University accept an invitation to come and talk with our parent community about DMIC. Bobbie is the 'guru' in regards to this practice and is the powerhouse behind the implementation of DMIC throughout the country.

We would very much like to invite all parents to come and hear her talk about this method of teaching and the benefits it has for children's mathematical learning.

When: Monday 11 March – 6:30 – 8:00pm
Where: Banks Avenue School Library

Please put this date into your diary. More information will come out next week.

Parenting Toolbox

In two weeks we start our six week parenting toolbox sessions. The first session is on Tuesday **5** March. We sent information home with last week's newsletter. If you have lost the information but would be interested in finding out more or registering - email David Erece derece@banksave.school.nz

Drift Bikes - Friday 22 February

A number of our children have **drift bikes**. They have asked if we can have a lunch time where they get to ride them on the back court. Children will need to wear a **helmet**. I will supervise them from 12:30 until 1:00pm when they eat. Bikes can be stored behind room 23 but they should have a lock on them to keep them safe.

Rules for drift biking at BAS:

1. You must wear a helmet.
2. You must ride in a clockwise direction.
3. You cannot deliberately smash into other bikes.
4. If you are watching you must stay off the court area and be on the grass.
5. If you are fixing your bike or swapping riders you must do it on the grass area (the pit zone) not the court.
6. You must say thank you to Mrs Burnside at the end for supervising you!

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'

Braxton Winter has had such a great hardworking start to the year. He is working so well. We love wonderful workers like him in the Black Robins. Ka pai Braxton.

Learning Assistant Needed

We are looking for another caring, motivated and skilled person for the position of Learning Assistant in our school. This person will work alongside teachers, to meet and monitor individual student needs.

The person we are looking for will have a passion for working with children with social and behavioural needs, will show initiative and have excellent communication skills with children and adults.

We are wanting a learning assistant for 2 hours a day from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The position is fixed term.

To apply please complete the Declaration Form and the Summary of Previous Employment (available from our website: http://www.banksave.school.nz/vacancies.html or our office) include a covering letter, current CV, and the names of two referees.

Either post your application, with a self-addressed envelope, to:

The Principal, Banks Avenue School, 91 Banks Avenue, Christchurch 8061

OR

email your application to: office@banksave.school.nz

Applications close on Monday 25 February at 4:00pm.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Industrial Action

We are aware that there is planned industrial action in the week of 18 March. At this moment in time we are unsure of what is planned and what the disruption to learning may be. Once we have more information we will let you know.

Scabies

Scabies is a highly contagious infection of the skin caused by an itch-mite parasite. This infection occurs when a pregnant female itch mite burrows into the skin and lays eggs. Scabies is an infection that is more common in areas where people are in close contact, such as schools. The hands, fingers, wrists, waist, genitals, breasts and buttocks are the most common locations for a scabies infection.

We have been notified that at least one of our students has recently been treated for scabies. We have alerted the other children in the learning hub however it is worth all parents checking their children out. What you may have thought was a heat rash or eczema may be scabies.

The standard of treatment for scabies is a scabacide lotion applied to the entire body for at least 12 hours - alternative treatments such as neem oil or tea tree oil may provide relief but are not a cure.
All bedding also needs to be thoroughly washed as the mites can live for a number of hours on non-skin objects like sheets. As always, if in doubt speak to a chemist or a doctor.

If you do find that your child has scabies could you please notify us as it is our procedure to send out a standard letter to all children in the child's learning hub.

Junior Module Art Fiesta

This Friday 22nd of February

Team Kahikatea will be involved in their art activities from 9:00 - 10:35am and Team Totara from 11:00 - 12:00noon.

Team Kahikatea would love donations of wool and wood. Please drop off to Room 17 and 18.

HEART Values

Our HEART values are central to all that we do at Banks Avenue School. Children are given HEART tokens for showing individual values. These tokens are collated by the class teacher. When a child has twenty five HEART tokens for a value their name goes in the newsletter. When they have earned fifty tokens for a value they receive a value wristband. Once a child has received all five HEART wristbands they work toward the Black wristband - This makes them a Banks Avenue Star.

Some children earn more than one wristband for the same value. These children get to have lunch with the principal once a term.

Children belong to four different houses; each term all HEART tokens are added to see which house has received the most tokens for the term. There is always a small treat for children in the winning house.

Congratulations to the following children who have all earned **25 HEART tokens** - well done!

Hauora: Harry S (Awa).

Excellence: Logan P (Awa).

Aroha: Aaliyah V-H (Awa).

Togetherness: Oden P (Roto), Logan P (Awa).

Fifty HEART Tokens

Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

Excellence: Jamieson McT, TJ C (Black Robins), Joel P (Roto),

Respect: Rylan E-H, Roame S (Black Robins), Alyssa U (Awa).

Togetherness: Bradley E, Elijah R (Black Robins), Andi T (Roto), Aaliyah V-H (Awa).

Latest News

Click on the link below to check out the Latest News page on our school website. The children in our school Media Team capture all the events that are occurring in the school. You will find their news articles here.

http://www.banksave.school.nz/latest-news-20189.html

Cowles Chargers Basketball Competition for Year 5 to 8 children.

If your child is interested in playing in a fun basketball competition on a Friday afternoon please email: cowlesstadium@gmail.com with their name and year level. Flyers are available at the school office.

Learning Conversations

Tuesday 5 March
Thursday 7 March

Children dismissed at 12:30pm on both days.

Learning conversations are in two weeks' time, the first week of March. Previously you will have received information on how to make a booking for a time with the class teachers.

These conversations are a great chance for teachers and parents to connect and to share information about students. When we work in partnership with families we know we have the best chance of making a significant difference to the child so we encourage you to make a booking. If for any reason you cannot attend an appointment that you have booked could you please notify our school office.

School will finish at lunchtime on the two days of the learning conversations. If you have after school childcare you will need to notify them of these changes.

Students will need to be picked up at 12:30 on Tuesday 5 March and Thursday 7 March.

Tune in to HEARTbeat 106.7FM

Listen to our students master broadcasting radio. If you live close to the school (within 6 kms) you can tune into 106.7FM on your radio, to listen. If you live further away, you can access HEARTbeat 106.7FM online, from our school website. For quick access just click on the link below.

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

Programmes are broadcasted every day before school from 8:30am - 9:00am and at lunchtimes from 12:30pm-1:00pm.

Team Miro Camp Parent Information Evening

We invite all Team Miro parents to a Camp Parent Information Evening in the Library on Monday 25 March at 7:00pm. Come along to hear about the great activities we have planned, our menu, camp organisation and camp life in general. This includes both Hanmer Camp and Living Springs Camp. We will have a question and answer session at the end for any queries you may have. We hope you will be able to join us.

From Team Miro

Yesterday ten of our senior students *(Krystal, Ashlyn, Nation, McKenzie, Elizabeth, Taylor, Chloe, Fatana, Alyssa and Lea)* competed in the Girls Futsal Festival held at English Park. The girls played 7 games in which they won 6 and drew another. The teams they played against were: St Albans Catholic, West Melton, Mt Pleasant, Shirley, Merrin and Prebbleton. We were very proud of their efforts. The girls also got to meet Rosie White from the NZ Football Team. Our Media Team representatives, Valentine and Dominic were also very excited to meet Finn, a professional photographer who was there for the day. He gave the boys some tips on the importance of capturing the day/moment and the technical aspects of using the camera. A great day had by all.

It's been really fun but tiring because you need to run and make sure the other team doesn't get a goal - Taylor

It has been fun because we get to verse other teams that we haven't met before. - McKenzie

MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

KĀHUI AKO KI ŌTĀKARO

Kia ora Koutou,

Mana Ake is a new initiative that aims to promote wellbeing and positive mental health for children in
Years 1-8 by providing early intervention and support to students, families/whānau and teachers.

Mana Ake was launched last year and we are delighted to inform you that it is now up and running for our Ōtākaro Kāhui Ako. Our team of kaimahi (Mana Ake workers) work across the schools in our Kāhui Ako – Banks Ave, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Shirley Primary, Shirley Intermediate and Waitākiri Primary.

The Mana Ake service is provided by people with a range of skills including social workers, whānau ora kaimahi, counsellors, youth workers, nurses and psychologists.

The Mana Ake service can support individual children, groups of children and provide information and workshops for parents with wellbeing needs.

Mana Ake Kaimahi are available to support children and their families/whānau at school and at home and they will be in your child's school regularly.

Let the school know if you are interested in Mana Ake support.

(Individual school's can add additional information or contacts)

Tomorrow's Schools Review: Consultation update

The report by the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce *Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together \ Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinitini* was released in December 2018. The Independent Taskforce is now very keen to receive feedback from as many people as possible to help complete their final recommendations. Public consultation on the report is now open and we really encourage school staff, board members, PTA members, parents, whānau and the wider school community to have their say on the future of our schooling system.

- The Taskforce will be holding public consultation meetings around the country, starting on Thursday, 14 February and finishing on the 27 March. We really encourage everyone to come along to these events and find out more about the report and its proposals. The full schedule is now available on the website (venues will be added for events as they are confirmed) https://conversation.education.govt.nz/tsr

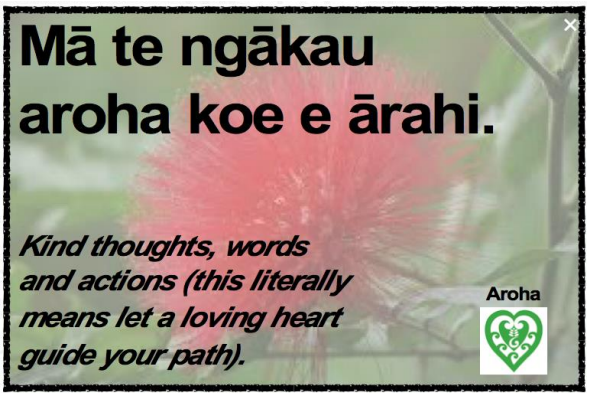
- An online survey which canvasses opinion on each of our 32 recommendations is now available and will remain open until 31 March 2019 https://consultation.education.govt.nz/tsr

- Postcards: for students, families and anyone that just wants to briefly 'have their say' on a recommendation or the full report. Postcards will be available at the public meetings.

- An 0800 for Oral submissions will be available from 11 Feb. Call 0800 FOR TSR to leave your thoughts on the future of our schooling system.

- Formal written submissions about our report can be sent to: tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz

Consultation closes 7 April 2019. We want everyone to have their say and we want to do our very best to listen carefully to what is said.

From the Independent Taskforce
Bali Haque (Chair), Barbara Ala'alatoa, Mere Berryman, John O'Neill and Cathy Wylie

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