Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 26 July	BoT Meeting 6:15pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Monday 3 July	PTA Meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom – all welcome
Tuesday 31 August	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm
Wednesday 1 August	Zone Winter Tournament
Thursday 2 August	Learning Conversations – children dismissed at 12:30pm
6 – 17 August	Taiora QE11 Swimming Programme Team Totara and Team Kahikatea
Wednesday 15 August	**Teachers on STRIKE. To be confirmed if half day or full day**
Thursday 23 August	Canterbury Winter Tournament
Friday 7 September	Disco

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

SCHOOLGEN LINK: http://schoolgen.co.nz/schoolgen-schools/banks-avenue-school-christchurch

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 children.

Dear Parents and Whānau

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou – a warm welcome to you all.

We welcome the following children and their families to our Banks Avenue School community.

Rosalia, Mason and Ryder are in Room 5, our next new entrant class

Jayden
Rm 9

Sophia
Rm 10

Aria
AWA

A warm welcome back everyone. It was lovely to have a two week break to refill our emotional reserves and to plan and look ahead to term 3. This is usually a very settled term where teachers get to see the benefits of all their hard work in the first two terms. Children's new learning is embedded and they get to use and apply it.

We welcome Chelsea Roycroft to room 9 (replacing Helen Denny) and Julia Ryan to room 5 - our fourth new entrant class.

We also welcome Marilyn Stewart to our admin team until the end of week 5, Chrissie Potter as a learning assistant, Amanda Kelly and Lynda Piper as release teachers across the school.

GRIT

At our staff meeting yesterday we were talking about the need to build ***grit*** in children.

What Is Grit and Why Does it Matter? Grit is a distinct combination of passion, resilience, determination, and focus that allows a person to maintain the discipline and optimism to persevere in their goals even in the face of discomfort, rejection, and a lack of visible progress for years, or even decades.

According to research by Angela Duckworth people who are smart, talented, kind, curious, and come from stable, loving homes, generally don't succeed if they don't know how to work hard, remain committed to their goals, and persevere through struggles and failure.

Can we foster grit in children? Duckworth states "I don't think people can become truly gritty and great at things they don't love, so when we try to develop grit in kids, we also need to find and help them cultivate their passions."

But even if our kids haven't found their life's work yet, we can help them learn the habits and traits that comprise grit.

At the Duckworth house, they have implemented a "Hard Thing Rule," which says that every member of the family has to be working on something difficult at any given time. Each person can choose his or her "thing" but it should be both interesting and require "deliberate practice almost daily." And everyone has to stick with his or her selected activity for a set period of time. No one is allowed to quit mid-season because things seem too hard.
In this TED talk Duckworth talks about the importance of grit and the importance of building a growth mindset. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H14bBuluwB8&feature=youtu.be

To find out more about grit and what you can do as a parent look up this website.
https://afineparent.com/building-character/what-is-grit.html

MEN AT WORK will be working at 35 – 37 Banks Ave next week fixing a drain. No work will be done before or after school. Pedestrian access will be managed while men and machines are working and re-routed around the works when they are not there. Take care here next week.

Learning Conversations

Next **Tuesday 31 July, and Thursday 2 August**, we have our half yearly *Learning Conversations.*

Children will be dismissed at 12:30pm on both days. If you cannot organise childcare in the afternoon you will need to ring the office or email: office@banksave.school.nz to let them know that you require us to supervise your child until 3:00pm.

These *learning conversations* are the opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress and achievement for the first half of the year. We encourage parents to bring their children to these meetings so that they can be a part of the conversation.

Parents have been given the chance to book a slot on line or to come into the office to make an appointment time. Parents who do not make an appointment will not be allocated one by us (as we have done in the past).

It is vital that parents keep to the allocated times as teachers will be fully booked up from 1:00 – 8:00pm on both these days. If a parent is late or if they run over time it has a big flow on effect for following appointments. If you have made an appointment but cannot turn up on the day please contact the office to let us know.

We provide a crèche from 1:15 – 8:10pm for siblings while you are attending the learning conversations. The crèche will be in room 11

If you have any questions, please contact our school office.

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Pride in Achievement Awards:

Bronze	Devon A	Dudley
Silver	Ruthie B	AWA
	Kahlia N	AWA
Gold	Lucas B	Dudley
	Archie T-Q	Dudley

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 Bank 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.

Last term the winning house was Mahuika (red house). Each child in mahuika will get a lolly pop at the end of this week. Tau ke! Awesome work!

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

Hauora: Elizabeth C, Kenzie E, Amelia B, Ling Ling O (Base Camp), Samantha F (Tui), Andy T, Holly S, Hazel Y, Kaiya P, Rylan O (Kea), Joshua C-C (Roto),

Excellence: Jackson H, Rico L, Walter B, Winter M-W, Ella D, Bradley E, Roame S, Ashleigh D, Latham R, Mason M, Casey L, Olivia S, Sam W (Base Camp), Jenn B ((The Landing), Pheonix M, Jaime L, Tane C, Holly S, Rylan O (Kea),

Aroha: Sofele N, Claudia F (Base Camp), Ben G, Andy T, Hazel Y, Holly S, Joel P (Kea),

Respect: Indi B, Jackson H, Rico L, Claudia F, Walter B, Winter M-W, Ella D, Bradley E, Tyler McG (Base Camp), Cobey F, Solomon G-C, India-Rose M, Keyaan N (The Landing), Andy T, Holly S, Gwen C, Dillon V, Joel P, Rylan O, Tane C (Kea), Lilly B (Roto).

Togetherness: Jack E, Hollie L, Ashleigh D, TJ C, Adara B, Tyler McG (Base Camp), Keyaan K (The Landing), Hazel Y, Dillon V, Joel P, Kaiya P, Rylan O, Tane C (Kea).

Fifty HEART Tokens

Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

Excellence: Kenzie E, Callum M (Base Camp), Andy T, Gwen C, Hazel Y, Joel P (Kea),

Aroha: Daniel L (Base Camp), Nofoaga M (Black Robin),

Respect: Sofele N (Base Camp), Jackson K (Tui), Nevaeh H (Kea),

Togetherness Jayden K, Milly L, Georgia McK (Base Camp), Andy T (Kea), Levi D (Roto),

Scout Scarf Day Wednesday 1 August

Scouts NZ is a growing and vibrant movement offering adventure and skills based learning for both boys and girls aged 5 and up. Next Wednesday is World Scout Scarf day; we encourage all Scouts or Keas to wear their scarves to school on that day.

Thanks Ryan for letting me know about this great opportunity to promote Scouting here at BAS.

Teachers Striking

All teachers across the country are striking on Wednesday 15 August. Originally this was going to be a half day strike but this week all teachers across the country are voting to extend the strike to a full day. If this occurs we will have no staff available at school to supervise children therefore parents will need to make alternate child care arrangements for the day.

If the decision is made to only strike for half a day then we will be asking parents to pick children up during the lunch hour; ideally at 12:30pm however we will have staff on site until 1:20pm so children could be picked up any time between 12:30pm and 1:20pm. If children are not collected from the classroom at 12;30pm, then parents will need to sign children out at the office.

We apologise for the huge inconvenience this is to working families and we really appreciate your ongoing support as we work through these negotiations.

Next week we'll be publishing *a day in the life of a teacher* in an attempt to share with you some of our concerns with current working conditions.

Taiora QE11 Swimming Programme for Team Totara and Kahikatea children. Payment of $47.00 is due tomorrow Thursday 26 July. We don't want anyone to miss out ☺.

'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'

Alydia has blossomed as a learner. She is a keen debater and her reading has rocketed ahead. She now has a love of reading novels and shows more initiative every week with her learning. Her emerging leadership and proud HEART values are fantastic to see.

Ka pai Alydia!

Tune in to HEARTbeat 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. 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 everyday before school from 8:30am-9:00am and at lunchtimes from 12:50pm-1:20pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS – ISSUE 5 2018

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club has been distributed to all classrooms. The closing date for this issue is Friday 17 August 2018.

PTA NEWS

Next Meeting:

Monday 30 July
7:00pm in the staffroom
All welcome

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Whakatauki
Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana

A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae (meeting house grounds)

A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within his family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout his life.