



# Banks Avenue School

Learning today to succeed tomorrow  
Kia mau ngā akoranga, kia tau ai āpōpō



## NEWSLETTER

24 May 2017

Hi, kia ora, An-nyong, Ha-se-yo, Talofa, Mālō e lelei.

Number 14

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Friday 26 May	MUFTI DAY – Pink Shirt Day – STOP Bullying
Friday 26 May	Assembly 2:00pm in the Library
Tuesday 30 May	BOT meeting - 6:30pm in the Sky Room – all welcome
Friday 2 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 6 June	Lucky Book Club Orders are due back to school.
7 - 8 June	Team Kahikatea – Airforce Museum
Friday 9 June	Disco – more information nearer the time.
Thursday 22 June	Elgregoe Show for junior school. More information nearer the time.
Thursday 22 June	Junior School 'Fish and Chip' night from 5:30 – 6:30pm.
Tuesday 15 August	Reading Together Programme (parents only) 1:40pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 22 August	Reading Together Programme (parents and children) 1:40pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 29 August	Reading Together Programme (parents only) 1:40pm (parents only)
Tuesday 26 September	Reading Together Programme (parents only) 1:40pm final meeting and graduation

*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](http://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](mailto:office@banksave.school.nz)**

Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html> or via our Tiqbiz app: [www.tiqbiz.com](http://www.tiqbiz.com)

**If your child arrives at school after 9:00 am 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.

A nice big welcome to new entrant Eton in Room 8 and his family to our Banks Avenue School community.



### Cross Country

On the 23 May 24 children represented Banks Avenue at the North East Zones Cross Country. The children were excellent ambassadors for Banks Ave. They all behaved well and participated to the best of their abilities.

Harry B and Holly B came in the top six and will now represent the North East Zone at the Canterbury Cross Country on 21 June.

### HEART Tokens -Values

Congratulations to these children who have earned 25 HEART tokens.

**Excellence:** Payton C (Rm1), Liam S (Rm1), Syler P (Rm1), Charlee-May F (Rm1), Max C (Rm1), Bradley C (Rm 25) and Khan L (Rm25).



**Respect:** Liam H (Rm25), Tyler J (Rm25), Ruby W (Rm 25), Toby D (Rm 25), Ariana M (R25), Blake C (Rm25) and Caitlin McW (Rm25).

Congratulations to Olivia A from Dudley who has achieved her Silver Pride in Achievement Award.



## Attendance

### Ensure your child is at school on time every day!

Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:55am. Unless they are unwell send them to school. Try not to book appointments in the day which would mean they leave early. Don't keep them home from school on their birthdays. We need your child at school every day for the full six hours so we can optimise learning potential.



**H** – make getting your child to school on time the right thing to do.

**E** – help your child to maximize all learning opportunities in their classroom by being here for the full day.

**A** – show your child you care about their learning – being on time is important.

**R** – respect your child and your child's teacher by having your child ready and organised to learn.

**T** – together we can achieve the best for your child.

A child who is late every day this term would miss over 4 hours of learning opportunities.

A child who misses one day a week of learning will have missed a whole year of learning by the time they finish year five.

## Duffy Books

We are thrilled to announce that we have been offered the opportunity to become a Duffy school. This would mean that every child in the school would get a new book to keep each term. There will be a lot more information coming home about Duffy Books in the future. We hope we will be able to begin at the beginning of Term 3.

### Duffy Sony Lyrics

*I'm going to read my way around the world  
Jump on a dream and go real far  
I'm a Duffy kid so I'm a star  
And I read about it*

*And when I tell my story, then I know I'll have the words*

*And when I tell my story, then I know I will be heard.*



## Thank you

A few weeks ago I asked parents if any of you had thermal clothing at home that you were no longer using. A **huge thank you** to the parents who sent items of clothing along. We had several children at camp who were kept warm because of your polyprop clothing donation!



We always have children who struggle to have a full, warm uniform. Have you got any uniform pieces you would like to recycle and donate to the school so we can pass them on to needy children? If so please drop them into the office.

## Parking

This is my termly moan about parking around our school. We have a few parents who are stopping on the footpath outside the school and dropping children off. This causes Banks Ave to be congested and stops other cars passing. Please be considerate and aware of road rules. There is also a problem with parking and dropping off on Belfield Ave.



In the next couple of weeks the CCC parking wardens will be monitoring parking around the school and if necessary issuing tickets.

Child safety is always a top priority. I dread the thought of any child being injured because the view to the road has been blocked by someone parking incorrectly.

## HEART Values

Children are sharing with parents about our values. To help reinforce our values at home even further I have included three HEART tokens for you as a parent to use. (*They are at the bottom of page 4*). You can use them with your own children or when you come into the school grounds you can give them to a child who you see using HEART. Try to be explicit with your language when you give them out, acknowledging what they are for, e.g., *Tama, this is for showing excellence, your bedroom is spotless. Mohamed, this is for showing aroha, you are playing well with your sister.*

### Assembly

Our first assembly for this term is this Friday, 26 May.

Parents are welcome to join us.  
Please be seated by 2:00pm

## Stranger Danger

Please take time to talk to your children about what to do if a stranger approaches them and offers them a lift.

- Never get in a car or go off with a stranger.
- Be wary that people may entice children with cute pets, money, expensive cars or the story that they have been sent by a parent to pick them up.
- Set up a family *code word* that children could ask a stranger for if they said they knew the family.
- Remind children to run back into school grounds if they are approached outside our gates.
- Get children to tell you or a known adult immediately if they are approached.

We are not aware of any threats in our immediate vicinity, however, we do know that some schools in Christchurch have had children approached by strangers so this is an opportune time to have a conversation with your child and to give them some safety tips.

## Matariki Week begins 25 June

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter – late May or early June. For many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. This year Matariki will begin on 25 June.

**The Banks Avenue Junior School would like to welcome you and your family to a 'Fish and Chip'\* night in your child's classroom on Thursday 22 June from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.** You will be able to see what your child is learning this term and to engage with other families in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Although it is called a 'Fish and Chip' night you can bring anything you like for your whānau's kai (dinner).

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## Student Council PINK SHIRT DAY This Friday 26 May

On Friday 26 May, Banks Avenue School will celebrate Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is all about taking action and standing together to stop bullying. It aligns with our value of TOGETHERNESS-*Together is better.*

Aggressive behaviour can be labelled bullying when there is:

- An imbalance of power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, age, size, year level, access to embarrassing information, or popularity to control or harm others.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once directed at the same child /children over a reasonable time frame.



Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumours, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. Children will bully other children, however, sometimes adults will then bully children.

Bullying behaviour is never acceptable and it must be stamped out.

For more information visit: [www.pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz)

## Family Accounts

Family accounts were sent home with the eldest child last week. These included a statement for school activities and a separate invoice for the 'school donation'. The term 2 donation is now due.

We have a number of our families who are now settling their family account with a payment plan. Well done for getting this underway.



Please do not ignore this statement. It will not go away if you try to ignore it. If you need support with a payment plan, please talk to Colleen at the office because she can help you. ☺



# 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



Jaydah in Room 17 is an awesome learner in our class. She is zooming through her reading levels this year and has moved up almost 10 levels. Jaydah is such a reliable class member. She is kind and caring to all others in our class.

Well done Jaydah. Keep up the fantastic work. 😊

## LUCKY BOOK CLUB – ORDERS CLOSE TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

Issue 3 brochures have been distributed to your children. You can now do your own orders online if you wish - visit [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) and your order will be delivered to school for distribution.



## PTA News

**Second Hand Uniform Shop:** this is open this Friday from 2:45 – 3:15pm. CASH ONLY.

## DISCO coming up!

The next school disco will be on Friday 9 June from 6:00 - 7.15pm. Tickets are \$3 each and will be sent home with your child on 31 May. Now is a good time to practise recognising and handing coins with your child as light up items, drink and snacks will all be available to purchase.

**NO DOOR SALES.**

**Naked Baker Pie Orders:** these were a big success last year. An order form is coming home with everyone child today with the newsletter.

Orders must be back at school by Friday 9 June. Money must be paid to the PTA either cash, cheque or directly to the PTA bank account. Detail for this are on the order form. This form is also on our website. The link is: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/pta.html>

## Entertainment Books

Available NOW, only \$65!



Order online through our link:

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1348e93>

or by using the envelope sent home. A sample book is in the office if you wish to view before purchase!

REMEMBER \$13 from EACH BOOK comes back to the school.

## Christchurch children urgently needs foster carers.

Types of Care:

**Foster Care** –is for a period of time with the goal that the child will return to their own family or into a permanent home.

**Emergency Care** – a child may come to you for a few days or a longer period, depending on the family circumstances.

**Respite Care** – is looking after a child for short periods as a support for their parents or main carers.

**Home for life** – is when a child is not able to return home and you become their lifelong carers, as part of your family.

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