



# Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau



## NEWSLETTER

22 May 2019

Hi, kia ora, Kon-nichiwa, An-nyong, Salaam, Teanastellen

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Friday 24 May	School Disco - Shirley Intermediate School Hall
Weds 29 May	Teacher Strike Day – school will be closed
Friday 31 May	Teacher Only Day – school will be closed
Monday 3 June	Queens Birthday – school will be closed
Thursday 6 June 6.15pm	BOT Meeting
Friday 7 June	Junior Module Playhouse Theatre trip
Tuesday 2 July 5.30-6.30pm	Matariki Celebration
Friday 5 July	Term 2 ends

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)

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 Flexibuzz app: [www.flexibuzz.com](http://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

#### Strike 29 May

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May. The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is. Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference.

#### Details of the march on May 29

11:15am Assembling at Victoria Square

11:30am Speakers

11:50am March to the green opposite the Ministry of Education Building (Hereford Street)

At the end of the speakers, we will march as a group of approximately 4000. The route has been selected to get the crowd to the MOE the most direct and quickest way. Although there are not a lot of road crossings and foot paths on this route we do need people to keep safe, off the road and follow the marshals' directions.

#### Teacher Only Day Friday 31 May

Each year we start back at school earlier than some of our neighbouring schools as that allows us to have two teacher only days during the year.

Teacher only days are invaluable for getting substantial amounts of professional development done without interruption.

Our second and last teacher only day for 2019 will be on **Friday 31 May**. School will be closed on this day.

This is Queens Birthday weekend so some families may like to take the Friday to have a four day weekend.

The junior module will be attending the Playhouse Theatre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – there is a cost of \$4 per child and will need to be paid by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.



### Support Staff day

As mentioned in our last newsletter much of our work at school could not be achieved without our support staff. Last Thursday many of our classes and students showed their gratitude by giving compliments and cards to these valued people who often demonstrate all of our HEART values in a day. Because of this they were given the Respect wristband to commemorate the day.



### Pasifika Group

We have hired a tutor to run a Pasifika group for an hour once a week. All children are welcome to join this group but we would really like to encourage our Pasifika children to join and help us celebrate their culture. The first session with Feleti will be on 7 June. These sessions will run from 12 to 12:50 every Friday.

### Tūranga and Kura Pounamu Visit

The children in Team Miro visited the Canterbury Museum where they learnt the history of pounamu and the myths and legends associated with this precious stone. On this EOTC trip they also went behind the scenes at Tūranga the Canterbury Library, dancing behind the scenes with a robot and learning about children's literature in detail. Did you know that the library processes 14 000 books a day? Wow!



### Junior Module: Mother's day activity

Many thanks for the mums, aunties or grandmothers who were able to come and join us on Friday. It was great fun to see you at school with us. Look out for our hexagon mural in the library that shows our aroha for our mums. Here are some great photos of what was happening in the rooms, and we have the Caught Being A Good Mum draw for a Duffy book at this Fridays assembly.



### From the PTA.....

#### School Disco

Don't forget to get your ticket forms back tomorrow for the disco this Friday.

We are excited to let you know we will offer glow in the dark face painting for 50c at the Disco and black lights will create some neon fun. Dress in white and fluoro/bright colours if you want to glow on the dance floor. If your child is **not** allowed to have face paint for any reason please discuss this with them before the Disco, it will be their responsibility. For younger children we can stamp their hands at the door to let the face painters know they can not have their face painted, see Ms Savage at the door. Disco starts at 6pm and you can collect your child from inside the hall at 7.15pm.

#### Uniform Room

The Uniform store will be open this Friday 24th May from 2.55pm-3.15pm.

#### Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2019-2020 are out now and available in either digital (works on all app capable phones) OR hard copy and cost \$70, with 20% from each book coming back to the school! There is some amazing deals and savings in them. Purchase through our online link: <http://www.entbook.co.nz/1348e93> Or contact Cassie to order on: 027 3338994 or [cassie.olivia@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.olivia@gmail.com)

#### Zone Cross Country

Yesterday 24 of our senior students represented Banks Avenue School at the East Zone Cross Country held at Queenspark school. Determination and grit was oozing from these students and we were proud of their efforts.





## 'HOT SHOT' LEARNER'



*Winter has continued to develop her self management skills. She has worked so hard at Reading Recovery and she is just a delight to have in Room 7. Ka pai Winter ☺*

### HEART Values

Our school HEART values are central to all that we do at Banks Avenue School. You will read about our values in newsletters and I know your children will talk about them at home.

All children are able to earn HEART tokens. These will be given out for showing explicit expected behaviours in the classroom by the class teachers and relievers. They will also be given out in the playground by duty teachers. Teachers will identify to the child why they have earned the token e.g. *Amber this token is for aroha - you were very kind asking Moana to join in with your group.*

Once a child has received a HEART token they will hand it into a collection box in their classroom. Teachers will 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 wrist band which depicts strong school citizenship.

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

**Hauora:** (Roto) Kathryn P (Kuaka) Charlie S  
**Excellence**

**Aroha:** (Roto) Chloe A, Summer B, Aria H, Gwen C,  
Meliamie H

**Respect:**

**Togetherness:**

**Fifty HEART Tokens** - Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

**Hauora:** Charlotte F, Vincent H, (Kuaka) Desiree H

**Excellence:** (Kuaka) Sophie B, James G, Taani N,  
Olivia B

**Aroha:** Bradley E, Rylan E-H, Walter Bo, Mikayla M

**Respect:** Kendra H, Bella K, Brooke W, TJ C

**Togetherness:** (Kuaka) Bjorn A

**Strike Day- Wednesday 29 May**  
**School will be closed for instruction on**  
**Wednesday.**

### 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>

### Enrolments

If you have children at school with siblings who have not yet enrolled, please see Belinda in the office as soon as possible.

All out of zone enrolments have closed.

***Nominations forms for the School Board of Trustees have been sent out and close this Friday at noon. If you require anymore information or a nomination form, please contact the school office or click on the link below [electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz](mailto:electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz) Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on our school board.***

### 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>

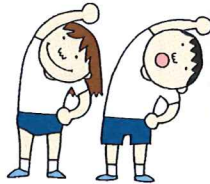


### Redzone Action Team

Are you free this Sunday? If so, come on down to Woodchester Ave (opposite the Shirley Tennis Club) at 1:30pm and join our Redzone Action Team as they present their plans for the exciting playground that is going to be built for our community. Our children will be there to show you their plans for 'Adventure Ave'.

### Fitness for Parents

Mel is running *Group Fitness* sessions every Thursday at 9.05am on the back courts! All fitness levels are catered for. \$10 per session and the first session is free. Come along, meet some other mums, get fit and have fun. For more info call Mel on 0212407602



### From Team Miro...

#### 2019 Showcase Wearable Arts Contest

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a group of Dudley students working on an entry for the 2019 New Zealand Show Quest. As our inquiry this term is space, this was the theme chosen. A lot of thought went into this outfit. If you look carefully you will see one arm is a rocketship and the other arm is a meteorite. The skirt is the milky way with all of our planets attached around the circumference of the skirt. The sun sits on top of Kaia's head. I asked about Kaia's top and was told it represented Matariki. The top lights up with small lamps representing the stars in the distance.

We were excited last night at the Town Hall because we won! What an incredible effort - well done to all involved. This is awesome!



*Big smiles from our newest children who started with us this term, we welcome Beau, Alex, Anikait, Lucas, Michael, Anna and Delilah*



**Mā te ngākau  
aroha koe e ārahi.**

*Kind thoughts, words  
and actions (this literally  
means let a loving heart  
guide your path).*



Whakatauki

## Banks Avenue School Matariki Whanau Celebration

Tuesday 2 July  
5:30 - 6:30pm  
In your child's classroom



**We invite all whānau to bring their dinner to school on the 2 July to help celebrate Matariki 2019.**

**Come along to chat with other whānau and to see what your child has been learning this term.**

