



Pareawa Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

NEWSLETTER 1
Te pānui o te kura o
Pareawa Banks
Avenue School
28 July 2022

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Te pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora tatou

Woo hoo here we are, finally in our new school! We had a wonderful turn out on Monday to our open day; it was joyful to see children exploring their new spaces and to hear their squeals of delight.

A huge thank you to Helen who organised yesterday's powhiri. There were glitches along the way but nothing we could not handle!

We coped with the weather, we coped with having no sewerage and we even coped with our key guest, Chris Hipkins, being delayed half an hour.

We had a magical opening, contributed to by a fabulous set up team, awesome performances from Shirley Boys and Avonside Girls and amazing kai prepared by our PTA and helpers.



The challenge; blocked sewer pipes



Team work; setting up the hall

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar

TERM 3

AUGUST

**Monday 8 &
Wednesday 10 August**
Learning Conversations

**School closes for
instruction at 12:30pm**

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2 September
Pizza Lunch Day



Powhiri in our school hall



Amazing kai at the powhiri



Hawkins have been our builders and have done an amazing job. They have been great to communicate with and have helped us reach an awesome outcome. They have also donated a set of gardening equipment for our tamariki. We have four raised garden beds and these tools will help us get the gardens in tip top shape. Thanks to the team from Hawkins - you guys rock!

Thank you to everyone who helped out; together is better!

Traffic Plan

We are having issues with our drive in/drop off zone. We are waiting for the signage to arrive so we acknowledge it is tricky however this morning I was really concerned with some of the behaviours I saw. Remember:

- There is **NO** access to our drop off zone from **North Parade - this is an exit only point**. Do not drive into our school from North Parade as you will be driving against the traffic flow.
- Do not use the car exit on North Parade as a pedestrian way. There are no footpaths here and again you will be in the middle of traffic flow.
- We have three pedestrian access points for the school.
 - North Parade: To access the school use the **pedestrian walkway** on North Parade by **the Avon Hub**. A footpath will lead you to a gate by the junior school.
 - Our **main entrance is Averill Street**. There are two vehicle entry/exit points and one pedestrian entry point. The **pedestrian entry point is by the concrete school sign**. This is the entry that should be used by students and parents.
 - There is an alley at the back of the school that will take you onto a side street.
- The **car parking on site is for staff only**. Do not park in the staff car park before school or at pick up time. If you come to pick up a child during school time you can park in the drop off area if you'll be less than five minutes.
- The **speed limit on our grounds is 5km** an hour. Extra care must be taken and drivers need to be on high alert as children are not always predictable.
- **Exits** from the school are **left turns only**.
- The **drive in/drop off zone will only operate in the mornings**. Access to the school will be coned off in the afternoons. Parents will need to park on the streets. We want to get this system functioning safely before we expand it to afternoons.
- **Morning drop off**: The car parks outside the hall and along the exit way to North Parade are only for drop off. **Do not park and do not leave your car**.

If we can not make this drive-in/drop off system work safely then we will need to stop all parents from driving into our school.

We need you to work with us to make this function safely.

Cycles

Children have done well today finding the cycle stands and locking their bikes up. Remember providing a lock to secure cycles is the responsibility of parents. Children can not ride their scooters or cycles in the school grounds. As a parent please help us reinforce this safety measure. Parents please do not lean your bikes against our new buildings.

Speed Limit

Please reduce your speed around the school. We are working with the CCC to get a 30km speed limit in place.

North Parade Pedestrian Exit (by the Avon Hub)

If you are using this exit and need to cross North Parade we recommend that you use the signals outside the Avon Hub. These signals are the safest place for crossing the street. They are activated by clicking the button and then continuing to stand on the yellow pavers until there is a green man.

Parking Opportunities on Averill Street

Below is a map showing the new three minute parallel parking area on Averill Street, this area allows you to stop and help your child in/out of the car. These parks are the safest place to drop your child off to walk into school on their own.

Please remember:

- If you wish to walk your child to their class, please park down the road.
- Have your child use the door on the footpath side of the car – it's safer.
- Double parking is unsafe – it puts children in front or behind moving vehicles, where drivers may not see them.
- Move forward along the parking bay when the car in front leaves – it helps keep traffic flowing.



Parking opportunities on North Parade

Below is a map showing the available parking on North Parade, this parking is unrestricted however will be monitored and reviewed for possible restrictions if needed. For access from the school to North Parade there is a pedestrian exit which is marked on the map below.



Learning Conversations

Tuesday 9 August

1:00 - 7:45pm

School closes for instruction at 12:30pm (lunchtime)

Thursday 11 August

1:00 - 7:45pm

School closes for instruction at 12:30pm (lunchtime)

In two weeks we have our mid-year learning conversation involving teachers, parents and children.

Purpose of Learning Conversations:

- Connect with parents.
- Teachers will share students' progress and achievement for the first half of the year.
 - Please make sure you have read your child's school report.
- Work in partnership; how can parents help at home?
- Respond to any parent questions or thoughts?
- Set future learning/social goals collaboratively (parents, child and teacher).
 - These will be recorded by the class teacher and a copy will be emailed to parents. Please make sure your email address/s are correct.
- An opportunity will be available for parents to have a brief chat with the teacher in private, without the child present. If you have something sensitive you would like to discuss with the teacher let them know, if possible prior to the meeting.

Booking an Interview

Meetings can be booked in two ways, choose one option:

Office Booking - complete the attached booking form and send it into the office.

Online Booking - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz school code: **x7vy6**

Policy Review

All policies can be accessed on schooldocs <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz/>

To access our policies go to: <http://banksave.schooldocs.co.nz>

Our Username is: **banksave** and Password is: **banks**

This term we are reviewing these policies. To give feedback follow the links and click the redlink in the top left hand corner.

Policies we are reviewing in term 3: Click the links below:

- [Child Protection](#)
- [Abuse Recognition and Reporting](#)
- [Care and Management of Students](#)
- [Supporting Student Wellbeing](#)
- [Food and Nutrition](#)
- [Sun Protection](#)
- [Harassment](#)

Hazard identification

If, as a parent or a visitor to the school, you identify a hazard, please let us know personally by coming to the admin area and reporting it or emailing jmacdonald@pareawabanksave.school.nz

Covid Update

Mask Wearing

The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education strongly recommend that all schools and kura amend their mask policy for the **first four weeks** of Term 3 to require mask wearing indoors for students Year 4 and above, where it will not have a significant impact on teaching and learning.

Examples of situations where mask wearing may not be practicable include:

- while eating and drinking
- playing certain musical instruments
- playing indoor sport
- singing or drama performance on stage, and PE.

In these situations, we will pay particular attention to ensuring good ventilation, and physical distancing where practicable.

This approach attempts to balance the benefits of mask wearing with the primary purpose of school's education across curriculum areas and ensure students with particular learning needs that may be hindered by mask wearing are considered.

We will issue every child in years 4-6 with a box of masks to take home.

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: Rozaey C-P, Harlow R, Riley W, Zoe M and Lehansa S (*Poataniwha*)

Excellence: Memphis N-B (*Poataniwha*)

Aroha: Memphis N-B (*Poataniwha*)

Respect:

Togetherness:

FIFTY TOKENS - these children have earned their wristband this week

Hauora:

Excellence: Carter W-S, Blake L, Charli G and Libby C (*Poataniwha*)

Aroha: Harlow R (*Poataniwha*)

Respect: Rozaey C-P and Delilah R (*Poataniwha*); Heidi L (*Kōtukutuku*)

Togetherness: Anikait S (*Kōtukutuku*)

School Garage Sale - Sunday 7 August

We have a lot of random stuff left at the old site. We are going to hold a garage sale there on Sunday 7 August from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

I will post some pictures in next week's newsletter so you can see what we are selling. Come along and make an offer. All money raised is going toward our bike track.

School Working Bee - Saturday 13 August

We need a small team of semi-skilled blokes to help us out on Saturday 13 August. We want to strip as much recyclable and saleable material from the old site as possible. We will start at 10:00am and hope it will only take a couple of hours - especially if we have a few people to help out. Can you help? Can your husband or partner help? If so please email principal@pareawabanksave.school.nz or call into the office to let us know.

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 or 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.

PTA News

The PTA would like to thank both Vege's Direct and Cookie Time for their generous donation of treats for all children following the Mihi Whakatau on Wednesday 27 July. Don't forget to support them in return!

MoveX - Please support the fundraiser to be held on Friday 12 August. Tickets can be purchased via Kindo.



Pizza Lunch Day - Friday 2 September - more information to follow.

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 below.

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