



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 25 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 1 September 2021

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 3

From the Principal - *Te pū kāea a te Tumūaki*

Kia ora tatou

It is great to be at Alert Level 3! A small group of us are back at school and managing three bubbles. A school of 29 children, all separated by their bubbles, is a whole lot different to a school of 400 children. There is no noise; no laughter, no bells and no shrieking. It actually feels like we've lost our HEART.

I think we are likely to be at Alert Level 3 all of next week but hope we will all be able to return to school the following week, at Alert Level 2. Once we have a firm date for Alert Level 2 we will update you on our protocols for operating at Alert Level 2.

Please continue to share with me your lockdown moments. I love seeing what children and families have been up to; it helps keep us all connected!

principal@banksave.school.nz

Whānau Consultation

Many thanks to the 47 families who responded to our parent consultation a few weeks ago. We have now analysed our results and identified some next steps.

- Parents asked for coffee mornings; a chance to connect with and chat with other families. We would love to do this! Next year when we move into our new school we will have a designated area in our library called our *whānau space*; this will allow parents to meet and chat informally, before school, in a warm and welcoming area. In the meantime, I have scheduled a coffee morning for 24 September from 9:00-9:30am in our staff room. Please feel free to come along and join us!
- Several parents have mentioned how they would like to help around the school; from gardening, to working in the library. Thanks for doing this! I (or another staff member) will be in contact in the next wee while to see how this may work. *Together is better!*
- Sometimes parents feel we are not meeting their needs or their children's needs. Sometimes parents want more information on their child's progress and feel that a 10 minute interview is not long enough. PLEASE if you have any concerns or worries, in the first instance speak to the class teacher. Having a serious conversation at home time is not always the best time as teachers are farewelling children and often have meetings to get to, however, all teachers will be open to you making an appointment to discuss concerns. If you have done this and still feel more could be done then contact Tracey, tmora@banksave.school.nz for the senior school or Tricia, tcarroll@banksave.school.nz for the middle and junior school.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

House Day/Bring a Food item for DELTA food bank

Friday 10 September

Likely to be cancelled

Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 24 September - 9:00-9:30am

October

Friday 1 October - last day of Term 3

Monday 18 October - Term 4 begins

Monday 25 October Labour day

November

Thursday 11 November - Teacher Only Day - school closed

Friday 12 November - Show Day

Friday 26 November - Learning Celebration Evening - 5:00-7:00pm

December

Friday 17 December - Last day of school

January/February 2022

Monday 31 January - Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 1 February - Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 2 February - All children present

Monday 7 February Waitangi day

School Councillors

As a school we are not entitled to a Social Worker or to Councillors. This is a major concern as we know many children have issues that need to be dealt with by a professional, in a timely manner (e.g., anxiety, loss, grief, abuse, self esteem issues, trauma).

We are incredibly fortunate that we have forged a strong relationship with The City Church and they fully fund for us to have two Councillors on site, two days a week. This is a huge financial commitment by the City Church and it makes a huge difference to the young people that the Councillors work with. We are very thankful that The City Church has supported us for a number of years.

Thank you City Church!

Fun with Lockdown

It looks like Lewis and Elizabeth are having fun during lockdown.



The other night when they were eating tofu, Lewis made letters out of the tofu!!! (very funny!) Lewis is **SO** excited to learn about letters, numbers, everything! Even though he only started 3 weeks ago, he's SO into it!



Lewis and Elizabeth sharing a twin moment.

Alissa tells us a story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIaGGYTU9T8>



This year we have been focusing on storytelling so it is great to see Alissa do such an amazing job! Click the link and see her act out the story of The Trojan Horse.

New School

https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/

I am thrilled our build will be able to continue as of today, at Alert Level 3. Once we have rescheduled our open morning I will let you know!



Live and on-demand Television Content

Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora

- In partnership with Māori Television, we have now launched the Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 series to ensure Māori language learning can continue anywhere, anytime for tamariki during and after Alert Level 4.
- The channel is full of new and engaging content, while also taking the chance to revisit some of the more popular lessons of the show enjoyed by tamariki in the comfort and safety of their bubbles.
- Every episode is presented by Māori language teachers and exponents with support from expert educationalists. Tamariki are encouraged through play, art, song and imagination to continue learning whether they are in a classroom, at home or in isolation.
- Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 screens on Te Reo channel every weekday from 9:00am to 12:00pm beginning today. Programmes will also be available online on the [Māori TV](#) website and on the Māori+ app.
- The lesson schedule for the Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga series can be found.

Home Learning/Papa Kainga TV

- Home Learning/Papa Kāinga TV is back online and on television weekdays between 9:00am–1:00pm.
- Home Learning/Papa Kāinga TV is primarily for learners without internet connectivity. It can be accessed on Duke+1 (Freeview Channel 18). Those households who have Sky can also access Duke +1 on Channel 504.
- For households who have internet connectivity they can access the lessons through TVNZ On Demand. Schedules are published on [Learning from Home](#).
- Households may also need a reminder of how to enable captions – [information can be found here](#).

Term 3 HEART Value Focus Excellence



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:

Excellence: Lexie A (*Kiwi*)

Aroha:

Respect: Tevita M (*Roto*)

Togetherness:

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Lucia and Delilah (*Kiwi*); Elizabeth C and Elijah R (*Roto*)

Excellence: Hannah B, Brooklyn B-S and Kennedy W (*Kiwi*); Robin V-H, Jenn B and Marcus B (*Roto*)

Aroha:

Respect:

Togetherness: Daniel L, Mikayla M and Aya P (*Roto*)

Black HEART Wristband

Congratulations to Mason S of Kiwi and Robin V-H and Christian P of Roto who have been working very hard to earn themselves their Black HEART Wristband. Well Done!

Kindo

All families should be signed up with Kindo; this is our online shop. Kindo allows you to pay bills for things like extra curricular sport and to pay for school functions like school discos. Lunch online is ordered through Kindo as were the NED's Yo-Yos. To set up a Kindo account go onto our [school website](#) and look for Kindo under the parent tab.

First Time Users

- Click on this button if you are a first time user of Kindo. You'll need to register to set up your account.
- All you need is your email address which matches the one held by the school.

Registered Users

- Click to use Kindo online to make full or part payments for all school activities and donations, register and pay for school sports teams, support fundraisers and complete permission slips.
- Choose to pay as you go, add funds to your Kindo account in advance, use internet banking or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply).

Updates from the teams and school events

ESOL Learning from Home

There has been some amazing home learning taking place for our ESOL students.

Our seniors have been having virtual morning teas on Tuesday and Thursday in Google Classroom. It is a great place for them to just catch up and have a chat.

Our junior ESOL students in Seesaw have been using describing words to share something that is special to them.



Luca with Leo who is a snuggly leopard who keeps him safe. He has been with Luca for a very long time.



Jayla has a special toy that sings, dances and even spins.



Tyrone's watch is special because it's digital and helps him know when his Zoom meetings are happening.

Kianah's friend is soft with colourful hair.



Other notices

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 / option 3: 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.

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 on the right.



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