



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 6 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 8 March 2022

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

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



Pandemic Update

Free rapid antigen tests can be ordered online from a new Ministry of Health website.

The [RAT requester site](#) will enable household contacts of a positive Covid-19 case and anyone showing symptoms to order a test online. RAT kits can be picked up, once ordered, from Whanau Ora in Wainoni Road. Once you order your free RAT pack you will get an order number. Anybody with this number can pick your RAT package up for you. NOTE: I picked up some on Monday from Whanau Ora and did not need an order number.

Free RATs will still be available for eligible individuals without an order via Community Testing Centres and can be purchased from some retail stores.

How are we going as a school?

[Covid Numbers](#)

School Numbers As of 9 /3/22	Muringa Junior School	Pāhake Senior School
Families self isolating	5 Kea, Kiwi and Ruru	7 Awa, Roto and Dudley
Students confirmed as positive	1 Room 1/2	7 Awa, Roto, Dudley
Other	1 Room 15-18 Pasifika Tutors +VE	

Term 1

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

Monday 7 - Friday 11
Walk or Wheel to School Week

Friday 11
Funky Feet Friday
Walk and Wheel Prize Draw

Saturday 26
Mrs Burnside walks 100km

April

Wednesday 13
Last day Term 1

Thursday 14
Staff Only Day

Friday 15
Easter Friday

May

Monday 2
Term 2 begins

June

Friday 3
Staff Only day

Monday 6
Queens Birthday

We are notifying parents, by letter, if a student in their child's class has tested positive. We will share overall school numbers, like the chart above, three times a week. On Monday and Friday afternoons via Facebook and on a Wednesday in our newsletter. We don't want to overwhelm you with numbers or data but we do want you to be aware of how we are trending as a school.

Last Thursday morning I met, online, with principals from across our kahui ako (Shirley Primary, Shirley Intermediate, Shirley Boys, Chisnallwood, Waitakiri, Parkview and Queenspark); interestingly as a kahui ako our numbers are all looking similar.

As always, continue to monitor for symptoms and if in doubt get tested.

How does the isolation cycle work?

We are having queries around when children who have tested positive can return to school. If a child tests positive today and self isolates at home and at day 10 tests covid negative with no symptoms then they can return to school on day 11. This does NOT change if someone in their household, who had been covid negative but then tests positive sometime during that child's 10 day isolation period. The new person who has tested positive begins their 10 days of isolation however, the child who had been positive and is now negative may come back to school. Hopefully the chart below clarifies this.



Drop Off and Pick Up Time

- It is great to see so many parents parking in surrounding streets and walking a short distance to school to drop off and pick up children; this removes congestion on Banks Avenue.
- Please DO NOT swing into the bay by our school gate to pick up or drop off children. You are parking over the footpath if you do this and causing a hazard.

Congratulations

This weekend one of our team members is getting married! I love a good love story with a happy ending. We are thrilled for Ady and wish her and Bruce all the best for their future together!



New School

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

Below you can see the hall in the background (white building) is now fully cladded.



Fundraising Bricks

We are currently investigating the option of selling bricks, with children's or family names on. These would record those students, staff and whanau who have been a part of our journey to the new school. The money raised would help pay for the community cycle track we are hoping to establish. We will keep you updated on this project.



New Sports Uniforms



These are our new basketball tops. I think the HEART wrapped around the middle looks amazing.

Let's Stay Connected

Coffee with Toni - Friday 11 March 10:00 - 10:30 am.

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/voj-niyw-kmp>

Agenda

- Introductions
- What's on top
- Update from school
- Any questions? Wonderings?

Storytime with the Principal

This week's book is called [The Fly](#). See if you can predict where the fly has gone swimming and what has made it so dark.



Oral Newsletter

Here is a link to me outlining the key points in this week's newsletter.

Student Teachers

We have a number of student teachers placed in classes for the next few weeks. We love the enthusiasm they bring to our school and the relationships they form with our tamariki. My advice to them is always the same:

- Take time to build positive relationships with tamariki, whanau and colleagues. Relationships are a foundation requirement to success.
- [Find your marigolds](#)

Marigolds protect a wide variety of plants from pests and weeds. If you plant a marigold beside most any garden vegetable, that plant will grow big and strong and healthy, protected and encouraged by its marigold. A garden isn't the only place you will find marigolds- encouraging, supporting and nurturing others.

Thank you, for being
a marigold.



- Keep children at the centre of your decision making and actions. A key question to ask is, 'Who is better off?' The answer should be the child.
- Finally, accepting teaching is NOT an easy career choice. There are really challenging moments, long hours and an ever changing work environment. However there is much joy, much laughter and much satisfaction so celebrate the successes no matter how small.



We'll be celebrating an entire week of walking and wheeling to school. Each day will have a different theme, with competitions and prizes to reward those children who actively travel to school.

Children have been given a card to get signed off each day. On Friday these cards will be collected and we will draw some school wide prizes.

Be active to win it!

Move It Monday

It's time to get moving. What will you choose for your first active commute? Walk? Run? Bike? Scooter? Skate? Or will it be a hop, a skip and a jump?

Trash Tuesday

Let's take care of our environment. How many pieces of rubbish can you pick up and put in the bin on your way to school? (Remember to wash your hands)!

Walk or Wheel Wednesday

Yay! Today is Walk or Wheel Day. Get decorating – who will arrive on the best-dressed wheels?

Think About It Thursday

Think about how you've been getting to school this week. Was it fun? What did you enjoy? If you usually come by car, would you want to walk or wheel more often?

Funky Feet Friday

Put your best feet forward! Wear your funkiest footwear – wheelies, gumboots, footy boots, flippers, or jazz up your sneakers with glitter, tinsel, feathers. Just get creative!

Office Administrator Role

You may be aware we currently have a job advertised as our Office Administrator/Finance person. If you need an application pack email office@banksave.school.nz. If you know someone with fabulous skills who would like to work in our amazing school, get them to apply. The position closes on Friday 11 March at midday.



Community Dental Service

Community Dental Service is suspending some of its services from 5:00 pm Wednesday 9 March 2022 to provide support to the Canterbury health sector in response to Omicron. We will continue to provide relief of pain clinics by appointment only from Thursday 10 March. You can access these appointments by calling our Contact Centre on 0800 846 983. For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on 0800 846 983.

Kind regards,
Julie Denton
Service Manager

Term 1 HEART Value Focus Excellence



Eke panuku,
eke Tangaroa.

Better than before.



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:

Aroha: Nixon B (*Kuaka*)

Respect: Beau Y (*Kuaka*)

Togetherness: Djuna S-N and Zaiden B (*Kuaka*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Erabella V, Nixon B and Adair B (*Kuaka*)

Excellence:

Aroha: Luca P, Bryson M, Tyler F and Adair B (*Kuaka*); Aya P and Rihot D (*Dudley*)

Respect: Erabella V (*Kuaka*); Luca S (*Dudley*)

Togetherness: Erabella V, Bryson M and Adair B (*Kuaka*); Walter A (*Dudley*)

HEART Badge

Congratulations to Aya P and Rihot D from Dudley who have both worked extremely hard to earn their Bronze HEART Badge. Well done to both of you!



Updates from the teams and school events

Pāhake Module

Pāhake's Bee Awesome programme has started again for the year. In the first session for 2022 we learnt how to remove the honey from the frames. We did this by first using a spiky roller to break up the wax so the honey would come out easier, then the children all took turns spinning the frame in an extractor which spun the honey onto the walls and then it dripped down into the bottom.

Finally we poured the honey through a double strainer to remove the pieces of wax. Look at our liquid gold!



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>

PTA

Welcome to the PTA.

I am sending out an invitation to you all to join the PTA. We are now a very small group of parents passionate about raising funds for the children at Banks Avenue School. We need help and support from all parents, but those of you that have time once a month to meet and bring ideas to the table are vital to keep the PTA running.

Our PTA is designed by us so whatever you think PTA is, at Banks Ave it is what you help make it. We would like to be more diverse and need Māori and Pasifika families to voice their ideas, especially around the cultural days celebrated at Banks Ave. It is important that the PTA represent the students and provide funding in a way that benefits everybody. All ideas are valued however big or small and if you think it might work, we are halfway there in making it happen.

This is a perfect time to get to know your PTA without committing to too much work as COVID means we can't do many of the usual fundraisings.

The next meeting is on 14 March at 7pm. Please contact Jeni on 021 663 325 if you are intending to attend..

It is the AGM and will be slightly longer, but you will hear about last year's funding. We would love to see you there. If you need a ride, contact us before and we will sort transport.

Kind Regards
Randi Atkinson
Email: banksavepta@banksave.school.nz



CLEVER LITTLE BEES

BEEKEEPING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Ever wanted to learn more about bees?
Want the opportunity to see inside a hive?
Now's your chance!

This is the last beekeeping holiday programme for this season!!

Learn beekeeping skills in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Beekeeping Holiday Programme
Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22 April
9am to 3pm
Phillipstown Community Hub
Single days \$75
Whole week \$280
All PPE provided (except footwear)

For enquiries and bookings, please contact
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