



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 36 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: 27 November 2019

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 4

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

Celebration Night

On Thursday evening we have our end of year Celebration Night; classrooms will be open between 5 and 5:30 for families to visit to see term four's work.

The PTA will be selling icies and the Naked Baker Coffee van will be here. Parents will be able to pick up prepaid hāngi meals.

The face painting, mini jeeps and bouncy castle are free.

We are hoping for our school performances to start at 6:15.

As this is the first time we have had a hangi we are not sure on our time frames so we ask for your patience if there is a bit of a delay; we may start performances while the hangi is being served.

On a positive note the long range weather forecast looks great.

A special thanks to Helen Stowers and her helpers who have put a huge amount of time into organising our first ever hangi!

ERO Visit

Next week, at 11:30 Monday, we welcome ERO with a Mihi Whakatau. ERO will be here for three days, looking through our paperwork and chatting to staff and Board members. We are really excited to share our journey with them and look forward to their feedback.

Here is a link to our last ERO report. [2016 ERO Review](#)

School Rebuild Update

We continue to have monthly meetings with the Ministry of Education and Opus, our architects; we are currently at the *detailed design* stage.

The Ministry have not yet assigned the demolition contract and they have not tendered for the build contract. These delays mean the actual build will be delayed. We are expecting the demolition of the old school to occur at the beginning of 2020. At that stage there will be site preparation as a significant amount of soil is being brought in to lift the school.

Our new school should begin to be built in June 2020 with a finish date of mid 2021.

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Thursday 28th November

Celebration Night - 5.00 - 7.00 pm

Friday 29th November

Full School Assembly - 2pm

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd December

Team Kahikatea End of Year Trip.

Wednesday 11th December

Reports go home.

Friday 13th December

Junior Module End of Year
Celebration Assembly - 2 p.m.

Outside if it is fine or in the library if it is not.

Tuesday 17th December

Team Miro Summer Picnic at
Spencer Park.

Wednesday 18th December

Year 6 farewell begins at 12pm
on the back court.

School closes at 12:30pm.

School Name- Community Consultation

As part of the rebuild process we have had a cultural narrative completed by Ngāi Tahu and a potential new name, Pareawa, gifted to us by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

Pareawa means 'adorn the banks of the river'. In this case to adorn the banks of the Ōtākaro River (Avon river) as the river is a significant landscape feature near our current school and also near our new site. It can also be used as a metaphor reflecting a school adorns tamariki with the skills, knowledge and dispositions they will need and use in life.

The Board of Trustees are seeking input from whanau, staff, pupils and community members on our school name. This consultation will take place this year allowing a decision to be made about the school name in 2020.

On Thursday evening, at our Celebration Event, we will be canvassing parents, asking for you to fill in a short survey giving your preference for the school name. Children carrying out the survey will be wearing high vis vests.

Parents will also be able to complete this survey on our school website. We will share a link to the survey on Facebook.

In order to explain the significance of a cultural narrative we have created and posted a digital story on our website. This story gives insight to our cultural narrative and may help you to make a decision. Well done Helen and Emma for creating this artifact.

On the survey you will see there are three names for you to choose from. We ask that you order your preference; 1 the most favourable to 3 the least favourable.

The possible names are:

Banks Avenue Pareawa School (BAPS)

Pareawa School (PS)

Pareawa Banks Avenue School (PBAS)

Farewell Year Sixes

The next fifteen school days are significant for our year six students ; they are in the final phase of their primary school years. I dare say for many parents it seems like you blinked and your child has gone from a nervous new entrant to the confident and competent young person we see today.

Farewelling our year sixes is both a time of sadness and a time of excitement. 2019 year six pupils have worked hard to add to the positive culture of our school so we will be very sad to see them leave. However we also know their kete of skills, knowledge and dispositions is full and they are ready for the next part of their learning journey. We look forward to celebrating their time with us on Thursday 12 December at our formal year six leaving ceremony at Shirley Intermediate.

What advice would I give to our year six leavers?

- Choose your friends wisely . The peer group you mix with has the ability help or hinder your development across all hauora dimensions (your health, your relationships and your mental and emotional well being). Choose the best friends possible.
- Don't waste the opportunities that you will get at school. Most of us get only one opportunity to get a good education so make the most of it. Education will open doors and provide future benefits so put in the effort - it will be worth it.
- Finally..... Be brave! Be courageous! Try things! Fail - it's okay just try it again!

This week our year 6 students will get to complete an exit survey. This is an opportunity for them to reflect on their time at Banks Avenue School. It also provides us with feedback about how we can be ' better than before'.

Children Leaving 2019

If your child is not a year six student but they are leaving at the end of the year could you please let us know as soon as possible.

Children In Cars

This is a reminder to NOT leave children in cars if you are coming into school. I have been alerted to three incidents in the last two weeks where young children have been left alone in the car when the parent has come into school.



McKenzie Toko - Gold Medal

McKenzie competed in Auckland at the National Cheerleading Competition. She had to do 3 stunts and she did a dance. She got one point taken off, but still came first winning a gold medal. She also got a free gift of a watch.

Well done McKenzie - we are so very proud of you. You our little star!

Thank you to Dan's Fresh Produce on Stanmore Road

A big shout out to Dan's Fresh Produce who have supplied us with food grade pellets for the hangi pit and also some beautiful fresh produce for our Celebration Evening Hangi.



Shirley Intermediate Swimming Pool Keys

Our two swimming pools are open and family keys can be hired from Friday 8 November at the school office. There are obvious safety and management concerns around the running of a school pool so it is helpful that our wider community cooperates to look after these resources. By hiring a pool key you can give your family access to the great facility, and you can assist by reporting any concerns to the school. Pool keys are **\$70 for the summer season (to end March)** which includes a refundable \$10 when the key is returned. Key hire is open to families of children from **Shirley Intermediate School, Shirley Primary and Banks Avenue School**. These families need to come to the school office with proof of their child's attendance at SP or Banks Ave. "Proof" could be as simple as:

- your child in his/her school uniform,
- an invoice from the school (together with photo proof of identification).
- A note from the school confirming your child's enrolment (together with photo proof of identification)

News From Dallington OSCAR

OSCAR operates from our own building on the far side of the sports field. Having our own building means we can be a home away from home for ages 5-13. We give your child the freedom after a busy day to release energy and be loud! We also have Lego, crafts, sports, books, dinosaurs, fairies, laughter, music, comfy cushions and a great staff.



Breakfast program before school **7:30 until 8:30am**, breakfast provided.

After School program **3:00pm until 5:30pm**, afternoon tea provided.

Holiday programs run each school holidays and offer a range of fun activities. Activities include Flip Out, cinema, Blue Skies, ice skating, cooking, Arion Farm, and theme days.

December/January Holiday and Term 1 bookings are open now.

Book online at <https://dallington.aimyplus.com/Account/Login> (Use the pink New Parent button.)

Contact Lisa or Erin on 03 386 3555 or 021 118 3214 to come and have a look around.

Term 4 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: Libby, Jericho, Adair, Solomon, Mason, Sanam, Billie, Neela, Christian, Myah, Lilyana, Aaron, Djuna (*Ruru*)

Excellence: Lilly (*Ruru*); Anna, Alex, Thea, Josiah, Wyatt (*Nest*)

Aroha: Ella-Jay, Lachie, Zaiden, Ben, Billie, Lilyana, Braxton, Lilly (*Ruru*); Charlee-May (*Roto*)

Respect: Alex (*Nest*);

Togetherness: Jericho, Annabel, Ruby, Ella-Jay, Neruja, Angus, Myah, Aaron, Aleya (*Ruru*); Niyah, Benji, Kennedy, Eli, Alissa (*Nest*)

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora:

Excellence: Jericho, Mina, Ashton (*Ruru*)

Aroha: Harlow (*Ruru*); Braxton (*Black Robins*)

Respect: Johan (*Tui*)

Togetherness: Karl (*Ruru*); Wyatt, Thea, Alex, Ryan, Lucas, Michael, Thomas (*Nest*);

Double/Triple wristbands

Hauora:

Excellence: Angus, Brooklyn (*Ruru*)

Aroha:

Respect:

Togetherness:

Updates from the teams and school events

Junior Module

Poetry Competition

Last Friday we had the finals of our annual *Poetry 'Extravaganza'* competition. Reciting a poem from memory in front of an audience of classmates and whānau is not easy so we are very proud of our twenty five finalists. Ms Carroll had to double check the totals because the scores were so close. More photos can be seen on our school website.



Final Results

- New Entrants: First: *Thea*. Second equal: *Thomas and Kennedy*. Third *Hannah*.
- Year One: First: *Jack*. Second equal: *Evie and Payton*. Third equal: *Lilyana and Harlow*.
- Year Two: First: *Mikayla*. Second equal: *Ashton and Angus*. Third: *Winter*.
- Year Three: First: *Amber*. Second: *Sam*. Third equal: *Hollie and Maddie*.



Team Miro

Last week Team Miro children ventured out to South New Brighton Domain to participate in the MASH Tough Kids 2019. The purpose of this event is

- For the children to take part in a team building event as one team of people.
- To give our children the opportunity to take part in a creative form of exercise in a community event with our other Kahui Ako schools and the wider Christchurch Community.
- To have fun with our children and provide them with an opportunity to step outside their comfort zone, to be challenged and to achieve success.
- To build on our focus within Team Miro of developing Sport and PE to benefit all our learners.

This was an extremely fun day! Check out the photos of our children getting wet and muddy with the challenges they had to face!



Please note these important dates:

- Wednesday 27 November - Year 3 Taster Day
- Friday 29 November - Year 6 speech finals. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.
- Friday 6 December - All Team Miro are visiting Windsor House for an end of year celebration. We need parent helpers for this. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help out.

Banks Avenue School Website - 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.htm>

Other notices

Postponements and events

Banks Avenue School trip or event postponements and or cancellations will only be advised via Flexibuzz, 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 Email: office@banksave.school.nz

Or notify us via our website: www.banksave.school.nz/absences or Flexibuzz app: 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.

HEARTBEAT 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.htm>

PTA

Lost Property - Celebration night

The lost property will be displayed by the PTA Juicies area. Come and see if you can find something you have lost!

Uniform Room

Tracey would like to hand this responsible position over to someone else. We think that person is you. You do not need to be a PTA member to look after the second hand uniform shop. Please let your child/childrens' teacher know if this is something you could do, OR come and see us at the Juicies area Celebration Night.



Celebration Evening

The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the fabulous **Christmas raffle** on the night. \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. This will be drawn in December.

Juicies being sold for \$1 (Tropical, Cola and Lemonade).

The Chippy - We also have The Chippy coming.

Honey Fundraiser - Last Minute Christmas Presents

Order forms coming home today. The BeeKeepers Honey have arranged for some generous donations to the school from the sales of these products! Please have order forms back in dropbox by Wednesday 11 December. Orders will be at school for pick up Tuesday 17 December.

Please take to your work places and share with friends and family.



Group fitness every Thursday morning at 9am on the back courts. All fitness levels welcome!

\$10 per casual session first session free.
Contact Mel for more details 0212407602



**Banks
Avenue
School**

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION EVENING

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER
Come and celebrate our students learning!

**WITH PERFORMANCES BY:
KAPA HAKA, PASIFIKA,
CHOIR, JUMP JAM & MORE!**

**BANKS AVE
SCHOOL**

5PM - 7PM

**BRING A PICNIC DINNER, CHIPPY VAN, JUICIES
ENJOY THE PERFORMANCES, FREE JEEP RIDES, FREE
BOUNCY CASTLE & SLIDE, FREE FACE PAINTING &
POPCORN, HANGI (PRE-ORDERS ONLY)**

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