



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 8 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 23 March 2022

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 1

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

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kia ora Tatou

I hope families are managing to work through these difficult times. Here at school we are coping on a day to day basis. We have had three teachers away with covid so that has meant relievers in those rooms however for the most part staff are just getting on with the job. Grief, we're a resilient lot in Christchurch!

Staffing - Office Appointment

I welcome Leanne Verdellen to our team. Leanne will take over the Office Manager's role with key responsibility for finance and payroll as well as a myriad of other functions. Leanne will start before the end of the term with some induction time and from Term 2 she will be managing the office.

I need to thank my friend and colleague, Jen Macdonald. Jen has helped us out (once again) by filling in as Office Manager. Thank you Jen for your loyalty and your help.

I love my Job

I walked past the office the other day and this is what I saw. It brought an instant smile to my face!



I was on duty with the juniors late last week. One of the wee five year old boys had hurt his knee so I was bending down, talking to him. It melted my heart when he leant into me and started playing with my hair.

I love my job!

March

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

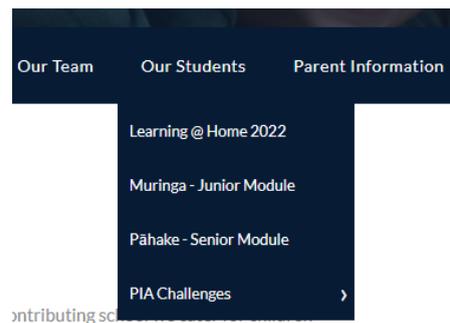
Queens Birthday

Covid Numbers

You'll see by the chart below our covid numbers are slightly better than they were last week. The majority of our current children who are covid positive or isolating are in years 1-3.

As of 23/3	Wednesday Week 6	Wednesday Week 7	Wednesday Week 8	Wednesday Week 9	Wednesday Week 10	Wednesday Week 11
Others isolating	5J 7 S Total 12	16 J 9 S 1 staff 25 chn	8 J 6 S (2 staff) 14 chn			
Children covid +ve	1J 7 S Total 8	8J 10S Total 18	9 J 4 S (4 staff) 13 chn			
% children infected (/323)	2.5%	5.6%	4.0%			
Returned to school			21			
Staff +ve		2	3			

Remember if you are home isolating all classes have set up 'Learning@Home' options on our school website. These are updated weekly and mirror the class programme. You will find 'Learning@Home' under the "Our Students" tab.



How does isolation work?

For households where someone has COVID-19, the Ministry of Health recommends you apply the following guidance.

- If someone becomes a confirmed COVID-19 case, then that case and all other people in their household must isolate for seven days.
- If someone else in the household then tests positive for COVID-19 during those seven days:
 - the isolation period for **that person only** re-sets – that person must isolate for an additional seven days from the day they test positive or symptoms begin.
 - other household contacts who do not test positive are still able to leave isolation after the original case has completed their seven days isolation.
- For the next 10 days after a household completes seven days isolation, evidence shows that due to their exposure to COVID-19 they are less likely to catch or transmit the virus. This means:
 - if someone else in the household tests positive within those 10 days, the whole household will not have to re-isolate, only the positive case.
 - if someone else in the household tests positive and it has been more than 10 days since the household completed isolation, household contacts should re-isolate along with the new case for seven days.
- Any person who has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days/three months will not need to isolate as a household contact unless they become symptomatic and test positive again. This is because reinfection rates for people who have had COVID-19 are low for the three months after they have the virus.

Remember, Day 0 for isolation is the day symptoms began or the day the positive test was taken (whichever came first). You should then count your seven days from there.

Staying Connected

Let me tell you a story

We have over a quarter of our children at home, so give yourself a break and let me tell them a story!

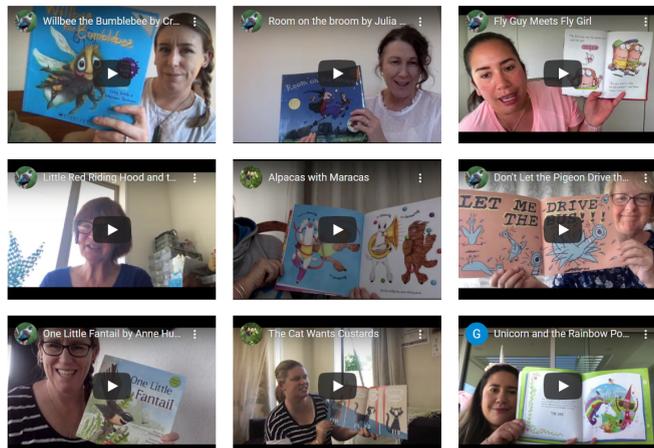


The Mean Queen

She needed to learn a lesson!

On our **Learning@Home** page we have a generic page - Whanau in the Whare. On this page you will find about 40 youtube clips of our staff reading to your children.

Check it out; there are some fabulous stories for children to listen to and watch.

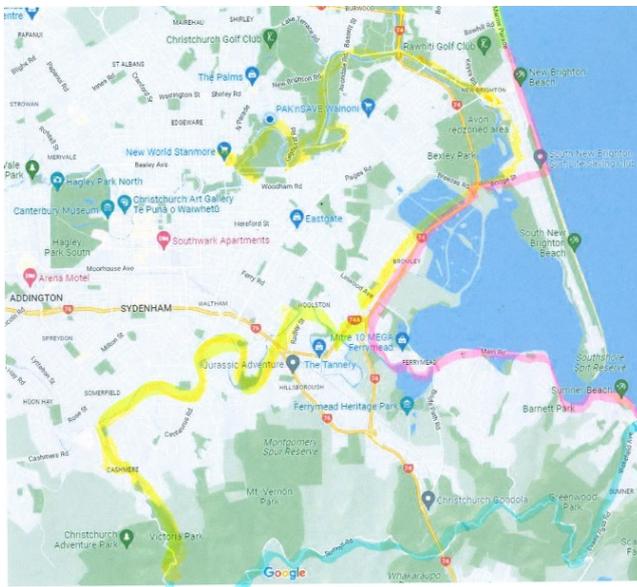


Oral Newsletter

Here is a summary of this week's newsletter. These are shared on a Tuesday on our school Facebook page and give you an overview of the key points in our newsletter each week. We are just trialling this 'digital' option for this term. At the end of the term we will check in to see if you find them valuable.

Oxfam 100 km walk

This weekend I will set out with my teammates to nail our 100 km Oxfam walk. It is a local course as the New Plymouth event was moved to individual centres due to Covid. We aim to start our walk on Saturday, 5:00am, from Waimairi Beach. We will walk to Spencer Park, back to South New Brighton, across the ponds and causeway to Scarborough, up the Captain Thomas Track, across the Summit Road to the Sign of the Kiwi. By the time we get here we will have done 52 km. We hope we are there by 3:00pm so we can have a scone and a cup of tea! We then head down the Harry Ell Track, Hackthorne Road and follow the Heathcote River to Ferrymead. From Ferrymead we go back across the ponds and follow the Avon River around to the Stanmore Road Bridge. This part of the course will be overnight. We will be very close to school at some stage on this leg. We hope we are at the Stanmore Road Bridge by 3:00am; at that stage we will have walked 88 km! We will swap to the other side of the river and follow the river back to Anzac Drive then back to our starting point in Waimairi Beach. If you live locally and see our headlamps bobbing along sometime after midnight give us a shout out! We are going to need all the help we can get!



New School

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



Woo hoo - Pareawa Banks Avenue School is looking amazing! Staff loved the opportunity to look through our new school last Friday. At this stage we are still on track to be moving across during the July holidays with our official welcoming in the first week of Term 3.



Birds eye view of layout: Admin, Library and Hall in bottom right corner with two learning pods on either side. Caretakers shed in the bottom left corner.



Right Photo: Large balcony area between pods, coats and bags will hang out here and on wet days children can play out here.



Each pod is colour coded. This is the green pod. The cushions on the inside match the colour on the outside.



We were shocked to see a large area already grassed! In the top pictures you can see teachers standing outside the senior pod. Above you can see the caretaker's shed and a built in garden area.



Above we have one of the playground areas boxed in. Each pod has a wet area and a kitchenette. These will have ovens, microwaves and fridges.



Each pod has a wall of built-in seating and storage. As teachers we know you can never have enough storage! The final picture is our hall. It will hold 500 people once finished.

I love the windows throughout the learning space; we will have lots of natural light in all our rooms. It is so exciting to be close to actually moving in. It has taken years to plan for, with much input from many people. *Feeling grateful!*

PTA

Please support our PTA by purchasing goods online. This is their only way of fundraising for our Tamaraki in these Covid times, so please support these businesses and the PTA at the same time.

Needing a present that is personal?

Go to www.creativefundraising.nz. She will make your picture or artwork into a unique piece of jewellery. 30% of all sales come back to Banks Avenue School when you tick us at the checkout.



**BEE on board
to help us FUND RAISE!!**



**WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL AND IT'S SIMPLE!
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THIS IS NOT LIMITED TO 1 ORDER AND YOU CAN SHARE THE CODE WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COLLEAGUES TOO. THE BIGGER THE SALES, THE GREATER THE FUNDS RAISED FOR OUR CHILDREN AT THE BANKS AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL!! ALL ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM ROOM 17 EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM SCHOOL.

Thank you for supporting us




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: Emily P and Julian P (*Ruru*); Daniel L (*Awa*)

Excellence:

Aroha: Jackson W (*Awa*)

Respect: Brayden N (*Ruru*)

Togetherness:

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Archie B (*Roto*); William M-S and Te-Araroa G (*Awa*); Aidan D (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Heidi L (*Roto*); Tyler McG (*Awa*)

Aroha:

Respect: Anikait S (*Roto*)

Togetherness: Te Atua W-N (*Awa*); Finn W (*Dudley*)

Black HEART wristband

A big congratulations to Orlando S of Awa who has worked hard to earn his Black HEART wristband. Well done Orlando!

HEART Badges

Fantastic work Kade M and Orlando S of Awa for working extremely hard to earn their Bronze HEART badge.



Updates from the teams and school events

Junior Module: Muringa

We have been learning about writing to retell a story. Here is one talented writer's story.

The Story of Papatūānuku

In the beginning there was nothing, no air, no sound, no colour - Te Kore - Nothing!

No one knew how long this nothingness lasted because there was no time. In the nothingness was a sense of waiting. One day something was going to happen - It was an extremely dark darkness - Te Pō and from that darkness came Te Ao - the light.

In that waiting something else was about to arrive - it was extremely long, extremely tall and extremely strong - it was the sky father - Rakanui E Tu Nei!

Then something else arrived, it was Papatūānuku. Face to face Papatūānuku and Rakanui lay - they were in love. A couple of years later Papatūānuku had boy children and they had important jobs to do - but it was impossible to get the jobs done.

Takaroa - the god of the sea saw light under Papatūānuku's armpit.

*Tane Māhuta, the bravest, the strongest and the oldest brother said, "I will part them."
The boys stepped back from their oldest brother.*

Two arms on Papatūānuku, two legs on Rakanui - he pushed as hard as he could. Soon enough they were pushed apart but the boys realised they were naked and needed to be dressed immediately!

Rakanui got dressed - he had Te Ra, the sun at his head, the moon, Te Marama on his chest and a cloak of stars, Te Ikaroa, the milky way over his shoulders.

Tane Māhuta then realised how cold Papatūānuku looked. He dressed her in tall trees, vines and flowers and on them he placed birds, insects and reptiles. When she was finally dressed she looked beautiful!

By Scarlett-Mae

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>