



Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With HEART

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 9 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 30 March 2022

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

Term 1

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

Kia ora all

I acknowledge how challenging the last few weeks have been for everyone; we are hearing of some difficult situations for families. We know we are in the eye of the storm and we are all looking forward to getting the next few weeks over so we can hopefully start term 2 back with some normality. Kia kaha!

Covid Numbers

Below you will see we have had a steep jump in positive covid numbers this week. In particular the Year 2/3 area (Kea, Kiwi and Tui) seems to be affected most at the moment. We also have an increasing absence rate - over 27% of our tamariki away each day. As I mentioned last week in normal times we expect about 30 children a day to be away and during flu season this may be as high as 50 children. Eighty-eight children is almost double our flu season figures!

As of 30/3	Wednesday Week 6	Wednesday Week 7	Wednesday Week 8	Wednesday Week 9	Wednesday Week 10
Others isolating	5J 7S Total 12	16J 9S 1 staff 25 chn	8J 6S (2 staff) 14 chn	0J 4S (staff) chn	
Children infected	1J 7S Total 8	8J 10S Total 18	9J 4S (4 staff) 13 chn	25J 9S (5 staff) 34 chn	
% children infected (/323)	2.5%	5.6%	4.0%	10.5%	
% absent				88chn 27%	

Symptoms to look for in children are :

- headaches
- vomiting

As well as:

- cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- fever
- tiredness, feeling generally unwell
- loss of taste or smell
- sore, scratchy throat
- shortness of breath

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

Wednesday 13



'Hoods Up Wednesday' Mufti Day
*Gold coin donation to raise \$ for Autism NZ

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

Reporting Positive Covid Test Results

In order for us, as a country, to get accurate covid numbers, it is vital that we all report positive RAT tests. Follow this link, [Report your own results online](#) - to see a video on how to do this or follow the instructions below.

You will need a *My Covid Record* to report results. Anyone in New Zealand aged 12 or over can sign up for a My Covid Record.

First, you will need to create a My Health Account, which allows you to access your health information online. You will need your own email address to create an account. [Sign up for My Covid Record | mycovidrecord.health.nz](#)

If you have signed up for a My Covid Record then you need to report your positive RAT test:

1. Log in to [My Covid Record | mycovidrecord.health.nz](#)
2. Under 'Report a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) result', tap or click 'Report a test Result'.
3. Read the information provided. Tap or click 'Continue'.
4. Tap or click 'Myself', enter your mobile number and tick the box if you consent to receiving COVID-19 information. Tap or click 'Continue'.
5. Indicate which lines are visible on your test by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
6. Tap or click 'Enter Result'. Advice about what to do next will appear.

If you do not have a unique email address or valid ID, or need help with My Covid Record, contact the Ministry of Health team, 8:00am to 8:00pm, 7 days a week. It will help to have your NHI number ready.

Email: help@mycovidrecord.min.health.nz or Call: 0800 222 478

New School

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



School Gymnasium

Today the old Shirley Boys Gymnasium is officially handed over by the MOE to the Board of Banks Avenue School. In the last few months repairs have been made and the gym is now ready to be used by community groups. This is a huge achievement because as you know originally the gym was going to be demolished. Our Board realised this would be a huge loss of an amazing community asset so they fought hard to have it repaired and accessible to the community. Congratulations and thanks to Kirk, Glenn and Mike. These Board members have worked particularly hard to get this over the line!



Library Books

As we are getting ready to shift into our new exciting library, we are having to cull our collection of books. This week some children will be lucky enough to be able to choose some of these culled books. These are books to stay at home and enjoy. If you are not sure what library books to return, turn to the back of the book and you will see a Banks Avenue School Library barcode, if it is not crossed out, then it has to be returned back to school.

School Uniform

Our uniform has been available for almost two terms. We are aware there have been some issues ordering it so we want to gather parent voice and then feed it back to NZ Uniforms.

If you have brought a uniform item/s from NZ Uniforms then we would love you to complete this survey by Thursday 7 April 2022. [Uniform Survey 2022](#)

Staying Connected

[Oral Newsletter](#)

StoryTime

This week Marie, one of our lovely Learning Assistants, will read a story. Enjoy!



[Celeste The Giraffe Loves to Laugh](#)

Update - Oxfam 100km

Wow what a day! We set off in the dark at 5:00am. It was delightful going through the Burwood Plantation then onto the beach as the sun rose. We nailed the first 32km in five and a half hours.



After a brief break at Joe's Garage in Sumner we hit the hills. Twenty kilometers, with a steady climb to The Sign of the Kiwi. The highlight of this leg was meeting another Oxfam team also doing the 100km. By the time we reached the Kiwi, at 3:15pm, we had done 52km and were still feeling fab! The next leg took us to our dinner break in Ferrymead. Time to refresh, re-energize, change shoes and socks and head out for the final 28km.



It was dark for the next leg and a bit hard crossing the poo ponds but once we hit the Avon the terrain was much nicer. Little did I know disaster was lurking ahead!



Just before the Bower Ave Bridge my eyesight blurred. I didn't think much of it. We stopped on the bridge, our support crew were there and we had covered 80km. Out of nowhere I fainted, hitting my head quite badly on the ground. After a longer rest than expected I dusted myself off and we continued on our way. Five kilometers further on I started vomiting so had to stop at 85km. Our team went on and finished in 22 hours, which was a phenomenal time considering our breaks and my injury. I still have a headache and am taking it easy BUT I am super proud of what we accomplished. Oxfam is \$3,215.00 better off because of "Full Throttle". Thanks everyone for your interest and well wishes. I can now stop being an endurance athlete and get back to leisurely strolls on the beach!

PTA News

diversity matters

Meet the PTA

My name is Randi Atkinson. I am the chairperson of the PTA.

Diversity: Danish

What does that mean? I speak with a heavy accent very fast and have one million ideas that sometimes works. I feel foreign to the school contents, so I join in where I can to get an understanding.

Mother to 3 children at Banks Avenue. I am studying to become an early childhood teacher.



The PTA needs you because you are diverse and represent your children's culture. The good news is that the next meeting is online! So if you want to join the discussion to see what it is like, email the PTA at banksavepta@banksave.school.nz, and we will send you the link.

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.

Fifty Tokens These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Tyler McG, Milly L, Kauri V-H, Karn S (*Awa*); Gabriel G, Kenzie E and Kayleigh P (*Dudley*)

Excellence: Callum M (*Awa*)

Aroha: Makaii W and Jayden C (*Awa*); Max C (*Dudley*)

Respect: Aiden A and Jackson W (*Awa*); Oscar B and Mikayla M (*Dudley*)

Togetherness: Chris P (*Awa*); Blake M (*Dudley*)

Black HEART Wristband

Congratulations to the following students from Awa who have worked hard to achieve their Black HEART wristband - Luke P, Bella K, Amelia B, Chris P and Karn S. Well done!

Bronze HEART Badge

Well done to Robin v-H, Callum M and Luke P from Awa and Max C from Dudley who have all worked very hard to achieve their Bronze HEART Badge.

Silver HEART Badge

A huge congratulations to Kayleigh P from Dudley who has worked extremely hard to earn herself the Silver HEART Badge.



Is your child looking for a creative, fun, action-packed time during the school holidays?

On the grounds of Banks Avenue School, we are local and easy to find.

30 placement holiday programme for ages 5-13, just the right size for laughter and fun.

Holiday Programme Bookings now open

Teacher Only Day - Thursday 14th April

Holidays - 19th-22nd April & 26th-29th April

Breakfast session 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Session 1 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Session 2 8:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Book online: dallington.aimyplus.com

Do you have questions? Do you need extended hours? Speak to Lisa on 027 386 3555

Avon Hockey Junior Club Pre-season Info



The Avon Hockey Junior Club is based on the east side of Christchurch; we draw and welcome players from all over the city. We offer hockey to all Primary school ages (Year 1-8).

Please feel free to come along to our pre-season practices and games. Dates and times as follows:
Pre-season practices and trials are at the Shirley Community Trust Turf (the old Shirley Boys High School), 77 North Parade (just down from The Palms Shopping Centre).

Year 7-8 Boys Players (Kwik Sticks): 24 & 31 March, 7 April, 5-6pm

Year 7-8 Girls Players (Kwik Sticks): 24 & 31 March, 7 April, 5-6pm

Year 3-6 Boys and Girls Players (Kiwi & Mini Sticks): 31 March, 7 & 14 April, 4-5pm

Year 1-2 Players (Fun Sticks): We offer a 12 week programme for these players, starting 12 May at 4-5pm.

If you would like any further information about our hockey courses or teams, please do not hesitate to contact:
Michael Graveston, Junior Coordinator
Email: juniors@avonhockey.co.nz

Please ensure you register for the 2022 season here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2s3k6zhs>

Check out our Facebook page and Website:
Avon Hockey Juniors
www.avonhockey.co.nz

Updates from the teams and school events

Pāhake Module

This term we have been using different Science kits throughout the Pāhake Module. We access these through a membership with 'The House of Science' which enables us to book a wide range of kits with comprehensive and engaging Science resources to complement our classroom learning.

Roto and Kuaka have been learning about Food Science through the 'Food For Thought' Kit. Awa have investigated their senses in the 'Super Senses' kit and Dudley have been exploring the solar system with 'Spaced Out'. We have kits booked throughout the year to support our Science programme - it's wonderful creating our own Banks Avenue Scientists.



Studio One Performing Arts, your local dance school, is currently giving Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Acro lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz



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>


UPCOMING EVENTS
APRIL
Anytime from 10AM - 3PM
Location (for all events except for the 23rd) : Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens
All Events are FREE!


 **2** **Fossil Fools Day**
Envirokids is using this event to educate about fossil fuels, renewable energy sources, and what a future without fossil fuels would look like.

 **9** **All About BUGS**
Come join us for a bug hunt and learn all about why bugs are so diverse! Make your own bug using the knowledge you gain through these engaging activities.

 **16** **Easter Upcycle Workshop**
Using old egg cartons and other materials to create decorations, Envirokids will be making lots of sustainable Easter decor.

 **23** **Upcycle Fabric Workshop**
THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE RIVERLUTION ECO HUB:
46A Vogel St. Richmond, Christchurch

 **30** **"2040" Movie Screenings**
*There will be two screenings of this movie:
First screening at 10:30am
Second screening at 12:45pm
Zero waste snacks will be provided!*

For more information:
 @ChchEnvirokids

Eastern's Kickers



**Thursday Afternoons @
The Eastern Canopy, Rawhiti Domain**
5th of May - 7th of July
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Ages 5-8 years old
Cost - \$4

To register go to :
https://www.pay2play.co.nz/reservations/book_class/101?



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