



# Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

Te oranga me te ako ki te Ngākau

Newsletter 34 – Te pānui o te kura o Banks Avenue: Wednesday 17 November 2021

*Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai*

Term 4

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

Twenty two school days until the end of the term! EEEKKK

I hope all of our families enjoyed their long weekend. Teachers were thankful to get their reports finished. Reports now come to Senior Management for checking so they can go home with students in three weeks time.

At this time of year teachers and leaders are busy looking at our student achievement data for the year. We take a lot of time analysing data so we can identify needs or gaps and look at what future interventions we need to put in place to support these. We also look closely to see what progress has been made by individuals and by cohorts of children. It is always great to see big shifts in achievement and to be able to celebrate those successes. Once we have analysed the data it is shared with the Board and eventually with the Ministry of Education.

We measure children against the curriculum. Our New Zealand curriculum is split into curriculum levels and each curriculum level should take two years to work through. Year 1 and 2 students work at Level 1 of the curriculum, Year 3 and 4 students work at Level 2 of the curriculum and Year 5 and 6 should be working at Level 3 of the curriculum.

Teachers use a range of tools to help them make a judgment about what level of the curriculum children are working at. As each curriculum level is quite broad, we narrow it down by identifying if children are working at the beginning of a level, working within a level, or on the way to transitioning to the next level up. You will see this terminology in this year's reports.

There are some standardized tests that teachers use to help them make these judgements:

PAT - (Progress and Achievement Tests) Children in Years 3-6 sit PAT's for a range of subjects. Currently we are analysing our PAT maths and our PAT Punctuation and Grammar results.

PAT's give students a scaled score. By comparing scaled scores from the beginning of the year to now, we can see both progress and achievement.

## IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### November

Wednesday 17 November Yr 3-6 2022  
BYOD Parent Information Evening -  
Zoom @ 7:00pm

Sunday 21 November  
Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition  
**Cancelled**

Friday 26 November  
**adapted**  
Celebration Afternoon 1:00-3:00pm  
No parents  
Order sausages and Mini Licks on Kindo

### December

Wednesday 1 December  
Art Gallery EOTC: Dudley  
9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday 14 December  
Junior Module Christmas Extravaganza  
2:00pm

Friday 17 December - Last day of school  
*Children dismissed at 12:30pm*

### 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

**E-asttle** - Children in Years 4-6 sit E-asttle tests in reading and maths. When children sit an E-asttle test they will receive an *individual pathway* which identifies what curriculum level they are at; it will also highlight their strengths and identify some next steps.

Teachers are happy to talk to you about your child's progress and to share test results.

### School Accounts - Kindo

We have been using Kindo as our school shop for almost two years. Instructions on how to set up a Kindo account are on our school website. Any payments to the school need to be coming through Kindo.

**If you do not already have a Kindo account please set one up. If you need some help please talk to our ladies at the school office.**

### Policies

All school policies are accessible on School Docs: [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

Search for Banks Avenue School

Login: *banksave* password: *banks*

Parents can help us review policies :

1. Follow the link to each policy; [Religious Instruction and Māori Educational Success](#)
2. Read the policy.
3. Click the red 'Under Review' icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).
6. Submit your ratings and comments.



### Paper Copy of Newsletter

As you know we have made the move to digital newsletters. I appreciate that many email boxes get full of a lot of junk mail so it may be easy to miss our weekly updates.

Our newsletter is posted on our [website](#) and we also print a few paper copies each week, so feel free to call into the office on a Wednesday afternoon to grab a copy if that is more convenient.

It is quite significant the amount of paper that is saved over the course of a year by having a digital newsletter. We appreciate you supporting us in being more sustainable.

### 2022 School Stationery

We are currently putting together our Stationery Lists for 2022 and you will receive these with your child's school report later this term. We no longer sell Stationery Packs from school at the beginning of each year.

Stationery can be ordered and paid for online through Qizzle, who put all our stationery packs together for us, or you can purchase through a provider of your own choice. If you do not have internet access to complete your online order or you need support with your stationery purchase for 2022, you will have the option to pre order and pre-pay for your child's 2022 stationery pack via Kindo. This must be done prior to school closing and no later than Monday 13 December. If you have any questions or wonderings, please contact Rebecca at our school office.



### Food for Thought

I thought this was quite a good thought provoker considering the odd times we are living in.

**"If you collect 100 black ants and 100 fire ants and put them in a glass jar, nothing will happen. But if you take the jar, shake it violently and leave it on the table, the ants will start killing each other. Red believes that black is the enemy, while black believes that red is the enemy, when the real enemy is the person who shook the jar. The same is true in society. Men vs Women  
Black vs White  
Faith vs Science  
Young vs Old  
Etc ...  
Before we fight each other, we must ask ourselves:  
Who shook the jar?"**

### New School

[https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks\\_ave/](https://snowgrass.co.nz/cust/school/banks_ave/)



### School Uniform

Our school uniform can now be purchased through NZ Uniforms: <https://banksavenue.nzuniforms.com/>. You will need to go onto their site and set up an account. They do provide an afterpay option. If you need help to do this our lovely office ladies will help you set up an account. Once ordered the uniform items will be delivered to your home address. I look forward to seeing our students beginning to wear the new uniform!



*Hugo and Anna , you both look fabulous in our new uniform!*

### Celebration Afternoon - 1:00-3:00pm 26 November 2021

Just over two weeks until our Celebration afternoon. We are hoping the weather will be fantastic so children get to have lots of fun.

The PTA will be selling Sausages and Mini Licks at the Celebration afternoon. Please pre-order these via Kindo as there will be no cash sales taken on the day. Pre-orders are required so the PTA knows the numbers required.

Prices Are:

Sausages \$2.00 each

Mini Licks \$1.00 each



# Term 4 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: Cody F (Roto)

Respect:

Togetherness:

**Fifty Tokens** These children have earned their wristband this week.

Hauora: Ella D (Roto), Jakob G, Riot D, Kendra H, Kaiya P, Dillon V (Dudley)

Excellence:

Aroha: Solomon G-C, Sofele N, Zach B, Spencer W (Roto), Marcel C, James G (Dudley)

Respect: Winter M-W, Grayson G (Roto), Piper M (Dudley)

Togetherness: Chloe A, Kaiya P (Dudley)

### Double Wristbands - Lunch with the Principal

### Black HEART wristband

### HEART Badge

Congratulations to the following children who have received their Bronze HEART badge. Well done!

Chloe A, Jakob G (Dudley), Sofele N, Zach B, Spencer W (Roto).

### P.I.A. Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have worked very hard to earn their P.I.A

Awards:

Bronze:- Annabelle P (Dudley).

Silver:- Annabelle P (Dudley) and Liam S (Awa).



*Mahi nui*

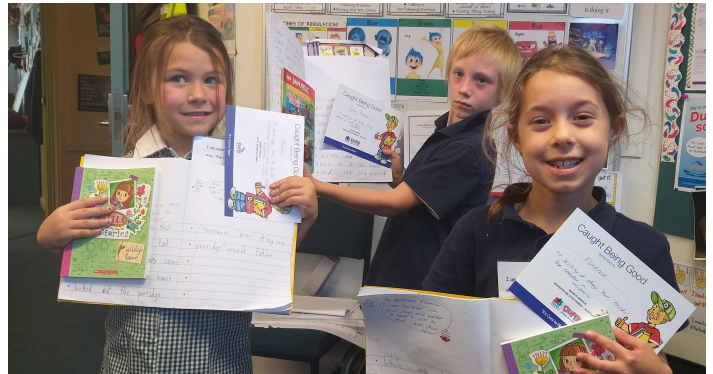
## Updates from the teams and school events

### Junior Module

Ms Carroll's office was pretty busy on Tuesday with some children coming to share their great writing with her. The Junior Module has been involved in retelling stories that they have heard in class and so many children have been writing page after page because they know the stories so well.

Jacob, Fleur and Odin all wrote a story about the three bears. Funnily enough Amelia and Florence had too! Tyler had retold a story about a boy who was deciding whether to be wise or foolish.

As you can see these children were very proud of their work and that they were showing the value of excellence, i.e., *'being better than before.'* Here they are showing off their 'Caught Being Good' Duffy books.



### New Entrants starting school in 2022

If you have a child turning five in 2022 please make sure that you have pre enrolled them with us. We are in the midst of looking at numbers for next year and would appreciate plenty of notice about the children who are due to start their schooling life with us so we can plan school visits and class placements.

### Team Miro

#### Year 6 Leavers Ceremony

We are looking forward to our upcoming Year 6 Leavers Ceremony in the Shirley Intermediate Hall on Thursday 9 December at 6:45pm. Due to COVID, this year is going to look a little different. Traditionally we have always had the Leavers Ceremony at night and we really want to continue with this tradition as it gives the children a sense of occasion. However, we have a large number of Year 6 students leaving which along with parents would take us over the 100 people inside limit. For this reason, parents cannot attend but we have organised for this event to be live-streamed, using a professional videographer, Niki Franklin, from Spitting Image. More details on how to access the link will follow later in the term. A notice is coming home today outlining our rehearsals, the overview of the evening and asking for Volunteers to accompany us to our rehearsals. Please read the notice and if you can help, please get your child to return the volunteer slip to Ms Thompson in Dudley by Friday 26 November. A new updated VAA will then be sent home and you will need to register your vaccination status with Colleen in the office so you are entered into our Vaccination Register.

## 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](http://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](mailto:absences@banksave.school.nz)

Or notify us via our website: [www.banksave.school.nz/absences](http://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>

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