



# Pareawa Banks Avenue School

Living And Learning With **HEART**

**NEWSLETTER 35**  
Te pānui o te kura o  
Pareawa Banks  
Avenue School  
13 November 2024

Bienvenidos, karibu, maligayang pagdating, welkom, haere mai

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

He panui na te Tumuaki

Kia ora e te whānau

If you were onsite yesterday, you may have noticed our kaimahi looking a little bit fancy. We dressed up for Cup Day - there were heels, fascinators, and David had a tailcoat on.

We are continuing to make decisions about 2025, including revising how we support 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD). Digital literacy and keyboard skills are relevant for our 21st century learners, however, research suggests that automaticity of letter formation is integral to becoming a fluent writer. To support ākonga to develop their handwriting skills, we have decided that only Year 5 and 6 classes will be able to bring their own device from 2025. School iPads will be available in other areas of the school when needed, however, ChromeBooks are our preferred device for BYOD in Year 5 and 6 due to their affordability and robust design. You can read more about BYOD on our website under 'Our Learning' and 'e-Learning and BYOD'.

Class placements for 2025 are also being discussed. We consider the learning needs and friendship groups. Rest assured, we have your child's best interests at heart. If you have any information that you believe your child's kaiako | teacher should know to support the placement decision, email [awilliams@pareawabanksave.school.nz](mailto:awilliams@pareawabanksave.school.nz) with a short explanation. Please note, asking for a particular teacher is not appropriate.

You may have noticed that we have a new FaceBook page - please follow us at Pareawa Banks Ave School. Due to changes of staff over recent years, the password for the old page has been forgotten and we are unable to add or delete admin people. [Here is a link to the page](#) if you haven't already liked or followed us.

Next week, we are hoping to publish our school newsletter using our new platform, Hail. It will be emailed to the same address we currently send newsletters to, and will be available on our website. We are also hoping to publish as a link on our new FaceBook page.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendar

### TERM 4

#### Week 5

**Wednesday 13 November**

Sau la Festival: Pasifika 6:30pm Town Hall

**Thursday 14 November**

Non Uniform Day - \$ donations: for a sun umbrella for our Kaitiaki Garden table

**Friday 15 November**

PTA Tea Towel fundraiser: orders close in Kindo  
Show Day Public Holiday: school closed

#### Week 6

**Monday 18 November**

Beach Education: Manakura Rua *Waimairi*  
New Entrant Cohort 8 starting in Kiwakiwa

**Wednesday 20 November**

Children's University Graduation *Town Hall*

**Thursday 21 November**

Board Meeting 6:15pm

**Friday 22 November**

Beach Education: Manakura Tahī *Waimairi*  
Windsorcare visit: Kōtukutuku Tahī

#### Week 7

**Monday 25 November**

Beach Education: Kōtukutuku Tahī *Waimairi*  
PTA Meeting *Staff Lounge 7pm*

**Wednesday 27 November**

Beach Education: Kōtukutuku Rua *Waimairi*  
Canterbury Athletics *Ngā Puna Wai*

**Friday 29 November**

School Assembly (*Huihuinga*) *Hall*

#### Week 8

**Wednesday 4 December**

End Of Year Reports home

**Friday 6 December**

Windsorcare Christmas: Kōtukutuku  
*1:20-3:00pm*

Parent meeting of New Entrants: Term 1 2025  
*Library 1:30-2:45pm*

#### Week 9

**Tuesday 10 December**

Year 6 Leavers Ceremony *6:30pm Hall*

**Friday 13 December**

Mihi Whakamutunga: Farewell Ceremony *12 o'clock Outside*

57 Averill Street, Richmond Christchurch

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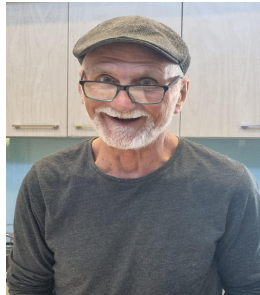
Our Pasifika group is at the Town Hall today, practising for tonight's Sau la Pasifika Festival. Ngā mihi nui to Whaea Emma for her mahi | work to make this happen and to kaimahi who have offered to help out. All the best for tonight, tamariki - Manuia tele, ofa ke ola lelei, au sa diva tu ga vei kemuni na marau!

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank parents who are operating successfully within our 'Flow Zone' before and after school. It is great to see people adhering to the 5km/hr speed limit and using the 'drop off only' car parks as they were intended - a quick drop-off/pick-up rather than parking and leaving vehicles unattended. He taonga nui te tūpatō | Caution is highly prized. Ngā mihi | Thank you for keeping our tamariki | children safe.

Kei konei rā  
Alli Williams

### Bob Jaeger

We would like to publicly acknowledge Bob Jaeger, who you may have seen around our school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He has decided to officially retire as of today. Although we are sad about this we understand his decision.



Bob has worked voluntarily in our school for many, many years as a chaplain and facilitator of Launchpad, as a mentor who has worked one to one with some of our children and as an Art Club organiser.

We have enjoyed his sense of humour, kindness and calm demeanour and we will greatly miss his presence around our school.

*Arohanui Bob, we wish you all the best with finally getting onto the unpacking of boxes that have been in storage since your house shift last year.*

## DIWALI POEMS by Poataniwha Tahī

Diwali is the festival of lights and crackers.

In Diwali my mum makes rangoli.

**We** have fun on Diwali.

**Always** I dress up pretty.

Lots of people come into my house.

In Diwali I eat special sweets.

by Anagha

Diwali is fun.

I do rangoli on Diwali

**We** eat yummy food.

Always do diya and my sister helps me.

Lots of fireworks

I love Diwali

by Devam

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that City Church employs two counsellors to provide support for our tamariki | children three days a week? We are grateful for their generosity and want to ensure this can continue. If you are able to help financially by sponsoring our counsellors, please get in touch with Jan - [jthompson@pareawabanksave.school.nz](mailto:jthompson@pareawabanksave.school.nz)

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is overflowing. Please come and check the unnamed items we have not been able to return to children.

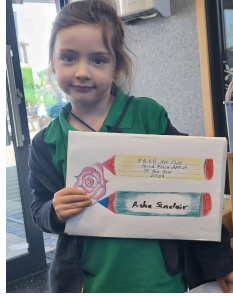
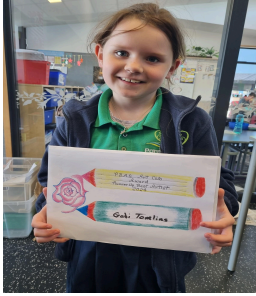
Do you recognise this bike? It has turned up in the school foyer and we'd like to send it home.



## Art Club

Mr Bob Jaeger, as above, has been running an Art club at lunchtimes on a Tuesday this year. 98 children have taken part in it. Some went to every session, some turned up occasionally and a few only attended once. One of our budding artists has created 50 artworks by being involved in this club.

Bob chooses three artists a year to acknowledge. This year our person who was awarded first place now lives overseas so we will try to let her and her whānau know. The runner up is Gaby and in third place Asha as pictured below.

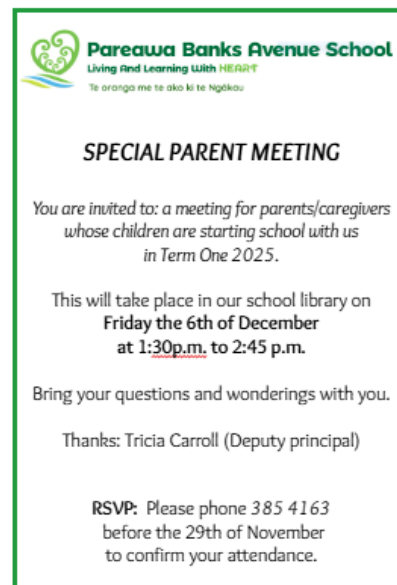


## Muringa: JUNIOR MODULE

We will be holding our annual end of year celebration for the ākonga/learners in Kiwa Kiwa and Poataniwha on 11 December in our school hall. We usually sing some waiata/songs, tell some Christmas themed jokes and we always have a story to share with your audience.

Whānau are welcome to attend and we also often invite a few local preschools to attend this event with us as well.

*Warning: Please be prepared for some audience participation*



## REMINDER:

Students and parents should enter the school via the gate beside the hall. The glass doors are ONLY for those needing to visit the school office.

## Hauora | Excellence | Aroha | Respect | Togetherness

Our school HEART values are central to all that we do at Pareawa 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 - ice-cream 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, each subsequent time they complete this process they will earn a HEART badge in Bronze, Silver then Gold, these all depict strong school citizenship.

### TWENTY FIVE TOKENS

**Hauora:** Izaak A, Aria B-W (*Poataniwha*)

**Excellence:** Maddi B, Leo M, Asha S, Chaya S (*Poataniwha*)

**Aroha:** Maddi B, Christopher D, Gracie R, Beauden S, Chaya S (*Poataniwha*)

**Respect:** Riley W-B, Deon W, Maliana W, Ehra E, Zion K, Jeremy L, Evelyn R-F, Jack H (*Poataniwha*)

**Togetherness:** Ehra E, Christopher D, Finn M, Harry P, Beauden S, Asha S (*Poataniwha*)

### FIFTY TOKENS - these children have earned their wristband this week

**Excellence:** Koby J, Hunter W, Kurt S-N (*Poataniwha*)

**Aroha:** Gaby T (*Poataniwha*)

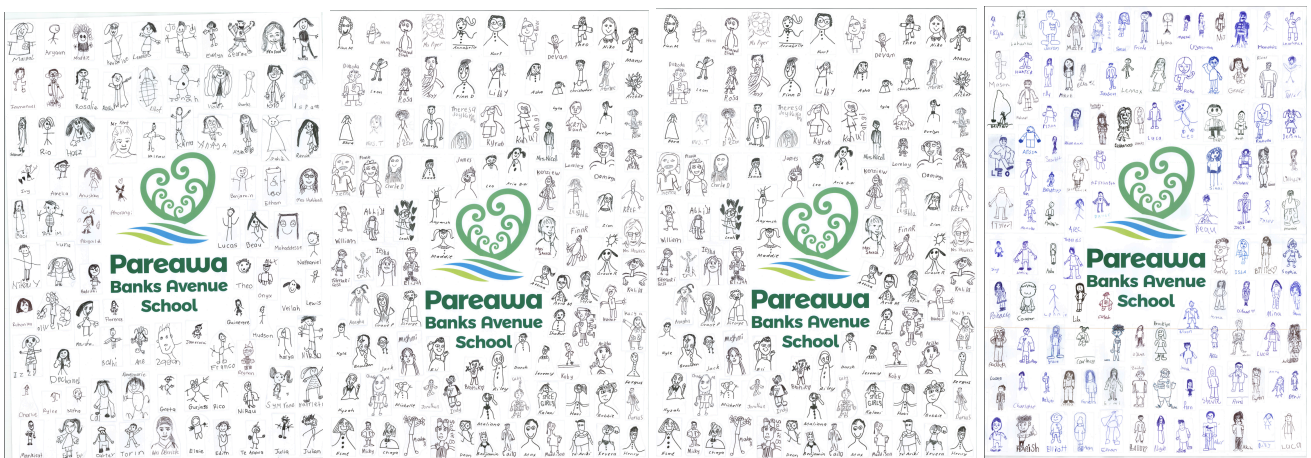
**Respect:** Flossie B, William P (*Poataniwha*); Cooper W (*Manakura*)

### BLACK HEART WRISTBAND

Congratulations to Flossie B, Charlie D and Kenzie W of Poataniwha who have all worked extremely hard to earn their Black HEART wristband. Well done!

### PTA Tea Towel Fundraiser

We have extended the ordering for our tea towel fundraiser - please order through Kindo - Friday 15 November is the last day for orders. \$10 per teatowel. Aren't they gorgeous!



## POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Pareawa 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.pareawabanksave.school.nz](http://www.pareawabanksave.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 us: 385 4163 → option 3

Text us: 027 422 8032

Notify us: Skool Loop app

Email us: [office@pareawabanksave.school.nz](mailto:office@pareawabanksave.school.nz)

Complete our absence form: [www.pareawabanksave.school.nz/absences](http://www.pareawabanksave.school.nz/absences)

If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, they must check in at the office to pick up a late pass. This saves a lot of phone calls for unexplained absences in order to ensure the safety of all our children. Please don't message about absences using our school Facebook.



[Tips for whānau to help support your child's attendance at school!](#)

## HEARTBEAT Radio 106.7FM



### MONDAY-FRIDAY MORNING LIVE SHOWS

Listen to our students master broadcasting radio. If you live close to the school (within 6 kms) you can tune into 106.7FM on your radio, to listen or listen online on your device from the following link: [bit.ly/heartbeatfm](http://bit.ly/heartbeatfm)

Programmes are broadcasted every day before school from 8:30am-8:55am and music is played 24/7.

