

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

29 August 2018 No 26

What a wet and windy day we are having! The office area always seems extra quiet on days like this.

Yesterday, the following group of children represented Bankwood at the Fairfield Cluster Cross Country Event.

Milad Alamshah	Jazmine Emery	Managayle Harrison	Bethel Mascoe
Lashay Jackson	Jake Fowlie	Spencer Drake	Maia Hellyer
Nevaeh Greenland	Anisa Abdi	Angel Takiari	Latrail Jackson
Hamid Sarwari	Esinz McKinnon	Detroit Tahihohaiia Mark-Solomon	

It is held on the fields behind Porrit Stadium, so the children run over quite a hilly course. The children had a great time and as always were outstandingly behaved. Our children never seem to let us down, and really model our 'Being the Best We Can Be' qualities.



We have had Gail Loane in our school this week. She works in our classrooms to help us improve learning outcomes for our students. She works with schools nationwide and has written a book called "I have something to say", so brings a wealth of knowledge to share with us.

The Language We Use On School Grounds.

It has been brought to my attention by a few different parents that they have overheard bad language and inappropriate topics inside the school grounds. Please be extremely mindful of what you say around our impressionable children. I am sure that you will help me to keep Bankwood School a happy, safe place for all of us. Thanks.



Sports Draw
Inline Hockey
Wednesday 29 Aug
 Bankwood Bobcats 5.30pm
 Bankwood Blades 6.30pm

Field Hockey
 Bankwood Rebels
 Sat 1 September 10am fld 1C

Dates - 2018

Day	Date	What
Thursday	30 August	Gymnastics Festival
Mon - Fri	10-14 Sept	Maori Language Week
Tuesday	18 Sept	Tuakana Winter Sports Tournament
Friday	28 Sept	Term 2 ends

Regards
 Kay Cleaver
 Principal

Writing from Room Ten



Tall green stems hold the flowers. Some stand straight but others droop. Yellow petals like stars, dark inside. Brown bulbs, long roots, a new daffodil grows. by Room 10

If there were no more teachers, everyone would do whatever they wanted and make the classroom messy! They would have to learn by themselves and they would be horrible at spelling, writing, maths and reading. People around the world would be dumb! by Sai

Bears like to eat fish and berries. They have thick fur and sharp claws. They live in dens. Bears hibernate in winter. by April

I went to a tangi. We went in the car. We sat on mats in the marae. I felt sad. by Cruz



I have a cat. It is so cute and was pregnant with kittens. Her name is Rosey and her kitten's names are Haly and Leya. We keep them in the lounge. Sometimes they go in the kitchen and sometimes they sleep with me. I am excited to go home and see them. by Alexa

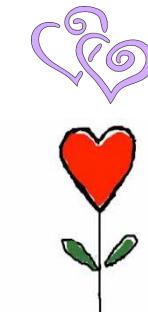
Who Am I?
 I live in a forest.
 I eat people.
 I have sharp claws and I trick people.
 I hide in the forest. I hate wood-cutters!
 I am The Big Bad Wolf! by Abid

I went to a funeral two days ago. We all had a big kai. I had a great time because my friends were there too. We were playing in the bushes and I sat down ...! I sat down in a cactus! My butt was very sore! by Javen

My Dad died and I went to his tangi. There was yummy food. There was a boy there called Manaaki. We fought a lot. We all slept for a day. When we woke up we had a kai and the tables were very long. I was sad because my Dad died. by Mana



Dear Cousin
 You will never believe what happened to me today. I was going to the woods to Grandma's. I was going to put the jug on for her but they thought I was going to eat her! Then I was feeling sleepy so I slept in her bed. A wood-cutter had an axe so I ran away and I did not come back! From Mohamed



I went to a tangi. I had to hongi the Koros and kiss the Nannas all the time! I played with my cousins. After that we all had a kai. We had boil up. We went there on a ferry. by Dayzjon

Dear Baby Bear
 I am very sorry for breaking into your house, eating your porridge, breaking your chair and sleeping in your bed. I will give you fish and honey and I will clean your house for a week. I will take you to KFC. From Goldilocks by Prakash

Goldilocks was a little girl. She had long hair and she lived in a little house in the woods. Goldilocks was a naughty girl because she broke into people's houses and stole their stuff. by Ramari



Dear Joy Watson
 We have been reading your books at school and we like them a lot. I like Grandpa's Slippers. I think you're funny and very talented. I love reading your books. I hope you make more Grandpa books. Joy Watson, have you got a grandpa like that? I think the Grandma is bossy. You're my favourite reading book person. From Tyra-Chey

I have been to a tangi and my Koro was beside my Mum and Dad. My Koro got buried in a square hole. I was crying for my Koro because he died. We had to put him in a coffin. All of my whanau cried for my Koro, my uncles, aunties, brothers and sisters. All my uncles did a haka for my Koro. After that we had a kai, then I went to play with my cousin. We played ball tiggy. I miss my Koro too. It was sad for me. I love my Koro. He was cool to us. by Haelyn



Once I went to a funeral but it was in Iran. My Auntie's dad died because he had a heart attack. It was only my family. I felt very sad when he was buried. I kissed the casket with two fingers. After that we went home and had some watermelon. I felt much better then. by Elaha

My nana and my grandmother died. I still have one nanna but at the tangi I was feeling really, really sad. Before I went to sleep I always thought they must love me but they never told me. I hope they are safe. I was crying when they both died, but nothing will ever make me forget about my family. When we went home from the tangi, I was still sad but I know I trust God so I know they will always be safe. by Asha-Rose