

Talofa,
This week is Samoan Language week and with Mr Tuifao's support we are learning basic words and phrases. On Friday, we will celebrate the week by dressing up in bright coloured clothing eg: island shirts, lava lava or lei as a wind up to the week. So that your children are dressed for winter, we suggest that children wear the lava lava, lei etc on top of warm clothes.

We have around 2/3 of the school happily attending each day. The systems we have in place are working well. Children are becoming experts in hand hygiene and the use of hand sanitiser. Thank you to all parents who are following the new expectations and not coming onto school grounds. This helps us with congestion and keeps your children safe. With just Pohutukawa parents going to the classrooms we feel more confident about being able to meet the Ministry of Health guidelines. If you need to go to your child's room, please talk to the office first and sign in for clearance. Do not go into the classroom, but knock and wait.

Children are enjoying the independence of walking into school by themselves and this growth is really positive. At the end of the day, please continue to wait by the gates and the children will be brought out to you. Once again we appreciate your response to this new way of collecting children.

Reminder about our new expectations:

- Gates do not open until 8.30am
- Hand sanister is used as children arrive at school
- Parents say goodbye at the gate
- One Pohutukawa parent can take their child to class
- If you enter the grounds you must complete 'Contact tracing' details
- If you need to go to the office for help, knock and wait
- If you need to go to a classroom, check with the office first
- Children must bring a drink bottle
- At the end of the day gates will be opened from 2.30pm
- Pohutukawa parents can go and collect their child
- Other parents please wait just inside the gate for the children to come out

**Teacher Only Day that was scheduled this
Friday 29 May has
been cancelled**

Dates To Remember		
Monday	1 June	Queen's Birthday (No school)
Tuesday	2 June	Fruit in School Starts
Friday	3 July	Term 2 Ends

**Do you know of any children starting school at 5?
To help with organisation we need to know expected enrolments.
Please phone school office or email Toni on
tholford@bankwood.school.nz
Once we know of expected 5 year olds we can invite them to
Kickstart.**



Under COVID guidelines we will be sending children home who are unwell. We expect that parents will respond to our calls.



Samoa Language Week

Dress up Day

Talofa lava!

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa – Samoa Language Week is being celebrated next week: Sunday 24th May-Saturday 30th May.

To conclude the end of Samoa Language week at Bankwood School, we will be having a dress up day next Friday 29th May. Come to school dressed in your lava lava, lei, island shirt or bright coloured clothing. Look forward to seeing you all!



Kelly Club After School Care is back at Bankwood School

We are offering our full session rate (2.55pm to 6.00pm) at \$15 per day when you book in for 2 days or more in a week. This offer is only available until Friday the 5th of June.

OSCAR childcare subsidies are available for parents and caregivers who qualify. You will find more information on this website: <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/oscar-subsidy.html>.

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