

Yesterday, we started back at COVID 19 Alert Level 1.

- We will continue to have strong hygiene practices and make hand sanitiser available for use
- We will expect everyone to stay home if unwell and to follow health advice re testing
- Gates will open at 8.20am, however children will be unsupervised and will wait in a coned off area inside the front gate until the 8.30am bell
- We ask that you continue to wave to your children at the gate as it encourages independence and pride
- At the end of the day, we ask that you continue to wait away from the classrooms until just before the bell, so that children are not disturbed as they wind up for the day
- The contact tracing app will still be available for use

Thank you for the way you continue to support us here at Bankwood School.
Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you back on Monday 12 October.



Last week was Māori
Language Week and
Tuakana children
made pois with
Whaea Ngahuia.

Upcoming Events

Some of these may change depending on what
COVID Alert Level we are in

Day	Date	What
Fri	25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	12 Oct	Term 4 Starts
Thurs	15 Oct	Shake Out Day
Fri	16 Oct	Pink Day
Fri	23 Oct	Y4 - 6 Athletics
Wed	4 Nov	Road Patrol Training - Y5
Mon	16 Nov	Teacher Only Day - no school for children
Fri	27 Nov	Tabloids Y1-3
Wed	2 Dec	Cluster Athletics - Y5 & 6
Wed	9 Dec	Celebration Picnic Reports go home
Fri	11 Dec	Disco
Tues	15 Dec	Final Assembly - Y6 parents only
Tues	15 Dec	School finishes at 12.15pm

No Fruit in Schools
in Week 1 of Term 4

Friday lunch orders Subway and Sushi
starts again in Term 4
Subway Price has changed to \$5.80

LOOSE PARTS PLAY

What is Loose Parts Play?

- Loose parts are materials are given to our children and it can become anything they wish from creating and making with the materials they use.
- Loose parts can be used freely to create, explore textures and develop curiosity and imagination.
- The materials suggested have no direction and no instructions. Children can make their own decision about how to use the loose parts.
- Loose parts can provide great sensory play experiences

Do you have and/or could supply/donate the following to
help with our Loose Parts Play programme?
(They need to be in a good/safe condition)

wool & string SHELLS and MILK CRATES POTS
& PANS Baking trays & Stones Kitchen utensils –
spoons, potato masher, Sieves
Hammer and nails TARPAULIN & DRIFTWOOD
Guttering and TYRES DOLLY PEGS AND CURTAIN RINGS
Plant POTS and wood Pallets Rope, Wool
and RIBBON STRAW bales and wood Bamboo
and baskets Hessian and buckets
SHEETS AND FUNNELS Plastic pipes - white PVC
and black bendable nova coil Ropes & large plastic
containers Tree stumps/rounds in different widths



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

ROOM 9

WRITING

Rugby

When my mum told me that rugby was cancelled my heart broke into little pieces. I cried out loud because my rugby games have never been cancelled before. On Sunday our rugby team including me, we FaceTime each other. It made me really happy again to see my team.

By Hunter

My Cousin

My cousin has blonde, brown hair with little chubby cheeks. He has brownish eyes and tattoos all over his body. He also travels mostly around the world. In the weekends he goes fishing, hunting and once he actually caught a possum when we weren't supposed to catch a possum. I asked him "are you going to eat it"? But he said "no"! He lets me drive his wife's car and it is very fun when I was only 5 or 6. I wasn't actually driving it on the road, it was in a paddock.

By Jayjay

The Scary Story

One night I wanted to go to the wharepaku but I didn't want to go out. I kept hearing footsteps in my kitchen. My whanau were sleeping. I was so whakamataku, I saw the rama taiperepere. I couldn't believe it. I was whakangaueue. It was just my little brother playing with the lights.

By Virginia

The Race

3,2,1 as a wood clashed together, my heart raced through my chest and back in. I started sprinting and I nearly tripped over the competitive kids. I was in second place until I started lagging behind Elyass. I went out the gate and down the hill and up the hill by then I was puffing loudly. Leith caught up to me and I sprinted. "I don't want to lose third place to you" I said in my head. But I was too fast for him.

By Boston

