

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou.

15 September 2021



We are all enjoying being back at school together. The children arrived with very large smiles and have slotted back into learning with ease. The support you gave your children's learning during lockdown will have impacted on the way they have returned, so thank you for all your efforts. Thank you also for waving to your children at the gate each morning and for not going into classrooms. This minimises the amount of people inside the school and helps to keep our children safe. We continue to wash and sanitise hands frequently, clean hard surfaces and catch any coughs and sneezes. We expect children and adults to stay home when unwell. We appreciate you supporting us to do this. Together we can make a difference.

He Waka Eke Noa
 We are all in this Waka together.

New Date for School Photos: 19th November

Class photos will be starting from 9.15am.

Individual and sibling photos will be from 11am onwards.

Photo orders must be returned to the school office by 3pm on 16th November.

Payment is by cash or online banking as per details on the back of the envelope.

NO EFTPOS

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week 2021

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori will run from 13 ki 19 Mahuru (13 to 19 September)

We have been celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori at Bankwood School. It acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. This week some of the organised activities have been, planned classroom activities, Kapa Haka performances (outside when the weather has allowed us to) and a Hangi that will be provided by our Lunch for Schools programme this Friday.

Arohatia te reo



We have been learning to play the game Taniwha, Taniwha, He aha te taima?
 A maori version of what's the time Mr Wolf?

We have begun to learn the kupu of these vegetables and are wondering which ones might be in our hangi?

We made watches with the te reo sayings on that we are learning

Kiwaha - Phrases

Nau anō i mahi!
 You did it!

Kia pai mai hoki
 Wow, that is really good



Kia Kaha
 Try Hard — Be Strong

Tō kerewa hoki
 You are clever



Spotlight on Breaktimes and what we do at Bankwood:

Our break times are 11.00 - 11.40am and 1.20-2.00pm. Each break we have teachers out with children, these teachers wear a pink vest so the children know who is on duty. We have three designated playgrounds, a sandpit, an astroturf and an extremely large field for our children to play on. Here are some photos of our learners engaging in positive playground activities:



Dates to Remember:

Date	Day	What
1 October	Friday	Last Day of Term
9 & 10th November	Tuesday & Wednesday	Art Expo
19th November	Friday	School Photos



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

The Day my Dad and I Built a rocket

One day I said to my Dad, "Can we build a rocket?" Dad replied, "Sure we can. How do you think we could build a rocket?" I said; "We could use metal poles, we could find a car engine, we will need boosters." Dad replied "Well we are going to need lots of stuff. We could go to the scrap metal yard in town." The next day Dad and I set off to the scrap metal yard. When we arrived there the man asked us, "What are you after?"

I said, "We are going to build a rocket." The man said, "What do you have already?"

Dad said, "We don't have anything yet. What could you give us to get started?"

The man said; "Go look around and see what you can find."

So Dad and I set off.

After sometime we found lots of stuff like engines metal pipes and tubes that can be used for boosters. We loaded everything we found onto the trailer and took it home. The next day Dad and I got started on building our rocket. I started with measuring everything ready for Dad to cut up. Then I helped him to weld it all together, Dad started welding the shell of the rocket together. After sometime Dad said that the Rocket shell is now built and we can start putting everything else in. I got really excited because it was finally all coming together and I couldn't wait till it was finished.

Dad said that was all we are going to do today but we will get started first thing tomorrow.

That night as I lay in bed I couldn't sleep I was too excited about the rocket. Morning came and I jumped out of bed. Dad was calling out to me, "Let's go, Hunter;" he said. "We have a rocket to build."

I replied; "I'm coming." I pumped my fist in the air and let out a big yahoo! Today is the day we finally get to finish our rocket. We started with putting in the engine then on to the boosters then the metal bars go on the outside. Then we put in the seats and windows. Hours passed and we are getting to the end I say to Dad; "It's nearly finished." Dad says "It is Hunter. We can now fire this thing up and see if it works."

I yell "Yuss! Let's do it! Can I start it up please, Dad." I ask. "Sure you can," said Dad.

Dad said "Don't forget to countdown from 10-0."

I start the countdown I can't believe this is happening. I'm so excited 10,9,8,7,6.....0 I turn the key and wow it starts straight away. "Woohoo," I yell and I give my Dad a big hug and say, "Thank you for helping me build my rocket. I am going to plan a trip to the moon."

The End

By Hunter V

Room 3 at Work

