



I would like to thank all of you for the way you have worked with us to keep the children safe and happy during what was another unsettled term. I feel extremely proud of all your children who have been resilient and have carried on learning whether at home, online or within their classrooms. I am also proud of the staff who have moved from classroom to distance learning and back again with care and understanding. They have ensured children feel secure and have had fun. We are an amazing team here at Bankwood and all deserve the two weeks holiday. Have a wonderful and restful time with your children. We will look forward to seeing all your happy and smiling faces on Monday 18th October. We might even be back in Level 1!

Nga mihi

Kay Cleaver, Principal



The Year 0-3 children have had a busy and fun term of learning. The teachers were so happy to see everyone return to school after lockdown with their smiles and their readiness for learning. A highlight has been gymnastics and the children have enjoyed challenging themselves to move in different ways and have a go using the equipment. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence and skills grow. A very exciting learning experience has been through digital technology. The children have stepped up to the challenge of learning how to programme and debug devices. They have needed to learn a lot about sequencing and using directional language e.g. forward, backward, left, right etc and apply this to their programming. The teachers have been so impressed with the tamariki and their engagement in this learning. We are looking forward to Term 4 and all the fun learning we will be doing. We all wish you a happy and safe break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.



With the ups and downs of the term the Year 4-6 classes have been hard at work learning. Our 6 classes have produced some amazing learning in each room. Early in the term a major focus was the Taha Tiana Fun Day. All students were pushing themselves to train for the event. Unfortunately it was scheduled the next day after the level 4 lockdown was announced. All teachers were really proud of all the fantastic training the tamariki had put in. With the challenges of lockdown we saw some fantastic at home learning take place. We all loved the creativity and problem solving skills our learners showed. Our tamariki cooked, they cleaned to help out their whanau, showed random acts of kindness, made obstacle courses, kept fit, had competitions and zoom meetings were always entertaining! We are all so grateful for the support you gave and it reminded us why we love our jobs. Next term we are excited about focusing on digital technology and our tamariki will get to experience using robotics in their learning. We all hope they will be able to share some of these experiences with you.



Next term we will send home order forms for calendars they will cost \$10 each.

If you have any library books at home, please return them to school before Friday.

If you know of any children who will be 5 and starting school in Term 4, please let the office know on (07) 855 7763 or 027 614 2515

Dates to Remember:

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

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

Room 5 Writing

I went to the beach. I had ice-cream in a cone then I went home to sleep. By Savannah

I have got a dragon. It is fierce. By Sonny



I went to a birthday party this morning. It was really loud and there was a pinata. I smashed the pinata. I got face paint. When I smashed the pinata open I broke the bat. It was really funny. By Puti

My house is getting fixed by the painter. He painted my house with paint. It was red and cool. It happened when we went to school. By Renato

I went to McDonalds. I chomped the food. By Devonte



I was inside with my family because it was raining. I was waiting for a long time until the rain stopped. By Kiara-Jane



My brain is empty today. I do not know what to write about, my brain won't give me anything. Brain give me something please, just something. I don't know what is going on with my brain. My brain never does things like this. By Kayleah

Two days ago I made butter slime, it was very smooth. It is very easy to make. Do you want me to tell you how to make it? You just need cornflour and shampoo. It is a no glue slime. But you can make it with glue. By Mila



When it was my birthday it was Covid so I couldn't get any presents. I was sad. When it's not covid I'm going to get all of my presents. Also I'm going to get a yoyo. By Lachlan