We have had a great start to the year. New children have just slotted into a new environment and returning students have shown care and kindness to them. Mask wearing is taking some time to get used to, but once again our children and staff have just got on with what they need to do, showing huge resilience and acceptance. We appreciate the way parents have supported children to follow the COVID guidelines.

## Contact Details

It is very important to have the correct details for each child. This is so we can phone or text you if your child is unwell. Please let the office know if you change your phone numbers, home address or email.

If you have not connected onto class do jo please do so. As we use this to communicate with the community. You will also be able to see photos or videos of the classroom in action.

## After School Care

We are very lucky to have an after school care programme that is run by the YMCA. For more information, please follow the link to a website where you can enrol your child:

https://www.ymcaauckland.org.nz/y-out-of-school-care-bankwood-school/

## To Put Your Mind at Rest

I understand that there is worry and concern about schools being open during this Omicrom wave. I can assure you that we are doing everything we can to have a safe and secure environment. We would follow the Ministry of Education protocols if there were any active cases here at school.

In the meantime we continue to

- Wash our hands
- Sanitise our hands
- Sneeze and cough into our elbow
- Keep a metre (or 2) distance
- Sing outside
- Wipe surfaces
- Wear masks inside if in Year 4 6 classes
- Play in separate areas
- Wave at the gate
- Wait behind the pink line

Thank you for trusting us to keep your children safe.



## **Children Are Enjoying the Pool!**

Next week Swimsafe NZ will be spending the week with us. They will work with teachers and students in all classes with a focus on water safety and basic swimming skills. Please make sure children have named togs and towel on swimming days.







