



Bankwood School

Te Kura O Parirakau

Being The Best We Can Be

Hei tangata pai rawa atu ka taea e au

We are:

The Respectful Kind | Kia Whakaute
The Responsible Kind | Kia Kawenga
The Learning Kind | Kia Akonga
The Creative Kind | Kia Auahatanga

Mālō e lelei / Tēnā tātou e te whānau,



Yesterday we were lucky enough to have a group of Fairfield College students come to our kura to Celebrate Tongan Language Week. They performed several Tongan dances, and at the end encouraged all of our tamariki to get up and dance with them. It was wonderful to have the whole school coming together

outside to celebrate this special week.



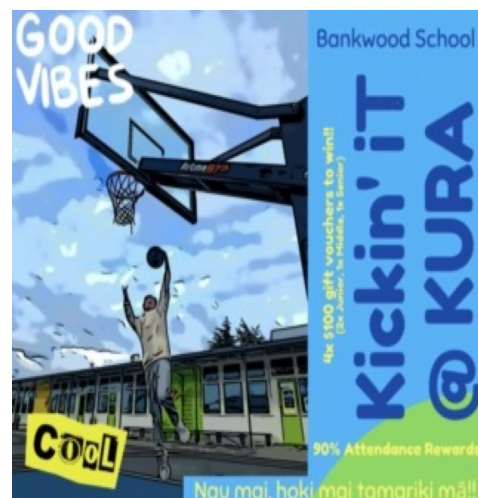
Our "Kickin' iT @ Kura" initiative is well underway. Remember to let the office or teachers know if your child is absent due to Covid, as these absences will not be counted in the final 90% at school total. We will draw the winners of the 4x \$100 Te Awa vouchers on Friday week 10 - good luck!!

This week we have had a lot of staff away due to sickness. I have been impressed with how resilient our tamariki have been as many have had to join other classes or had a relieving teacher in their room. We are hoping now that the weather is improving it will mean less sickness for all our tamariki and staff.

Ngā mihi

Toni Holford

DP



Scholastic Book Orders close at 3 pm on
Thursday 15th September

Dates to Remember

School Photos	Friday 9th September
Cross Country	Thursday 15th September
End of Term 3	Friday 30th September
Start of Term 4	Monday 17th October

School Photos: Reminder school photos are Friday, 9th September. Please return the payment envelope to the office by Thursday 8th September. Sibling photos are from 11.40am Friday.



Over the last 6 weeks a group of Fairfield College students have come down to our kura twice a week to coach our Year 5 & 6 tamariki. Our tamariki enjoy the experience of learning new PE skills while playing small group games. Today when I went out to take some photos, it looked like the Fairfield College students were also thoroughly enjoying the experience of working with our tamariki - with the added incentive of earning NCEA credits



**Room 4 has been learning about persuasive writing.
Below are some snippets from their writing.**

You could charge whānau for the uniform and make a profit. Which gives our kura more money, instead of relying on sport team bills and stationery for it. You could use the money from that, to provide valuable learning experiences and take some kids on trips, upgrade the Tuakana playground.

It also builds responsibility, which is a school value, as we must take matters into our own hands to keep our uniforms clean and ready for the next day. You wouldn't want us to not mature and grow or rely on others, would you? Picture this, a 19 year old with no knowledge of how to take responsibility for themselves, heavily relying on others, thinking it would happen for them. Do you want to be responsible for this?

CJ

Although grown-ups might think Tuakana kids are too old for a playground, some kids still like playing in the playground. Kids these days act like toddlers, they just can't help it when they see a playground. If kids don't get to play in the playground they might not know what it's like to have fun! Do you want students to not know what it's like to have fun?

Saharia

I am writing to you to persuade you to add a new canteen to our school because not a lot of kids eat the school lunches. If you added a new canteen then more people would eat the healthy canteen options instead of their own unhealthy lunches. Some of the food we don't really like to eat. Here are my reasons why we should add a new canteen.

First of all, you could earn more money and profit and fundraise for our school. Second is that students don't have to go to the dairy in the morning before school starts. With the leftover food in the scrap bin ten pigs get more food to eat. Although it will cost a lot of money to build, it will still be worth it.

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