



Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had a wonderful time with your children during the holidays.

BANB7 PLAY TRIAL

18 Months ago at our Annual Review Day staff talked about Sacred Cows in education as this was linked to our research on 'Same First Day' for our Reception children.

So what is a Sacred Cow? – *'someone or something that has been accepted or respected for a long time and that people are afraid of or unwilling to criticize, question or change'*.

School systems and structures originally had been created in the Industrial Era based on a production line or factory model in the 19th Century and as you know we are now 17 years into the 21st Century. Our world has totally changed. So why hasn't our education system changed too?

We are very proud at BANB7 of the innovations we have implemented to ensure that education for our children is safe, relevant and personalized for the 21st Century learner.



One of the sacred cows in schools is that everyone has a break for recess and lunch at the same time. At BANB7 that means 400 children out in the yard at the same time which can present children with many challenges like not knowing or having a trusting relationship with the Learning Advisor(s)

on duty. Who benefits from this and who doesn't? *"Canterbury Primary Principals' Association president Denise Torrey said more and more schools were doing away with the lunch break and tailoring their school day to suit their pupils."* – source 'stuff.co.nz'

Over the first three weeks of this term we are trialing different play times and areas at 'lunch time' only. Children in Neighbourhood wings will have lunch play & eating at times that suits the needs of the learners.

DIARY DATES

Children's Centre Photos

Tuesday May 9th

NAPLAN Yrs 3, 5 and 7

Week 2

Yr 6/7 West Lakes Aquatics Program

Yr6 Thursday May 11th - Day 1

Yr7 Wednesday May 31st - Day 2

Governing Council Meetings T2

Thursdays at 3.30pm

Wk 3 May 18th and Wk 8 June 22nd

Jump First Ask Later Performance

Wednesday May 24th

Pupil Free Day

Monday May 29th

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Monday June 12th

Family Connections Day

Tuesday July 4th

End Term 2

Friday July 7th @ 2.00pm

This trial will give Learning Advisors and children an opportunity to see how it goes, what is working, what is not and to see what are the blocks to success. Change takes time and it is important to regularly reflect on how things are going. Learning Advisors are talking to children to hear how they are finding it.

It would be great if you can talk to your children about how they are finding the Play.

Comments from Children

'I am missing playing with friends with other studios'

'Its been great that we can play on the playground without it being overloaded with other kids and I feel safer'

Comments from Learning Advisors

'Children are coming in a lot more settled'

'Without the music to come in it has been a bit hard at first'

'Some LA's are finding it difficult with some of the structures – eg intervention'

Lee Sansom - Principal

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program- Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) Test for Year 3, 5 & 7's will occur on Tuesday May 9th , 10th & 11th. If your child is away for any of these dates they will have an opportunity to make up the test on Friday 12th May.

UNIFORMS

It was great to see on Monday majority of children wearing our school **uniform**. With the cooler weather quite often we have students wearing the school colours of a shirt and pants but not a jumper or jacket. **JUMPERS & JACKETS MUST BE BLUE**. We are also selling blue long sleeve t-shirts that many children wear under their sky blue polo shirt. Please inquire at the front office. Term 2 & 3 children do not have to wear a hat outside. They can choose to wear one or not.

School Uniform Pricelist from T2 2017	
School Polo Shirts with Logo	\$24.00
Long Sleeve zip front fleece jacket	\$22.00
Hat	\$5.00
Trackpants	\$18.00
Long Sleeve t-shirt tops	\$8.00
Cargo Shorts	\$16.50
Skorts	\$16.00
Check School Dress	\$18.50



Materials and Services Charge (School Fees)

Statements were sent home at the end of last term. If you have outstanding fees please make arrangements to pay as soon as possible. The debt collection process for 2017 has begun.

If you think you may be eligible for **Schoolcard** please fill in your 'Schoolcard Application Form' and bring into the front office along with your Health Care Card where we will take a copy.

Your application will be assessed by the Schoolcard team in DECD and if you are eligible your school fees will be covered for the year. **A new application form needs to be filled in each year**. It does not carry over from year to year as the assessment is based on your income for the previous financial year.

Please note that Schoolcard does not cover uniforms, school excursions or preschool fees.

Thankyou to all the families that have already paid their fees, have made payment arrangements or applied for Schoolcard so far in 2017.



ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT ROAD SAFETY

Children's safety is paramount at BANB7. This begins with children walking to and from school and **using the appropriate places to cross the road**, plus the importance of *parent driving and ensuring that they drive slowly* past the school boundary.