



# Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

## Term 3 Week 3

**Kia ora koutou, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Bula, Ola, Namaste, Kamusta, Bonjour, Ni hau, Greetings to you all.**

Apologies this first newsletter of the term is a little late coming out. I was lucky enough to attend the National Principal's Conference where I had the chance to listen to best practise experts share their views on Education; listen and discuss issues facing education and discuss future avenues / pathways moving forward. It was a wonderful chance to work with a diverse range of Principals on common interests. Thank you to the Board for this opportunity.



Students from Haumia-Tiketike sharing some of their learning during Cook Island Language Week.

Mid Term reports were emailed out, at the end of last term and parent interviews held in week 1. A huge thank you to staff for their work on these. It was pleasing to see the number of whānau that were able to make the parent interviews. If you were not able to make it and would like to touch base with your child's teacher please make contact with the office or teacher and an alternative time can be arranged. This can occur any time throughout the year. If you would like a hard copy of your child's report please let either the office or the class teacher know and they can print one for you.

It was wonderful to see everyone back well rested and looking in better health. The end of Term 2 had a lot of illness. Knock on wood, this seems to be dying down a little, however it is important that we continue to be vigilant. If your child is feeling unwell, sick, coughing, sneezing, has had vomiting or diarrhoea, then they need to be kept home. We are asking the same of our school staff too. This protects everyone. At school we will continue to reinforce hand washing and/or hand sanitising. We try really hard to get relievers to help support our school, but as bugs make their appearance it can become a bit of a challenge. When we are unable to locate suitable relievers, we may need to share a class out. We try to have children go to the same individual to help minimise disruption. A huge thank you to staff for supporting with this when it is needed.

I would also like to take this time to mention the importance of contacting the school if your child is going to be absent from school. This allows us to record accurately the reason for



### Bake Sale

The next bake sale is happening Thursday, 19 August.



### Meat Raffles

Please return your meat raffle cards and money to the office once they have been sold.

**A**

**ACT**

Kindly and gently

**R**

**RESPECT**

Yourself, others and the environment

**O**

**OWN**

Your actions

**H**

**HAVE**

A positive attitude

**A**

**ALWAYS**

Do your best



## Duffy Caught Being Good

Congratulations to the following people for the wonderful work and AROHA they have been showing.



## Players Of The Day



their absence. If we don't receive any communication providing information or a response to the automated text message sent, then your child will be marked truant. Attendance records and levels of absence are monitored throughout the term / year and at a certain point further actions will be triggered if the number of absences (particularly unexplained) reached key percentages. Thank you in advance for keeping in contact with the school. This is essential.

During week 2 we had a chance to acknowledge and celebrate those with Cook Island heritage during Cook Island Language Week. Classes took the opportunity to share elements of their class learning with the whole school. Here are some images from the assembly held Thursday of week 2.



It is an extremely busy term for the Arts this term with the following occurring:

- Stars on Stage
- Polynesian Festival with BGP having both Senior & Junior Kapa Haka groups; Senior & Junior Pasifika groups all involved.
- RockQuest
- BGP Arts / Open Night = Thursday 26 August 6-8pm
- Senior Swimming

## \$150 Donation Scheme

The Board of Trustees are currently getting ready to commit to the School Donations Scheme for 2022. This scheme is something that the Board needs to decide on each year. If anyone has any feedback they would like to provide please send an email to [katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz](mailto:katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz) before 20 August and it will be presented at the August Board meeting.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Monday 23 August at an earlier start time of 6.15pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting please email [katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz](mailto:katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz) and speaking rights can be arranged.

## Year 8 Fundraisers

This term is the start of focused fundraising by the Year 8's to help with camp costs for Term 4. We have sent out a Meat Raffle for selling.

We are bringing back the wonderful Bake Sales. The first one took place last week and the next will be on the following dates: Thursdays 19 Aug; 2 Sept; 16 Sept & 30 Sept. Notices will be emailed each of these weeks as a reminder. There will also be a School Disco and mufti day fundraiser happening over the course of the term. Details will come out nearer to the events. Thank you in advance for your support with these.

## Tidiest Classroom

Term 2 Week 9 = Tāne Mahuta

Term 2 Week 10 = Haumia

Congratulations to Tāne Mahuta who were the tidiest class of the term.

Term 3 Week 1 = Tāwhiri

Term 3 Week 2 = Te Rakiātea

## PB4L

This week the focus is **All Settings**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Let others' join in
- Speak politely to everyone

Week 2 the setting was **Playground**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Talk with a duty teacher or a peer leader when you have a problem you can't solve
- Use the class equipment as it's meant to be used
- Only use the allowed equipment
- Share equipment and play spaces
- Follow the agreed upon rules of the game

## Health Consultation Survey

A huge thank you to all those that contributed to this consultation. The results from the Health Survey indicated the following:

### Health Programmes

The Health programmes you see as the top 6 preferences for us to focus on are:

- 1= Ourselves/ Our Bodies
- 2= Keeping Ourselves Safe
- 3= Anti Bullying Related Units
- 3= Digital Awareness & Cyber Safety
- 5= Friends / Building a Community
- 6= Firewise / Fire Safety

As such, these have now been set in place in the new two year Health Programme curriculum plan.

### Pastoral Care & Support of Families

88% of respondents feel welcomed, with their opinions valued.

81% feel the school's culture reflects practices that promote student well-being.



81% have a positive relationship with the teachers.  
75% have a positive relationship with the leadership team  
88% feel they can approach class teachers with concerns.  
65% feel there is good home and school communication.  
88% have children talking to family about events at school.

We will be using this information plus the information from the other sections of the survey to look at how we can make improvements and refine our practices.

## Hard Working Students



Wonderful writers from Rehua



Tawhiri Weavers

## Scout's Journey to School- Winter Challenge

This term Active Travel and their mascot Scout are challenging students from Bathgate Park School to walk or wheel to school. Every time your child walks or wheels to school their teacher will mark off their card. When they have completed the card by walking or wheeling to school 10 times they are entered into a school spot prize draw.

If you normally drive your child all the way to school, you could consider parking a bit further away than normal and either have your child walk from there, or walk with them. It's all about staying active in the winter term!

**The competition will run from the 16th of August to the 17th of September.**



Rachel Reynolds Kindergarten  
175 Macandrew Rd  
Sth Dunedin 9012  
455 1226

We now have morning spaces (8.30 – 12.30pm) available for 2 – 5-year old's!

Come along and say hi, or ring us on 455 1226 to have a chat.

Looking forward to seeing you

Deirdre, Ruth, James and Maria

# Free Pruning Workshop

Learn how to prune a variety of fruit trees with Rory Harding  
from George Street Orchard.



**When:** Saturday 21st August from 2 - 4pm  
(Bad weather postponement date: 22 August same time)

**Where:** Bathgate Park Community Garden,  
213 MacAndrew Bay Road, South Dunedin  
(take the drive to the left of the main office building)

**What to bring:** If you have secateurs or a small pruning saw  
bring them along - but don't worry if you don't.



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