



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 3 Week 4

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

As we continue to navigate our way through this lockdown, I hope this latest newsletter is finding you all safe and well. We are all hoping we can enter lower lockdown levels soon and are eagerly awaiting Monday's update to see how far away from this we are. Our thoughts and well wishes go out to the parts of the country that are going through a more uncertain and potentially longer lockdown experience.

A big thank you for taking the lockdown seriously and doing what we all have been asked to do - we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. It is even more important that we all follow the health advice because the Delta variant is very contagious.

I wanted to reassure you that our school staff and Board will continue to be available to support your child's learning and wellbeing in the coming days. As the Mental Health Foundation of NZ says, "It's all right to feel a range of emotions right now. Going into a Level 4 lockdown is a big deal and it brings all sorts of different feelings to the surface, including frustration, worry and even gratitude. However you are feeling, know that you're not alone - we're all going through this together. It is ok not to be fine"

If you need to talk, check in with a friend or whānau member, or free call/text 1737 to chat with a trained counsellor. It's free and confidential. There are also a lot of other supports available to you, your whānau and your community if needed.

A huge thank you to all the staff who have been instrumental in supporting the smooth transition to remote learning. Staff continue to provide online meetings (zoom) to give students a chance to make contact with their teacher, and to also connect with their peers in a safe manner.

A small group of staff will be working hard on Monday to organise and distribute other remote learning supports to those that asked for them. We will get these to you as soon as possible. This will be a contactless drop off.

We anticipate that some of the events coming up will have to be postponed or cancelled

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Playground Closed

All school and public playgrounds are closed during alert Level 4.



BGP Home Learning

Our school home learning website address is:
<https://sites.google.com/bathgatepark.school.nz/bgp-home-learning-site/home>



Meat Raffles

New dates for the closure of our raffles will be decided once we return to Alert Level 2.



AROHA Certificates

Congratulations to the following people who have been spotted consistently displaying AROHA at BGP.



Players Of The Day



depending upon alert levels. We will keep you updated on this.

Please continue to check your emails, school Facebook or website for continuing updates following Government lockdown notices. In the meantime, please look after yourselves, do as much as you can to reduce stress and if there is anything we can do to support, please let us know. We will try our hardest.

Kia kaha - He waka eke noa = Stay strong. We are all in this together.

Stay warm. Stay safe. Be kind.

Playground Closed

A reminder that there **is no access to school sites during Alert Level 4**. Playgrounds (including public playgrounds) are also closed to reduce the risk of the virus spreading.

Information Hub for Pasifika Parents and Families

Kia orana, Noa'ia, Talofa lava, Mauri, Mälō e lelei, Tālofa, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atua and Mälō ni. The Ministry of Education has created an online information hub for Pasifika parents, families and communities to support learning during Alert Level 4. You can find information here: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/info-hub-for-pasifika-parents-during-lockdown/>

There are helpful updates on how COVID-19 impacts education and links to learning resources including:

- Quick and easy: **Home Learning TV**
- Alert Level 4 friendly: **Learning from Home online**
- Pacific specific: **Dual-language resources**

We'd encourage you to check the info hub page regularly. It will be updated daily.

Also, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' has been working to ensure useful information is **available to Pacific peoples in nine different languages**.

New AROHA Certificates

As part of our ongoing review of A.R.O.H.A, and our involvement in PB4L, we are introducing our new A.R.O.H.A. certificates. These certificates acknowledge and celebrate individuals who have been consistently following our school wide expectations as well as upholding our ethos of AROHA in the class, playground and wider school community. We had great delight in handing out our first certificates, Monday just been. As part of this I had great delight in making phone calls to families sharing this wonderful news. I had been planning to have all the recipients join me for a hot choc with the Principal, but sadly this was not able to take place. I will do a catch up when we are at safe alert levels. We are alternating these certificates with our Duffy Caught Being Good Certificates. Duffy assemblies are on odd weeks and A.R.O.H.A. on even weeks. As part of this, each time, a staff member will also be recognised for

Board of Trustees Meeting Change of Date

Due to organising the remote learning and availability, our next Board meeting has changed and will now be Wednesday 1 September, in the staffroom, at an earlier start time of 6.15pm. We are unsure if this will be in person or as a zoom. Details will come out closer to the time confirming this.

their positive contribution to following A.R.O.H.A. Congratulations to our first recipients.

School Uniform - Update

At the moment, The Warehouse is no longer able to sell the checkered school shirt that is part of our uniform. We are exploring new options and will be in contact once these can be confirmed. In the meantime, if you need a new checkered shirt, please ask at the school office, as we have a limited number of new and second-hand shirts available for sale. \$5 second hand & \$10 new. There are limited sizes.

New Lunchtime Details

As you may have already heard, this term we have changed our lunch break time. It has moved from 12.30pm-1.20pm to the new time of 1.00pm -1.50pm. This is to allow the core subject to have a more flowing time with limited interruptions; assist with afternoon tiredness and to help with the children eating more of their school lunches. So far, we are delighted with the improvements in all three areas.

Road Patrollers

A huge thank you to all these wonderful tamariki in our school who give up their time before and after school, in all kinds of weather conditions, to be part of the Road Patrol crew. They work diligently to make sure we are being kept safe. Badges were handed out at Monday's assembly. A special thank you to Friends of B.G.P for helping with the purchasing of these badges.



Assemblies

A reminder that under low Alert Level 2 and Alert Level 1 everyone is welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly. These start at 9.10 am.

Year 8 Fundraisers

We will send out new dates for raffles and money to come back in and the draw date once we are returned to Alert Level 2. The bake sales will not be able to go ahead until low Alert Level 2 but we will continue with these as soon as it is possible.

\$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 before 20 August and it will be presented at the August Board meeting.

Tidiest Classroom

Term 3 Week 3 = Tāwhaki M & W

Tinker School Wonders

At Tinker School lots of wonderful projects have been worked on. Quentin and Mr Bowen who work with the students have shared some of the wonders that have been worked on by students as they increase their research and study skills, in amongst real life applications. I have heard wonderful stories about:

- A student learning to crochet an animal by watching and following instructions from a YouTube video.

- Up-cycling used clothing for new purposes.

- Food Technology creativity.

- Finger puppets & Mask making.



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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