



# Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

## Term 2 Week 3

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

I want to begin by saying a huge welcome to the number of new families that have joined Bathgate Park School at the end of last term, as well as at the start of this new term. We know you will enjoy being part of the BGP family.

A huge apology from me for the lack of newsletters last term. This newsletter will be a catch up of the happenings that have occurred and a quick update of some Term 2 events. Our regular fortnightly newsletters will then continue.

## Snow Days

It is that time of the year again when the weather can be unpredictable. Our Snow Day procedure will be shared with you. It has information about how to find out if school openings are affected. Please be aware that all Dunedin Primary Schools follow the same procedure. Decisions for late starts or closure are not taken lightly and quite often staff do not live in the local area – safely getting to and from work in these conditions is a consideration.

If we need to have a late start or closure then a school txt will be sent; as well as it being posted on our Facebook page. Also, in the past we have had to send students home early because of snow – it is VITAL that we have your correct phone numbers and that there is also an emergency contact number. Thank you to all those that have updated these already. The Snow Day Policy / procedure can also be found on the school website.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board meeting is on 22 May at 3.30pm 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.

## Uniform

As we head into winter, I know that some people will be digging out their thermals. Please remember to make these black, white or grey in colour. They are to be worn underneath their formal uniform. While it is currently warmer at the moment, we know the weather can turn quickly. Raincoats and warm jackets are needed for those wet and cold days. 100% Black jerseys and polar fleeces are needed too. **NO PICTURES/ NO WORDS / NO HOODIES**



### Lucky Book Club

Orders paid to the office by Friday 19 May



### Last Day of Term

Last day of Term 2 is Friday 30 June.

## Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



## Staff Only Day Feedback

The whole staff had a productive and successful day at our Staff Only Day on Monday 24 April. They were able to spend time exploring aspects of the new curriculum. We were able to continue to work on our Local Curriculum work, which we look forward to sharing with you in Term 3.

## School Absences

Did you know that if you do not contact the school to explain why your child is absent, they get marked TRUANT? It is very rare that there is true truancy at Bathgate Park School, but if we do not have any communication from you about the reason for the absence this is what gets recorded. You are able to phone or text the school cell phone; phone the office & leave a message or email [office@bathgatepark.school.nz](mailto:office@bathgatepark.school.nz). You can also pass information directly to the class teacher. Jenny Albrecht, our Learning Support Coordinator, monitors attendance and follows our school policy / procedures if concerns arise.

## School Policies

As part of the school review process, School Policies are regularly reviewed at the monthly Board meetings. Following this, the policies under review will be shared with the community and then loaded onto our website. Feedback on these policies is always welcome and can be directed to either [katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz](mailto:katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz) or the Presiding Member at [boardchairbap@gmail.com](mailto:boardchairbap@gmail.com)

## A.N.Z.A.C Assembly

On Friday 28 April, we held our A.N.Z.A.C assembly honouring and remembering the brave men and women who fought for our country in times of war. A huge thank you to the seniors who spoke at the assembly and to our wonderful wreath layers. We had one of our eldest and one of our youngest students perform this task.



Students present flowers on the War Memorials outside the school office for ANZAC Day.



Player of the Day  
Rippa Rugby



## Road Patrollers

We would like to take this time to thank and acknowledge all our wonderful senior volunteers who have either continued on, or undergone 2023 training, to support road patrol supervision. These students give up their own time before and after

school to complete this area of responsibility. We love seeing this commitment to community service taking place so young and helping to contribute to our safe school environment.

## Peer Leaders 2023

Our 2023 Peer Leaders were presented to the school last term.. We wish them well as they lead by positive example and support with a number of projects and responsibilities around the school.



## Tidiest Classroom Term 1 Results

**Term 1 Week 3:** Uenuku  
**Term 1 Week 4:** Tāwhaki  
**Term 1 Week 5:** Haumia  
**Term 1 Week 6:** Rūaumoko  
**Term 1 Week 7:** Tāne Mahuta  
**Term 1 Week 8:** Tāwhaki  
**Term 1 Week 9:** Uenuku  
**Term 1 Week 10:** Uenuku

**Term 2 Week 1:** Tāwhaki  
**Term 2 Week 2:** Tāne Mahuta

Congratulations to Uenuku who won the tidiest class for Term 1.



Welcome to our newest  
Bathgate Park Learners and  
their whānau.



### Great Writers

Ka pai to Addison and Sarah  
who shared their amazing  
writing with Katrina.



## Walking Time Zone Map

The tamariki at Bathgate Park School have been busy on a Walking Time Zone Mapping project with the aim to encourage more children to walk to/from school, to help reduce congestion at the school gate. Tamariki, from Tāwhaki in 2022, walked different routes from school and recorded 5, 10 and 15 minute zones. To help identify the distances from the school stickers are on the footpaths which show how far away the school is from that point. These points have been placed into zones on a map.



On Friday 28th of April we went for a walk and found one of the stickers. Over the next few weeks students will be at the gates in the morning handing out 5, 10 and 15 minute badges to students who are walking to school. Have a look at the map on the last page to find out if you are in the zones. A large copy of this map is in the school office.

## Junior Swimming Completed

Junior swimming has been completed for 2023. It was another hugely successful series of lessons. A huge thank you to our parent helpers. Without you this type of activity would not be possible. Thank you for your time and support.

## Greetings Added

In an earlier newsletter, we had been able to share with you the wonderful line markings we had added to our school for the children to enjoy. I am pleased to report we have had another series of special markings added in the last school holidays. Now as you enter through the gate over by the tennis court, drop off zone, you will see a range of different greetings on display to welcome you.

These represent some of the different ethnicities we have present in our school. A huge thank you again to Sport Otago and Fulton Hogan for completing this project.





## Ms Ehlers' Farewell

During Term 1, we took the opportunity to say thank you and good luck to Ms Ehlers. At the end of 2022, Ms Ehlers finished working as a class teacher at BGP. Ms Ehlers had been a teacher on this site for 25 years and was also a foundation staff member of Bathgate Park School. Ms Ehlers left BGP to pursue other pathways and we wanted the opportunity to acknowledge her time, contributions, caring and commitment to this place and the staff and students within. Each class presented a tribute to Ms Ehlers. We even rolled back to some old school songs that took Ms Ehlers (and a few others) down memory lane. We sincerely wished her well for the future.



## Move It March

Move it March was a new initiative designed to align with Walk 'n' Wheel Week through encouraging active travel to and from school for the whole month of March. Classes could collect data and record it. Haumia made a poster and also included active photos of the students at the end of March. These were sent to the DCC and went into the draw for a special lunch. Congratulations to Haumia who won a special lunch as a result of their actions and last Wednesday enjoyed a pizza lunch.



## Term Dates

- Week 3** Sign Language Week
- Week 3** Wednesday 10 May = Whero Mufti Day - Winning Whānau House AROHA tokens
- Week 4** Friday 19 May - Pink Shirt Mufti Day \$2 Gold Donation
- Week 6** Samoan Language Week
- Week 7** Monday 7 June = King's Birthday Weekend = **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Week 10** Cook Island Maori Language Week
- Week 10** last day of term = 30 June



**ACT**  
kindly and gently



**RESPECT**  
yourself, others,  
property and the  
environment



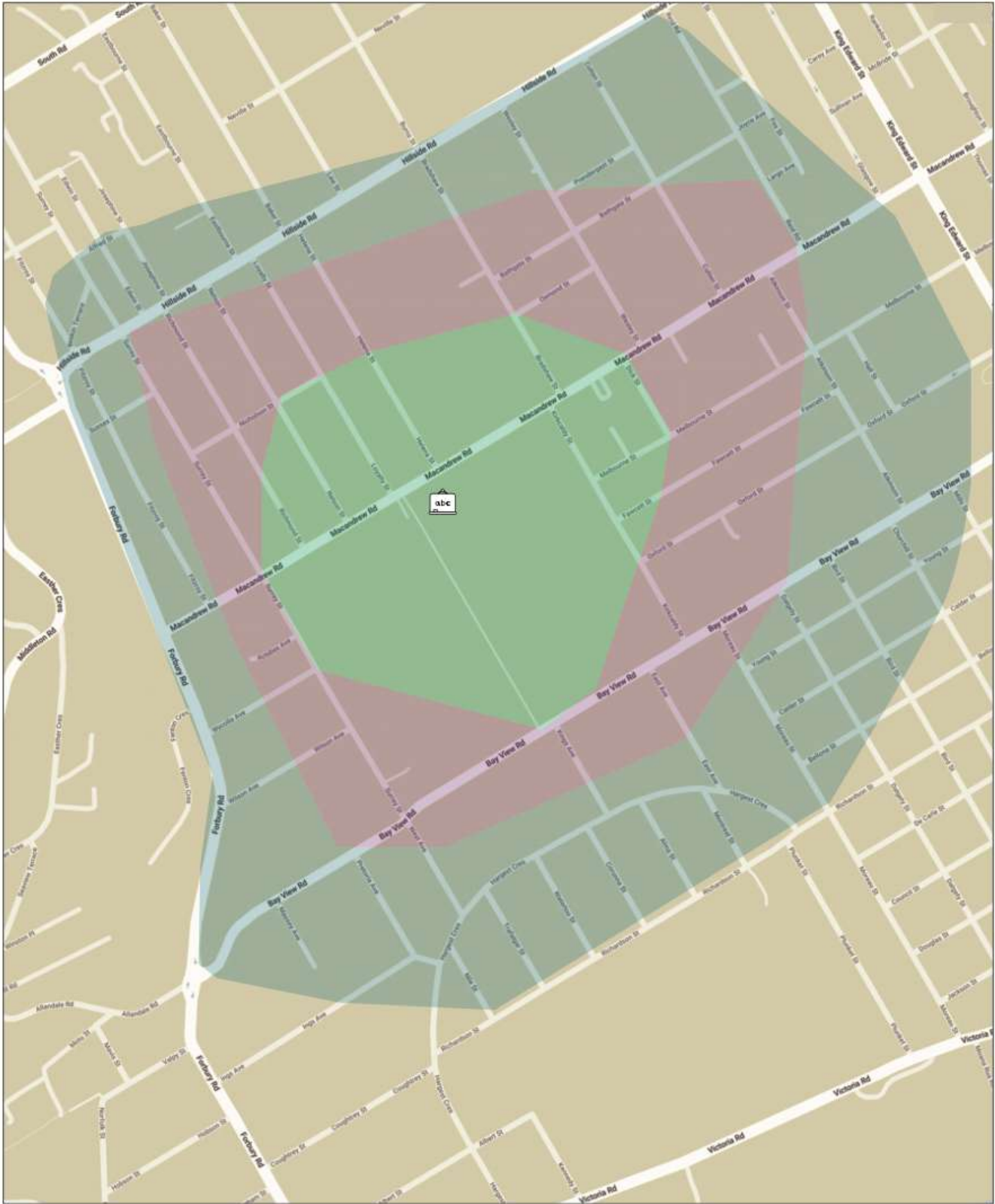
**OWN**  
your actions



**HAVE**  
a positive attitude



**ALWAYS**  
do your best



# Bathgate Park School Walking Time Zone Map

**Key**

- 15 minute walk
- 10 minute walk
- 5 minute walk

OUT OF THIS WORLD FREE TRAINING



# PHOTOGRAPHY MASTERS

GET LIVE FEEDBACK ON  
YOUR WORK FROM MASTER  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

FREE WORKSHOP SERIES AVAILABLE TO NEW ZEALAND CREATIVE YOUTH HELD FROM 6-8PM ON WEDNESDAYS.  
LEARN FROM NEW ZEALAND GRAND MASTER PHOTOGRAPHERS, LEARN BASIC CAMERA AND COMPOSITION SKILLS,  
HELP US TO CREATE A NATIONAL RAINBOW EXHIBITON OF STUDENT WORK.

**WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 6PM-8PM**

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