NEWSLETTER NO.13



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 4 Week 2

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

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a chance to share some whānau time together; enjoy the sun and recharged the batteries. This is an 8 ½ week term with a lot of exciting events taking place. I know I say this each term, but it seems to get busier and busier as the term progresses.

We were excited to start the term off meeting together for an assembly. It feels like ages since this happened. While we continue to monitor COVID levels, both in the city and our school, currently it seems that we are in a position to reopen some of our activities, assemblies being the first. We hold assemblies most Monday mornings from 10.30-11am. At our assemblies, we have a chance to celebrate the successes and learning taking place as well as come together as a school community to sing, dance and share information. This is where will present our sports, A.R.O.H.A and Duffy Caught Being Good certificates. This is open to whānau to attend should you be free and in the area.

We were delighted to welcome back our Friday Readers. This wonderful group of community volunteers take great delight in sharing books with all the classes in the school. It is so wonderful to see the tūakana / tēina relationship in action. Our wonderful volunteers always comment positively on the AROHA and welcome given to them by the children.

School Uniform

Now that the winter terms are behind us and we are moving onto summer, it is time to tune up our expectations around uniform. Making sure everyone is following the expectations around uniform is important because:

- It demonstrates pride in our school community & this in turn improves our selfesteem and sense of self.
- It creates cohesion and equity it ensures that everyone is seen as the same.
- It provides group identity and a sense of belonging. It says they are part of a community.
- Uniforms encourage students to learn the importance of dressing for success and





Sunhats Sunhats are compulsory in Term 4. No hat no play!



Athletics

Good luck to our students competing at South Zone Athletics on Wednesday.



Drop Off Zone Please remember to use our safe drop off zone before and after school.



Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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





are thought to contribute in a positive manner to their general attitude towards school.

•Cuts down on pressure and bullying around clothing choices.

We do not insist on a specific brand of jerseys/ shoes but <u>do need the following</u> to be what is purchased:

•All tops = 100% black = NO HOODIES; no images / logos / writing •Shoes = 100% black = NO coloured laces

Seniors that have Tāwhaki issued special tops are allowed to wear these to school - except when we need them in "full uniform" i.e. formal assembly at end of year.

Long hair

It is important that the hair, of all students, that is longer than sitting on the shoulders is tied up. This is for 2 main reasons: This assists with minimising contacting headlice + a health & safety prevention particularly with the seniors at Technology, but also with all students playing with playground equipment etc.

We know that replacing and ensuring correct uniform can be an added expense and we may be able to assist with some items. Please make contact with the office or class teacher if assistance is needed. This will be treated with discretion and sensitivity.

<u>Sunhats</u>

Term 4 is a sunhat term. New Zealand is affected by extremely high UV rays which burns quickly. This is a no hat, no play term. A 100% black, wide brim hat is needed for Y1-6. Years 7 & 8 have the option of wearing the wide brim or a BLACK cap.





Cultural Morning

Pasifika performances, tapa cloth making, drum playing, kai and waiata sharing all took place at our BGP Community Cultural Celebration for the Early Childhood Centres on Wednesday, 26 November.

How lovely it was to have our community together again. A big mihi to St Clair Early Learning Centre, Queen's High School Preschool, Rachel Reynolds and Punavai Ole Atamai Preschool for coming along and celebrating with us.



Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board meeting with the new Board of Trustees will be Friday 18 November, 3.45pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting please email <u>katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz</u> and speaking rights can be arranged. We would also like to acknowledge not only the talent on display from our amazing Pasifika group but the beautiful AROHA and hospitality shown by them. Ka mau te wehi BGP

We look forward to hosting our ECE Centres again next year.







Athletics

The Senior classes had the opportunity earlier this week to revisit their athletics and try to make selection for SouthZone Athletics, which is taking place next Wednesday. Congratulations to the 21 students who qualified for one or more of the events. We wish you luck and know AROHA will be evident while you are at this setting.

Science & Technology Road Show

Bathgate Park had the pleasure of hosting the Science & Technology Roadshow in our hall, last Thursday & Friday. Over the course of the 2 days we had hundreds of students through this event. Uenuku, Rūaumoko and Tāwhaki had the opportunity to attend and take part in these interactive activities. A huge thank you to Friends of B.G.P for supporting this EOTC activity via the Friday lunch money. Well done, to the 12 helpers from Tāwhaki and Rūaumoko who assisted the demonstrators over these two days. This is definitely a CV item to be recorded.

Y6 & Y7 Cycle Skills

We welcome back Scarlett and her team to BGP next week, where they will again work with the Y6&7 students on their cycle skills. This is a wonderful opportunity provided by Sport Otago. Fingers crossed for sunny weather.

Coming Up Kākano Team Visit to Butterfly Enclosure / Science Centre

Later this term, Rehua, Tāne Mahuta & Haumia will have the opportunity to go to the Otago museum on an EOTC experience where they will visit the butterfly enclosure and visit the Science Centre. Details around this for parent help will come out closer to the time. A huge thank you to Friends of B.G.P for

supporting this EOTC activity via the Friday lunch money.

Double Yellow Lines

While on road patrol I have sadly seen an increased number of parents parking on the double yellow lines to drop their children off. Please do not do this as this is a very dangerous practice. The main gate is very busy and this increases the chances of an accident. Also, by parking there you are inhibiting the ability of the road patrol team to have a clear field of vision and make it safe for those crossing. We have a drive in drop off zone by the tennis courts and in the morning this is usually fairly free and clear.

PB4L

Week 3's focus setting is Playground

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

•Share equipment and play spaces

•Follow the agreed rules of the game

Week 4's focus setting is Office

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

·Wait patiently and quietly

Use manners

•Only be in the office space if you need to

Tidiest Classroom

Term 4 Week 1: Haumia Term 4 Week 2: Uenuku

2022 Dates

Week 5 - 15 November - Otago Athletics Champs Week 6 - 25 November Orange Parade (Road Patrollers) Week 7 - 29 Nov-2 Dec Y8 Camp Week 9 - Final Formal School assembly - Wednesday 14 December 2022@ 11.30 Week 9 -Last day of School Year - Wednesday 14 December 2022 - school finishes 1.15pm



Rachel Reynolds Kindergarten has limited spaces available!

If you are looking for kindergarten for your 2 – 5-year-old child from 8.30am – 12.30am, Monday to Friday, then please get in touch! We are proudly situated at 175 Macandrew Rd in the heart of Sth D so pop on in, give us a call on 455 1226 or check out our facebook page – Rachel Reynolds Kindergarten and send us a private message. We hope to see you soon (3) ACTive now for the future Walk, run, bike, swim, skip... complete a marathon in November.

Cancer Society

Register today at www.marathoninamonth.org.nz

ZVMBA Magic Martex's **HERDES & VILLAINS** ZVMBA PARTY

12th NOVEMBER 2022 Kavanagh College 340 Rattray Street, Central Dunedin, Dunedin 9016

DOOR OPENS | 4pm PARTY | 4:30-6pm

TICKETS Early Bird | \$20 (Ends 5th Nov) Pre Sale | \$25 Door Sale | \$30



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