



Bathgate Park School

He kākano ahau i ruia mai i a Rakiātea - A seed born of greatness.

Term 1 Week 1

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

A very warm welcome to all students and families to the 2025 school year. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. We began the school year, on the first day, with a wonderful Mihi Whakatau, where the existing BGP students and staff welcomed our new additions – staff, students and families into the BGP community. We introduced Kim Provis (Ms DJ) to Tāne Mahuta for term 1 and Salote Rouvi (Salote) as both the teacher of Tāwhaki, as well as our new Deputy Principal. We have also welcomed Alex Gilmore as co-teacher of Tāwhak and permanent CRT teacher. Alex will be in Tāwhaki on Thursday & Fridays when Salote is on management release. We are delighted to have them all with us and look forward to having them as part of the BGP whānau.

I believe there's a common misconception that schools are empty in January, and that staff only return when students do. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their hard work in ensuring that the school, classrooms, and programs were fully prepared for the new school year right from day one.

I want to particularly acknowledge the invaluable contributions of all staff during the Staff Only Days leading up to the start of term. Your dedication and effort have not gone unnoticed.

A special shout-out to Gene, our caretaker, whose ongoing commitment to maintaining our school grounds is truly commendable. I also want to express my gratitude to Sativa and their team (our Crest cleaners) for their exceptional work in making our school shine.

Your diligence and dedication reflect our core value of Respect for our Environment (R), and I am confident that our students will follow your example in caring for our school environment.

Stationery Support Acknowledgement

This year's stationery has come from Qizzle and we have been lucky enough that they have been able to connect us with the New Zealand charity, Rapid Relief Team (RRT), who support NZ families, children and schools with the costs associated with Back to School 2025. They recognise the financial pressures on families and have subsidised stationery packs for ALL families this year. A huge thank you to both Qizzle and RRT.

Term 1 Dates 2025

Wednesday 29
January -
Friday 11 April

Governance Meeting

The next Governance meeting will be **Monday 24 February, 3.30 pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend.**



Teaching Staff 2025

Akomanga/ Class	Year Level	Kaiako/ Teacher
Rehua	Years 0 & 1	Angela Griffiths
Haumia-tiketike	Years 1 & 2	Tina Tuten
Tāne Mahuta	Years 3 & 4	Kim Provis (Term 1)
Uenuku	Years 4 & 5	Pete Buchanan
Rūaumoko	Years 6 & 7	Glenn Fordham
Tāwhaki	Years 7 & 8	Salote Rouvi Alex Gilmore

Current Contact Details

The start of the year is also an opportunity to make sure that we have your correct details. Added to this, the need to contact you re sickness or learning progress. Any time your phone or contact details change we need to know. Please phone, email or share with staff your new ones and we will update these. You will also be able to do this through the Etap Parent Portal app. A huge thank you to those whānau who have already made contact with the school to do so. **As communications are being digitally shared, up to date email addresses are also essential.**

Weather

As we start the year, we need to be mindful of the weather. Currently we are being subjected to very changeable weather. This means that we need to prepare children appropriately. Please make sure they have sunscreen on and a drink bottle in their bag that can be topped up to help keep them hydrated. Equally it may be that a jacket / raincoat is needed. Please make sure you name all uniform items. Named items make their way back to their owners.



Santa's Elf made a visit to BGP in the last week of term 4.

New Students to BGP

A huge welcome to all of our new students to BGP. We are so happy to have you join our kura.



Lucky Book Club



Orders, with money, to Katrina by Friday 21 February or use the parent LOOP ordering option.

Sunhats

These are a compulsory item for terms 1 & 4. Years 1-8 can wear the plain black wide brim sunhats which are available at a variety of stores, but can be found at the NZ Uniform Shop. Years 7&8 also have the option of wearing a plain black cap - no images, no logo, no words. Any that have these will not be able to be worn at school. Thank you for supporting us to make sure your child has the correct hats.

Tuākana Teina Relationships

Each year we make plans to increase the opportunities for Tuākana / Teina relationships to take place within a range of school settings. We already hold whānau house events in weeks 3, 6 and 9 to foster getting to know each other. We have buddy classes. Each term two classes will come together and spend time on an activity. This will look different for each combination. Each term the classes will be mixed up so that by the end of the year all classes have had an opportunity to mix together. We look forward to sharing some images in the coming newsletters with you.

PB4L

Here are our PB4L expectation foci for the next 2 weeks, so you can talk with your children about them at home too.

Week 2's focus setting is Everywhere, All the time 24/7

The expectation being taught, reinforced and acknowledged is:

- I wear my uniform correctly (hats in T1 and T4)
- I take care of my belongings

Week 3's focus setting is Everywhere, All the time 24/7

The expectation being taught, reinforced and acknowledged is:

- I use kind language
- I use my manners

Cellphones at School

As you may be aware the new government has introduced phone-free schools in 2024. We are fortunate to have systems already in place in the school for cellphones at school.

A reminder that no cellphones are allowed for our junior end of the school. We are aware that often in the senior school, communication with parents is needed after school. The process we have is that **all cellphones** are handed to the class teacher or the office at the start of the day. The class teacher or office will then lock them up and return them after the 3pm bell has gone. **Any communication needed with your child during the school day should be communicated through the office.** Any child who is caught with a phone on them will have it confiscated and an adult will need to come in and collect it. It is important to also know **cellphones can not be out from the time they step onto the school property.** This means they remain in bags until they are handed in. Use of cellphones can only take place out of school hours, and off school property i.e. the footpaths.

Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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

From End of 2024



Sunhats

Sunhats are compulsory in Term 1.
No hat, no play!



ACT
kindly and gently



RESPECT
yourself & others



OWN
your actions



HAVE
a positive attitude



ALWAYS
do your best

Community Notices

DUNEDIN SUMMER SHAKESPEARE



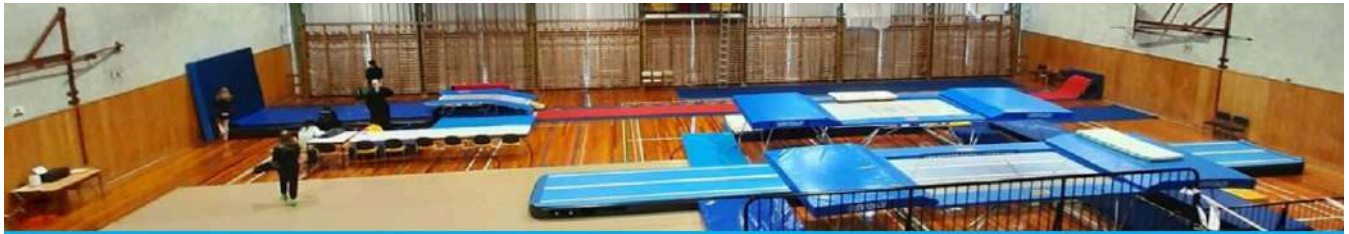
DIRECTED BY KIM MORGAN

FEB 7,8,9 & 14,15,16 FRI & SAT 6PM SUN 4PM
CHINGFORD PARK N-E VALLEY (DNI – RAIN VENUE)



Dunedin Summer Shakespeare is performing "The Comedy of Errors" Feb 7,8,9 & 14,15, 16
Chingford Park, North East Valley

This one hour-long family friendly event **FREE!**



Dunedin Trampoline Sports

Trampoline Classes for All Levels!

FUN & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

OPPORTUNITY TO PROGRESS TO COMPETITIVE LEVEL

FREE TRIAL SESSION

When:

- Wednesdays & Fridays & Sundays recreational classes (inquire about availability)

Where:

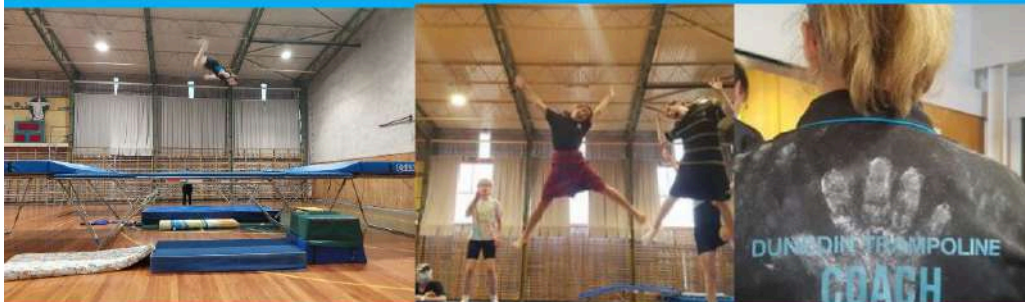
- Caledonian Gym

Cost:

- Free Trial then \$12/hour (\$18 per 1.5h session)

Contact:

- Email: dunedin.trampoline@gmail.com
- Phone: 02702212095
- Facebook: facebook.com/dunedintrampoline



Knox Church Children's Choir

Does your child like to sing?

We welcome children from year 2 to year 9. The Knox Church Children's Choir is the longest continuous running children's choir in Dunedin and has a history of supporting young musicians to develop their talents. Knox welcomes people of all faiths as well as those of no faith.

What do we do?

Junior choristers rehearse on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6.30. They sing in church on the third Sunday morning each month, as well as special services such as weddings, Easter and Christmas.



Activities include voice training, learning choir music, music theory, and exploring the church.

The choristers work on internationally recognised education programme, Voice for Life to earn badges and ribbons. Some choristers sit Trinity College London grade examinations, with many achieving outstanding results. Choristers can also apply to learn the organ. Choristers enjoy movie and pizza activity days in the holidays.



Who runs the programme?

Sara Brown, MA, PGCE, MusB (Hons), ATCL, Examiner for Trinity College London. Sara is a music educator with extensive experience working with children and choirs.

Karen Knudson QSM, MA, MusB (Hons), LTCL, Organist and director of the Knox Church Choir. Karen has a wealth of experience in choral music and has worked with many young choirs in Dunedin.

When and where?

Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6.30 pm.
The Gathering Area
Knox Church
449 George Street
Dunedin



What to bring?

A water bottle and warm, comfortable clothes your child can move about in.

How much does it cost?

This music education programme is provided free of charge.

Sign up at : <https://tinyurl.com/KnoxChildrensChoir2025>

Or email Sara: kelpiebrown@gmail.com if you have any questions.



RELIQS

A NEW WORLD RISES

30 November 2024 — 27 April 2025
Only at Tūhura Otago Museum

Admission charge applies

TŪHURA
Otago Museum

Dunedin 03 374
THE BREEZE

ODT
Otago Daily Times

LUGO
Lego Users Group Otago