



Bathgate Park School

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

Term 3 Week 6

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

A few newsletters ago, I mentioned about the government's plans for the new English curriculum and the structured literacy focus for those in years 0-3 taking place from 2025. Now, in the last couple of weeks there has been a lot in the news around Mathematics.

Announcements made about the performance of New Zealand Year 8 students has created the messaging that Mathematics is in 'crisis'. This statement has prompted a call to action and caused a sense of urgency which has changed the timelines for the new curriculum areas. As a result of this reprioritising, the refreshed curriculum for Mathematics which was scheduled originally to be compulsory from 2026 has now been advanced to start from 2025.

It has been reported by the Prime Minister and Minister of Education that only 22% of New Zealand year 8 students met the new curriculum Mathematics expectations that HAVE NOT yet been introduced into schools and therefore HAVE NOT YET been implemented or taught in classrooms!!!

What also needs to be pointed out is that the one of the group that conducted the research (Curriculum Insights and Progress Study, 2024) and one of the lead authors, Dr Charles Darr, states, *"What we're seeing in mathematics is a change in curriculum and a new benchmarking process rather than a change in achievement. We've been tracking student achievement in mathematics at Year 8 for more than 10 years, and in that time, there has been no evidence for improvement or decline. We do have a new draft curriculum however, and the provisional benchmarking exercise we carried out indicates it requires a higher level of proficiency than the 2007 curriculum."*

We also know that the 2022 OECD PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) results reported that 71% of New Zealand students attained at least NCEA Level 2 proficiency in mathematics, which was higher than the average across the OECD countries.

There are some positive elements of this "Make it Count" package the government is advertising. We welcome all offers of professional development funding and interventions. Equally we are excited that support has been promised to enable us to better support our 'tier 2' students - those falling significantly behind expectations. We will await the different resources that should be coming early next year to support our students. What we can promise you is this: ALL our teachers are always working hard to improve the progress and achievement of tamariki in mathematics, as well as all other areas. We strive to support ākoka to reach their full potential.

Governance Meeting

The next Governance meeting will be Monday 23 September, 3.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend.

Policies for Review

The following policies have been reviewed. They will be emailed out for viewing / feedback before being ratified at an upcoming meeting

- Smokefree / Vap Free Policy
- Digital Technologies & Online Safety
- Public Sharing of Personal Information
- Copyright/ Creative Commons Policy



Raffle cards due back to school
FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
with money.
Unsold cards returned too.

Donations Scheme

The Board / Commissioner has agreed to continue to opt in to the Donation Scheme in 2025.

PB4L

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Week 7's focus setting is All Settings

The expectation being taught, reinforced and acknowledged is:

- My kumu is only on a seat or the floor.

Week 8's focus setting is All Settings

The expectation being taught, reinforced and acknowledged is:

- I make sure others are included (including the classroom)



RockQuest

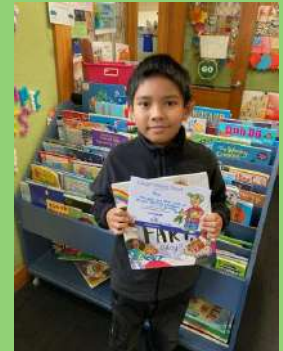
Our school band, 'Polyz On' entered the Rockshop Band Quest for 2024. The band practised twice a week over the last month, refining their performance under the guidance of Matua Alex, our music tutor.. The band performed two reggae songs, "Hey Girl" by C and "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley and the Wailers. The entire theatre filled with cheers after the final chord rang out. Sione received an award for the best bass player of the night; and Polyz On received the 2nd Place band award, along with a rockshop voucher and an invitation to record one of their songs at South Link Studios.

We would like to acknowledge our class teachers for allowing us to fit in times to practise during the term; Art teacher, Janet for organising our band tee-shirts and Mrs. Jenkins for her ongoing encouragement and contribution to our Arts team. Lastly we would like to thank our parents, not only for supporting us on the night, but for also helping out on show day; providing transport, lunches, dinner and motivation. We couldn't have done this without you all.



Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



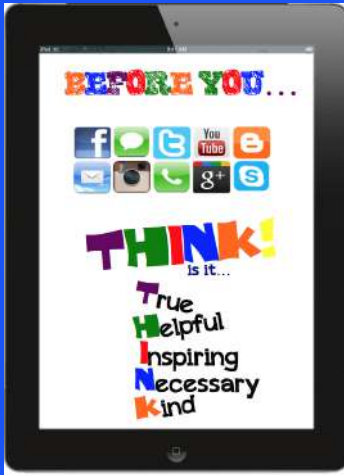
New Students to BGP





Well done to our
Players of the Day





Some seniors practising their Survival skills as part of their swimming lessons



ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS YOU CAN ATTEND AS

South Dunedin Primary Schools are banding together to provide and promote digital safety for our tamariki - Mark this date on your calendar.

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER - KINGS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 6-7.30pm

[Our Kids Online Video snippet](#)

TICKETS ARE FREE, BUT YOU MUST BOOK A TICKET TO ATTEND.

Tickets can be book by clicking on the link: [Book tickets here](#) (ignore St Clair's name - this link is for the whole community to use) Entry is free but we will be accepting any koha.

We want our school and our community to be a safe place for all children. Our tamariki are growing up in rapidly changing times, and the risk, frequency and severity of online harm are increasing. We need to tackle this as a community.

As such, we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, Producer of the documentary 'Our Kids Online' to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

His talk will cover:

- **Cyberbullying** - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety
- **Gaming and the developing brain** - An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them

Solutions

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family

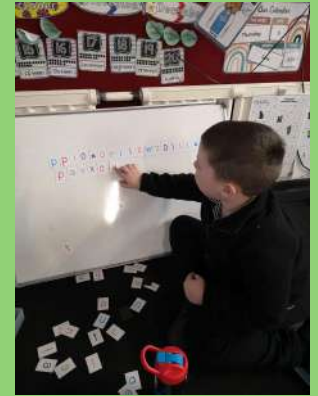
Tidiest Classroom Term 3 Results

Week 1: Uenuku
Week 2:
Week 3: Rūaumoko
Week 4: Tāne Mahuta
Week 5: Tāwhaki
Week 6: Haumia



Tidiest Classroom Term 3 Results

Hard working Ākonga
sharing their learning
successes



Term Dates

Week & Date	Event
TERM 3	
Week 7: Tuesday 3 September	Senior swimming
Week 7: Wednesday 4 September	Wig Wednesday + Cheese Roll morning tea Child Cancer fundraiser
Week 8: Monday 9 September	KidzOnline - South D Cluster Digital Safety Night@PAC
Week 8: Tuesday 10 September	Final Senior swimming
Week 8: Tuesday 10 September	Multicultural group Performance@ Polyfest - Edgar Centre
Week 9 Mon 16- Fri 20 September	Maori Language Week
Week 10: Monday 23 September	Governance Meeting
Week 10: Thursday 26 September	Y6&7 Cycle Skills
Week 10: Friday 27 September	Y6&7 Cycle Skills
Week 10: Friday 27 September	LAST DAY OF TERM



ACT
kindly and gently



RESPECT
yourself, others,
property and the
environment



OWN
your actions



HAVE
a positive
attitude



ALWAYS
do your best

Community Notices



Dunedin Public Libraries is one of the libraries that provides online help to school students for their school work through AnyQuestions.

We would like to let parents know that this free service exists and is there to support their children.

AnyQuestions can help students find the answers! AnyQuestions is a free online chat service that helps New Zealand school-age students with their schoolwork.

Are you a parent for primary, intermediate or secondary students? If they're needing help finding resources for their schoolwork or homework, they can chat online with an AnyQuestions librarian to get help. The service is run by the National Library, supported by the Ministry of Education, and staffed by librarians across the motu. Open 1–6pm weekdays at [AnyQuestions](#) . After 6pm or during the weekend ManyAnswers is available to search by topic or region at [Many Answers | AnyQuestions](#) .

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DUNEDIN TOWN HALL

Sunday 15 September at 3pm

PROGRAMMES \$2.00

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Look for a
toothbrush with
a **small head**
and **soft bristles!**



A **SMALL HEAD** makes it easier to brush those difficult to reach areas like our back teeth and the inside surface of our teeth beside our tongue

SOFT BRISTLES are important so we don't damage our tooth enamel or our gums

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips



Otago Futsal Academy Advertisement

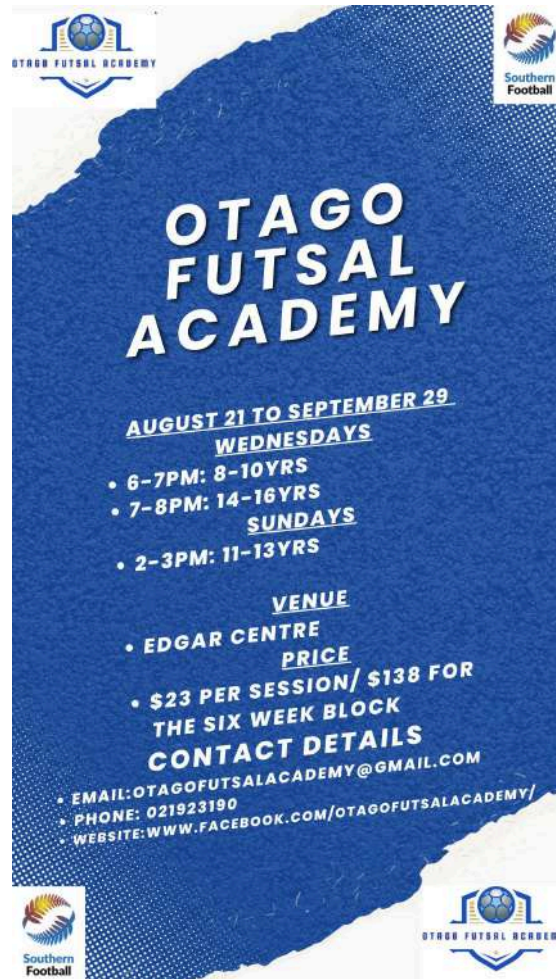
Welcome to Otago Futsal Academy, where we believe that every individual has an inner athlete ready to be unleashed. Our mission is to help you exceed your limits and achieve your full potential through an engaging and enjoyable coaching experience. We are dedicated to delivering high-quality sessions that are both fun and rewarding, enabling players to thrive and grow in their skills. Whether you're an experienced player or just starting out, we offer sessions tailored to ensure you have an enjoyable and enriching experience.

Our coach:

Train under the expertise of Mike Sannum, a former New Zealand Futsal representative and current Southern United player and coach. With extensive experience at the highest levels of Futsal in New Zealand, Mike ensures you receive the best coaching available in the region. His distinguished career as both a player and a coach underscores his commitment to excellence in the sport.

The registration link is:

<https://forms.gle/q485fbKAez6eRDPw8>



OTAGO FUTSAL ACADEMY

Southern Football

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AUGUST 21 TO SEPTEMBER 29
WEDNESDAYS

- 6-7PM: 8-10YRS
- 7-8PM: 14-16YRS

SUNDAYS

- 2-3PM: 11-13YRS

VENUE

- EDGAR CENTRE

PRICE

- \$23 PER SESSION/ \$138 FOR THE SIX WEEK BLOCK

CONTACT DETAILS

- EMAIL: OTAGOFUTSALACADEMY@GMAIL.COM
- PHONE: 021923190
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Southern Football



At mainly music, the weekly sessions are full of songs, rhymes, actions and movement, designed to engage you and your pre-schoolchild. The 30-minute music session is followed by refreshment and snacks and a time of unstructured play. You'll be able to connect with other parents and create memories with your little one.

FUEL Church in Fairfield have mainly music sessions on Wednesday mornings during term time. Please contact the Team Leader, Nicola on 021 0837 8065 for more information.



Pākiki kids

Pākiki Kids is an independent one-day programme for gifted students (Years 3-8) which has been operating in Dunedin for over 13 years.

The programme provides gifted students with intellectual challenge and the opportunity to pursue their strengths and passions in an environment that also supports them emotionally and socially.

Applications for 2025 close on 25 September 2024.



Students from all local schools, as well as home-schooled children, are welcome to apply.

**“I’d recommend Pākiki Kids to anyone who loves to think and be themselves.”
(Pākiki Kids student)**

For more details, check out the Pākiki Kids webpage (www.pakikikids.org).

For an Application Pack, please contact the Pākiki Kids Coordinator (info@pakikikids.org).

PARENT EDUCATION

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JOIN OUR NEURODIVERSE PARENT COACHING CLASSES AND LEARN STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT AND EMPOWER YOUR NEURODIVERSE CHILD. GET PROFESSIONAL AND LIVED EXPERIENCE GUIDANCE, CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS, AND GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHTS. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Email to reserve your spot as limited spaces: ferncollectivenz@gmail.com

For any questions please contact Holly 021 1367 138



First Saturday of
each month



1 - 3 pm



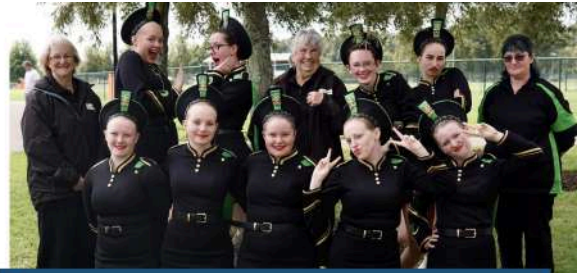
L2, 31 Stafford Street
Dunedin



\$35 p.s



**Marching Otago U13, U18, Seniors
and Masters teams are looking
for new members for the
2024 - 2025 season!
Everyone is welcome, this is a
sport for girls and boys!**



U13 : ages 7 - 12

U18 : ages 12 -17

Contact:






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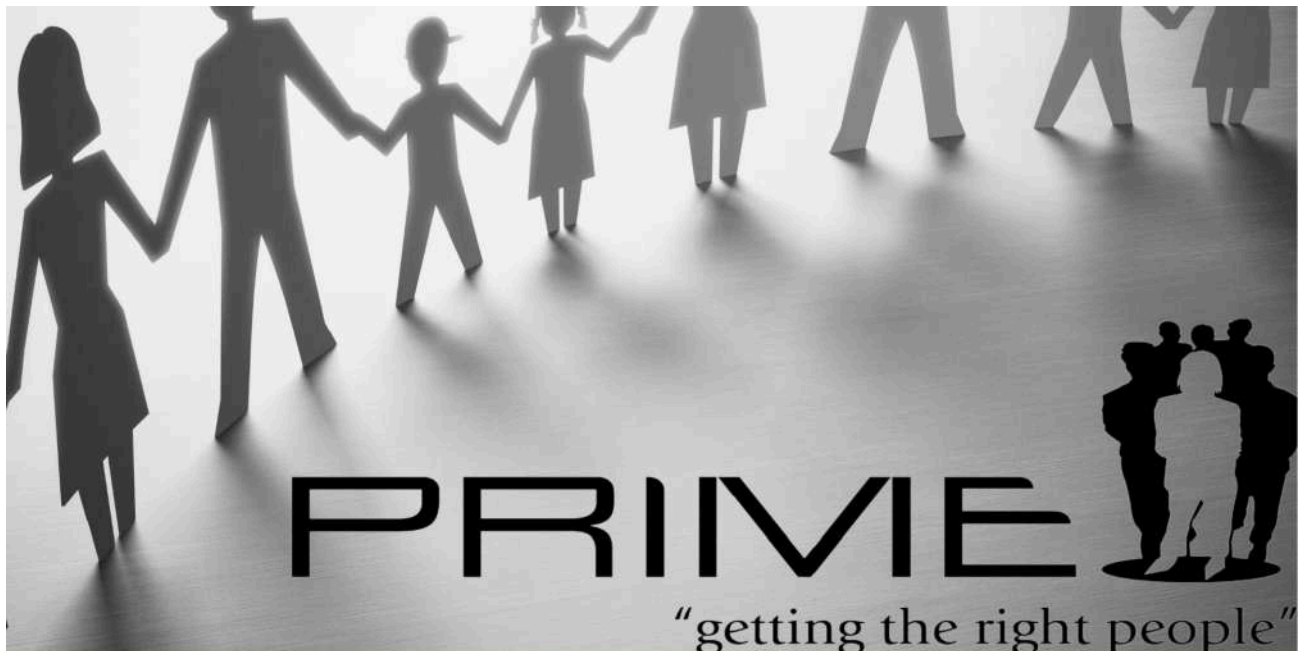
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-  **Travel**
-  **Fun**



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THE annual Santa Parade is on Sunday 1 December & we need 100+ kids of all ages to be on floats in the parade.

To take part you need to be ...

- 5 years old
- be available all afternoon
- have a parent who will accompany you & walk alongside the float

Interested? email dnsantakids@gmail.com



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Create memories together

Delight in singing with your pēpi and tamariki/little ones.

Have fun learning together.

Make new friends.

Your tamaiti/child will enjoy the play time.

Relax with a drink and kai/snack.

Kia ora! Come along.

10am Wednesdays during school terms
FUEL Church
78 Main Rd, Fairfield

Contact Nicola on 021 0837 8065

Find our
group here



delight, accept, grow

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