



# Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

## Term 4 Week 1

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

Welcome back to our final term for 2022. It was lovely to have the sun shining on our first day back with a hint of the great season coming our way. Also, lovely to see the children back looking well rested and eager to go. We had a lot planned for this term, but as it continues to unfold we are finding that a lot of these items are either being postponed or cancelled. Sad, but a reflection of the care needed.

So far we have heard that:

- South Zone sports are cancelled
- Stars on Stage is cancelled
- Ukulele Jam is currently postponed and to be advised later in the term.

A huge thank you for the wonderful job you are doing following our Alert Level 2 protocols. These are still in place currently and may be for a wee while yet. Unfortunately, this does affect what and how we are able to do some of our items. We continue to follow the advice of Ministry of Health & Ministry of Education on these matters.

We are waiting for the latest Health Order to be released to have the latest information on the mandates that will impact on schools. Once we have this information we will provide an update.

Thank you to all those that contributed to the 10 years of celebration suggestions. I am starting to go through these, alongside those suggested by staff and students to put together a possible plan for the end of the year. Again, what and how these look will depend upon the Alert Levels closer to the time but we will have a Plan A and a Plan B.



### Tinker School

A couple of extra projects from the end of Term 3. This tasty looking cupcake is actually a trinket box in disguise.



**A**

**ACT**

Kindly and gently

**R**

**RESPECT**

Yourself, others and the environment

**O**

**OWN**

Your actions

**H**

**HAVE**

A positive attitude

**A**

**ALWAYS**

Do your best



### Walk-ember

Check out the information at the end of the newsletter about Scout's whānau challenge.



### Important Date

Teacher Only Day.  
**Next Tuesday 26 October, Term 4.**



### Fancy Dress Mufti Day

Friday 29 October. \$2 per child. Friends of BGP fundraising for EOTC.



## Duffy Caught Being Good

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



## Additional Peer Leaders for our Student Council

It is with great delight I am able to share that we have another six seniors who have been recognised for the consistent and reliable way they model our school values and show A.R.O.H.A. These individuals lead by positive example in a number of areas. We welcome them and look forward to having them join our exiting Student Council. Congratulations. Ka rawe.



## Uniform

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the end of term had a lot of the children in non-uniform clothing. We are a uniform school and do need the children to be in the correct uniform. While we understand there are one-off occasions where an alternative may be needed, please make sure this is limited. The school office does have a range of shirts, both new and second hand which are being sold cheaply. There is also a range of second hand polar fleeces; skorts and dresses in limited sizes. If you need uniform support please check with the office. Equally, thanks to KidsCan we are able to help with black shoes so please let us know if this is needed.

Equally important is long hair being tied up. Long hair is counted as any hair that is longer than the top of the shoulders. This applies to both males and females. Hair needs to be tied up to ensure the Health & Safety in Technology areas; as well as not causing harm while in the playground but particularly because it assists in reducing the chance of getting headlice, which can be a common and reoccurring situation.

## ETAP - Parent Portal

Here is a video link to let you know what this app will be able to do. <https://youtu.be/Y2aHijPUc5Q> The actual letter with instructions on downloading and setting up to be able to use this app and access information will come out to you within the first few weeks of being back at school.

## National "Shake Out" Day = Thursday 28 October

We will be taking part in National Shake Out day which will see the whole school take part in both an earthquake and tsunami drill practice. Upon advice, in late 2020, from Civil Defence we have updated and amended some of our tsunami protocols. Instead of heading up past the Frances Hodgkins Rest Home we have been advised to move more inland. As part of this, our drill will have us practicing going to the far side of Bathgate Park, over by the playground (Hillside Road). In the event of an actual need to move further away from our school, our end destination will be Carisbrook School. A big thank you

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 27 October. This meeting is going to be at 6.30pm 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.

## Friends of BGP Fundraiser

### Fancy Dress Mufti Day!



**Friends of Bathgate Park have organised a fancy dress mufti day.**

**Dress up in a costume and get a treat.**

**Extra spot prizes will be given for extra creativity.**

**Friday 29th October  
\$2 per child  
Funds raised go toward Education Outside the Classroom.**

### Food Boxes

Thanks to Togglo Charitable Trust, anyone needing a little extra support with some food items is able to either contact the school for some support to access this or use the form attached to this newsletter and send it to [support@togglo.com](mailto:support@togglo.com). You are able to apply more than once but do need to complete a form each time.

### Important Term 4 Date - Teacher Only Day

The Board of Trustees approved a Teacher Only Day for **Tuesday 26 October**. This is the day after Labour Weekend. The Government has given schools extra teacher only days to be used over 2020-2022 to address teacher workload concerns. We are using this day to work on our moderations and rates of progress linked to forming overall teacher judgements which will support end of year report decision making.

### Tidiest Class

Term 3 Week 10 = Tāwhirimātea

### Walk-vember Schools and Whānau Challenge

Walk-vember Schools and Whānau Challenge - Scout is challenging all primary school children and their families to walk or wheel as many times as they can throughout November. This month-long event is run by Sport Otago in partnership with the DCC as part of Walk-vember. Support our school by choosing to walk or wheel to and/or from school as many times as you can during November.

The more families who sign up the greater our school's chance of winning a Sport Deport voucher. There are also weekly spot prizes up for grabs. So, sign up today and commit to walking or wheeling as little as once a week during November.

There will also be a Walk to School Day being held **on Wednesday 17 November**. If walking or wheeling from your home to school is not possible, then you can still participate by parking and walking or wheeling.

Help us spread the word and provide a safe walking/wheeling environment for our children to get to school! You can sign up here [t.ly/62BV](https://t.ly/62BV)

# Walk-vember Schools and whānau challenge

Scout's Whānau Challenge

November 2021



"Promoting active transport  
before & after school"

## What is it?

A month-long event being run by Sport Otago in partnership with the DCC as part of Walk-vember and is FREE for all Dunedin primary school aged children and their families.

Designed to create safer walking or wheeling environments around schools by reducing the number of cars and reducing congestion at the school gate.

Walking or wheeling to school has many benefits for our tāmariki. It can improve independence, physical and mental health, decision making, risk assessment and road safety skills, as well as being a great opportunity for daily exercise.

## How the challenge works

There is flexibility with the whānau challenge; you could choose to pledge your family to the whole month, once a week or spread it out through the month. It's completely up to you!

If you allow your child/children to walk or wheel to school independently, that counts as well.

If walking or wheeling from your home to school is not possible, then you can still participate by parking at least 10 minutes from the school gate and walking or wheeling the rest of the journey.

Families sign up to the challenge and link themselves to a school. The higher the percentage of families per school who sign up, the greater the school's chance of winning a Sports Depot voucher. Once signed up, they will receive more information. Sign up here [t.ly/62BV](https://t.ly/62BV)

A Walk to School Day will be held on Wednesday 17 November.

## Prizes

- Weekly spot prizes and overall random prize draw of Sports Depot vouchers
- Sports Depot voucher for the school that has the most families sign up.

\*Conditions apply. You need to walk at least once a week during the challenge to go in the draw to win the Sports Depot vouchers



For more information contact Kerri Maclennan [stp@sportotago.co.nz](mailto:stp@sportotago.co.nz) or 027 6691580

# PARK & GO

Scout's tip on how to Park & Go, a way to incorporate active travel to and or from school!



"Promoting active transport before & after school"

## What is it?

Safe drop-off points for families to park away from the school gate and walk or wheel with their children the rest of the way to school. Or for older children who can walk on their own from these points.

## What are the benefits?

- helps reduce congestion issues around the school
- helps reduce carbon emissions
- provide an opportunity for extra exercise
- great opportunity for socialisation with other families
- great opportunity to learn important road safety skills
- children who live too far away are given the opportunity walk or wheel to school

## How does it work?

Walk the last part, park at least 10 minutes' walk away from the school and walk or wheel the last part of their journey to and from school.

## Why is it a good idea?

- It's ideal for whānau who do not live within walking distance of school and the children still get the benefits of using active transport to and from school
- It's simple to set up, and anyone can do it and there is no commitment or sign up needed
- It can work well but before and after school.
- School neighbours will be happy to have less congestion
- It can benefit the community through local businesses offering Park and Go parking as they may find whanau stopping to do some shopping too!
- Some whānau are more likely to choose walking or wheeling to school if parking outside school is discouraged.
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# DRIVE SMOKEFREE

— FOR TAMARIKI —



Smoking or vaping in a vehicle carrying anyone under 18 years is illegal from 28 November 2021.

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