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# **Bathgate Park School**

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

## Term 4 Week 4

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

Where is the term going?! Oh my gosh we are already crossing over the half way mark. We all need more hours in the day at the moment, so much is happening and the days are flying by. I haven't put out a calendar of events this term as all activities are constantly being moved, postponed or cancelled and as the information is always changing I have decided that dates, as we know them, are best shared via newsletter and our Facebook page.

In this constant state of change sadly Ukulele Jam is the latest casualty, and after postponing they have now had to make the decision to cancel. The South Island scare has also meant a revisiting of our protocols and what can be possible.

Sadly, this will impact on our up and coming events. We are finalising last details of our 10 years = 10 days of celebration but <u>unless we are at Alert Level 1 or Green traffic light</u> parents and caregivers won't be able to be present onsite for these events. There will be photos and videos of a lot of these events to share with you. Final formal assembly is likely to be the same unfortunately. We will keep you updated if situations change.

## **Vaccine Requirements and Register**

At 11.59pm on Monday 25 October the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order for Mandatory Vaccinations for Education came into effect.

Everyone who works or volunteers for a school who may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present must have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November 2021 and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

The vaccination requirements apply wherever in person schooling occurs, such as on the school site, but also at school camps, swimming pools, museums, or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place. This means that we are only allowed to allow people to help at school and at school events with children if they have had at least their first dose by 16 November 2021 and are fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.



ACT

Kindly and gently



RESPECT

Yourself, others and the environment



**NWN** 

Your actions



HAVE

A positive attitude



AIWAYS

Do your best



**Lucky Book Club** 

Orders due Friday 26 November to the office please.



#### **Sneaker Mufti Day**

Friday 19 November. \$2 per child. Fundraising for diabetes. Step up for Diabetes NZ.



**School Hats** 

Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. No hat, no play!



#### **AROHA Certificates**

Congratulations to the following people who have been spotted consistently displaying AROHA at BGP.







Week 4's staff AROHA recipient was
Rachael from Rehua. This is
acknowledging the positive way
Rachael supports our school with
assisting with items such as creating
our newsletters; creating displays
showing our language weeks and
other events as well as the ongoing
promotional work she does with our
Early Learning Centres.

If you wish to be involved as a helper in any events after 16 November, please email through or pop by school with evidence of your vaccination/s before that date.

When school starts next year, we will need evidence of full vaccination by 1 January 2022 for any school helpers. We will store your information privately in our school database.

The requirements do not apply to people who are dropping off and picking up children; who are just visiting the school, such as for a learning conference or a parent, whānau and community evening.

#### **Term Dates**

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Weeks 3-5 First Aid classes Week 5

Year 8 Camp - Tuesday 23 November - Friday 26 November 10 Years + 10 Days of Celebration = Friday 3 December - Thursday 16 December

Year 8 Leavers Dinner Monday 13 December = to be confirmed Final Formal Assembly - Thursday 16 December 11.20am Final day of Term - Thursday 16 December 1pm Finish

## **Congratulations Joy, 25 Years!!!**

It was with great delight we got to acknowledge Joy for her years of service at 213 Macandrew Road and the two schools she has worked in - Macandrew Intermediate & Bathgate Park School. I know you will join in thanking Joy for her wonderful awhi and caring of our tamariki over these 25 years - past and present. The current Board of Trustees, staff and students want to say a thank you for all the work you do and the support you provide. Aroha nui.



#### **Policies for Review**

At our last Board of Trustees meeting the Child Protection Policy was reviewed and will be attached to this newsletter for viewing and feedback. Any feedback will be needed before our next meeting, Wednesday 17 November, where this policy will be ratified.

#### **Triennial School Board Elections**

Triennial elections for school boards are being moved from May 2022 to later next year and will include provision for electronic voting.

The elections will now be held between **5 September and 23 September 2022**.

More information on this will be shared as it is made available.

## National "Shake Out" Day / Earthquake / Tsunami Drill = Thursday 28 October

On this Thursday the whole school took part in the National Shake Out drill at 9.30am. They used this opportunity to think about "long, strong, get gone" and as how this could trigger a possible tsunami. Our earthquake and tsunami procedures were practiced, with everyone evacuating to the new location for this = Bathgate Park Hillside Road End.

Well done to all the children and staff. It would be timely for you to go over your evacuation procedures for home so your child knows what to do in a similar



## **Duffy Caught Being Good**

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



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Lucky Book Club
Final date for orde

Final date for orders is Friday 26 November. Orders to the office please. Please add a note to the order if you do not want the books sent home with your child when they arrive.

Your fire evacuation place may not be suitable for your earthquake evacuation.

Where do they go? (Be aware of the possibility of falling objects including

## **Tinker School**

situation at home.

Where is your meeting place? Who can they go to for help?

power lines).

Two of the latest creations from Tinker School, a monster cape and a motorised boat.





## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next meeting is
Wednesday 17 November.
This meeting is going to be at
6.00pm in the staffroom. We
would love to have you
attend. If you would like to
speak at the meeting please
email

katrina@bathgatepark.school.

<u>nz</u> and speaking rights can be arranged.

#### **Tidiest Class**

Term 4 Week 1 = Tāne Mahuta

Term 4 Week 2 = Te Rakiātea

Term 4 Week 3 = Tāwhirmatea

Term 4 Week 4 = Te Rakiātea

#### **Sunhats**

In Terms 4 & 1, sunhats area compulsory part of the uniform. For those children that have lost or outgrown their hats they will need to have these replaced and named. You can do this by purchasing:

Y0-6 = a wide brim PLAIN black hat from the Warehouse.

Y7-8 = a wide brim PLAIN black hat OR a PLAIN black cap. No pictures; no logos.

NO HAT. NO PLAY.

## **Dress Up Mufti Day**

Here are some pictures of just some of the costumes our students wore to our dress up mufti day on Friday 29 October.















