



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 1 Week 2

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

Hoki mai e te whānau.

What a fantastic start to the year! Warm weather and radiant smiles. The first couple of weeks have flown by and created a positive atmosphere on which to continue our year. A very warm welcome to all students and families to the 2022 school year. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. It was lovely to see all of the children and staff back looking refreshed and keen for the term ahead.

A huge thank you for the support and awhi you have shown us by following the RED light framework settings outlined by the school. We appreciate the job everyone is doing to keep us all safe. A special huge thank you to our Y4-8 students who have successfully navigated the world of mask wearing at school. I am so proud of the wonderful and reliable job they are doing at looking after each other and working to support us all being in a safer setting. Ka rawe!!

As you would expect there are a number of ongoing changes. One of these is that currently we are unable to have our wonderful Friday Readers on site until we reach ORANGE. Friends of BGP is also not able to operate onsite and will be holding these meetings by zoom later in the term.

I think there is a general perception that schools are empty through January and staff return to work the same time as the students start back. Nothing is further from the truth and I want to thank all staff, for all the work, undertaken to ensure the school, classrooms and classroom programmes were all set to go for the new school year. Everything was ready to go day 1. Added to this, a huge thank you to staff for the contributions made by all staff to the Staff Only Days held leading up to the start of school.

We have also been working on being prepared should Omicron come to Dunedin and close contact isolation take effect for any BGP students / staff. We have both our digital and hard copy pack remote learning ready to support those who may need it. Fingers crossed there will be no need for these.



Lucky Book Club

Orders due Friday 25 February to the office please.



Sun Hats

A reminder that sun hats are compulsory for Term 1.



Otago Anniversary Day

School will be closed for Otago Anniversary Day on Monday 21 March.

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ACT

Kindly and gently

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RESPECT

Yourself, others and the environment

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OWN

Your actions

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HAVE

A positive attitude

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ALWAYS

Do your best



Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 23 February, 6.30pm. We would love to have you attend.

Unfortunately, we are not able to have visitors onsite to the meeting, but will make a zoom link available for anyone who would like to attend the meeting. If you would like to speak at the meeting please email katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz and speaking rights can be arranged.

Thank you Rotary

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club who have supported our grant request for a carpet cleaner. We know their contribution will help make a difference to our school environment.



A huge thank you to Ray, our caretaker, for the continued great job maintaining and tidying our school grounds over the school holidays. Aman, Sativa and their crew (our Crest cleaners), have completed a fantastic job making our school shine. You can see your reflection in the newly polished and buffed floors. All of your hard work is appreciated. This is R- Respect for our Environment, and I know the children will work hard to keep up their part looking after our school environment as well.

COVID RED Setting Information Reminder

As COVID continues to be a concern within NZ, as we start back to school we need to remind ourselves about using healthy practices. We have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID and we all need to do our bit to ensure we are as proactive as we can be. For our school we will:

- Display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. These can be found at each entrance to the school.
- Provide a paper tracking sheet which can be used if you do not have the app. This is located at the front office area.
- Keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date.
- Provide hand sanitiser in all classrooms and at all entrances to the school.
- Stay home if sick. Be diligent around monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home.
- Encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so.
- Reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying.
- Reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Ensure that we will continue to regularly clean all parts of our school, paying particular attention to the high traffic hard surfaces, e.g. door handles.
- Ensuring all contact details are current.
- Minimise interaction of groups within our school.
- Limit unnecessary visitors to the school.
- Wear masks.

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. As communications are being digitally shared, up to date email addresses are also essential.

Lucky Book Club

Issue 1 orders are due back by Friday 25 February to the office.

PB4L

Week 3's focus setting is **the Playground.**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Wear your sunhat (terms 1 and 4).
- Stay within the boundaries for play.
- Return to class quickly after the bell rings.

New Students

We welcome our new students to BGP.



Tidiest Class

Term 1 Week 1 = Rūaumoko

Sun Hats

Sunhats are now compulsory for Term 1.

2022 Dates

First day of Term 1 - Monday 31 January 2022

Otago Anniversary Day - Monday 21 March 2022 = SCHOOL CLOSED

Last day of Term 1 - Thursday 14 April

Last day of School Year - Wednesday 14 December 2022



SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children (www.smmcotago.com)

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Small group lessons.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

CENTRES:

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2022 -----Saturday 12th February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11:00

or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-10:30

(Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 16th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm)

Vaccination passes will need to be viewed on entry.

Enrolment enquiries: email stephanie@smmcotago.com (phone 03 4772296) or see website: www.smmcotago.com for contact details.