



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 1 Week 6

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

On Thursday, this week, we were lucky enough to have Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern visit Bathgate Park School. Last year a visit had been planned, but Dunedin fog made it impossible for this to go ahead. As the Prime Minister was visiting Dunedin, she deliberately planned to come and carry out this visit. The pupils of Haumia-Tiketike had the opportunity to ask questions and then had the PM share her favourite book with them. She also read them a picture book that they had picked out. This was part of a focus on Reading and celebrating the programmes that support this within our school. We were able to share about the National Library's Read, Share, Grow programmes as well as the Toitoti readers the senior classes access; our wonderful Friday Readers and the Duffy Books in Home & School. Haumia were amazing, demonstrating O - owning their actions & R- respect for others both in their questioning but also in the way they listened to the speakers and the shared reading.

If you haven't seen it already, please check out the wonderful news report on our local news channel.

https://youtu.be/SUCK_MhV-RA



Mufti Day

This Thursday 17 March. \$2 to raise money for Red Cross.



Otago Anniversary Day

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

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



AROHA Certificates

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



Strategic Goals

Coming out in a separate email is a copy of our proposed Strategic Goals for 2022. You are invited to let us know your thoughts.

COVID Update

Covid has started making its appearance at BGP known now with a number of students needing to self isolate as part of being a close contact with house hold members. A couple of these have later on become postive while in isolation. We have just confirmed our first case of COVID 19 within the school.

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools. At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate.

Please continue to follow good practices when it comes to your own health and the health of your whānau.

What we're doing

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

What you need to do

- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom-free for at least 48 hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.
- If you and your whānau haven't been vaccinated or boosted, please do so as soon as possible. You can [book online](#) or call 0800 28 29 26. It's free.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/ irritability. For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#)

If you or someone in your whānau tests positive for Covid 19

- If you or your child receives a positive test result the household must isolate for seven days.
- Household contacts must test on Day 3 and Day 7.



Duffy Caught Being Good

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



Returning to school after COVID-19

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 are not required to self-isolate past seven days, but they shouldn't return to school if they are still feeling unwell.
- Many children will have long lasting runny nose and cough after viral infections. If it is over 10 days since the onset of the COVID infection and they are no longer feeling unwell, they are unlikely to be transmitting any active COVID infection and can return to school. However, if they are continuing to feel unwell or their symptoms are worsening after 10 days then GP review is recommended.

Walk 'n' Wheel to School Week 2022

We had another very successful Walk 'n' Wheel to School Week in 2022. There was a large uptake of children who walked or wheeled, and in those who parked a little further away and walked or wheeled the last part. It was great to see the bright colours added to our uniforms for Wacky Wednesday. Classes had great fun using their scooters, bikes and skateboards during class time. A great big thank you to Frances and Jasmine who organised the daily spot prize draws. Great role modelling and support from two of our Peer Leaders.



PB4L

Week 7's focus setting is **All Settings**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Be honest.

Week 8's focus setting will be **All Settings**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Listen and follow instructions of all staff.

Student's Great Work



Tidiest Classroom

Term 1 Week 6: Tāwhaki

Update from BoT Presiding Member

Kia Ora Bathgate Park Community,

The Board hopes that you all had a restful summer and relaxing time with your family.

In the December meeting, Katrina presented to the Board the student achievement data. This data is collected by our teachers to see how well your child is doing with their learning. This is an important process to ensure that our teachers and leadership team are doing their best to ensure that your child is receiving the best possible education.

The Board were very pleased to hear that:

85.2 % of our students are achieving at or above their expected levels in Reading;

77.4% of our students are achieving at or above their expected levels in Writing;

85.7% of our students are achieving at or above their expected levels in Maths.

Of course, while our teachers do an amazing job in supporting your children, our parents and caregivers need to be acknowledged for all the extra support that was needed over last year with the new learning at home due to Covid.

I encourage you to talk with your child's teacher about how your child is doing. Remember a small gain in learning leads to a bigger gain and it should be celebrated.

Well done to all our students who have worked very hard in their learning in this new way of learning.

The Board held its first meeting for the year on Wednesday 2nd March. In this meeting, we looked at our strategic goals for 2022. If you would like to know more about what these are and how these impact your child and our school community, please talk with Katrina. You will be receiving these soon for viewing and sharing any thoughts.

Until then, take care and enjoy the sunshine while you can.

2022 Dates

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

Headlice

Headlice is doing the rounds in some classes at the moment. Please check your child and treat if necessary. If you need support with this, KidzCan support us with product we can send home. If you would like to get some of this, please contact your child's teacher and it can be sent home with them. A huge thank you to KidzCan.

Mufti Day Thursday 17 March

BGP are supporting Red Cross this coming Thursday with a mufti day as part of our support for the wonderful work they do around the world. This week is their annual appeal. \$2 mufti. Please pay to the class teacher.

Senior Technology Term 1

Tāwhaki students have been very engaged in their senior Technology in module 1, with either Soft Materials with Miss D or Food Tech with Katrina.

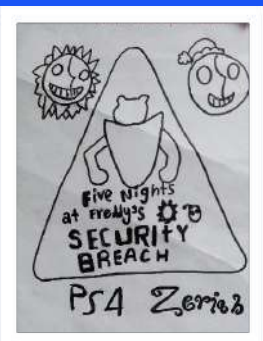


Tinker School

Look at the wonderful independent projects that have taken place while at Tinker.



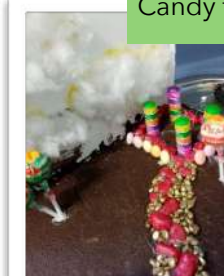
Sock puppets. Slide show projects were also made to accompany their creations.



Zeviah created the artwork that was then embroidered onto his t-shirt using a specialist embroidery machine.



Candy forest





Open casting call

Popular children's entertainer Rainbow Rosalind is looking for two children aged under 12 years old to feature in an upcoming music video.

If you've got a big smile and can speak using New Zealand sign language, send a short video telling us about yourself and signing to a verse & chorus of your favourite song.

Email videos

to maiden.dunedin@gmail.com

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THE MOTU REBUILD INITIATIVE

The Motu (Island) Rebuild Initiative is aimed at gathering and collecting resources that will help with the rebuild of Tonga post-Tsunami. This initiative is particularly aimed at the 3 islands closest to the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano that erupted. These islands are *Nomuka*, *Mango* & *Fonoifua*. Nomuka & Fonoifua are extensively damaged whilst Mango citizens have been relocated to the main island of Tongatapu.



The aim of this project is to collect and gather resources to send to Nomuka. The resources being sought after are for the following areas: home, school & agriculture.

There are 2 ways that you can contribute to the initiative:

- a) *Donated Goods* – you can donate resources that can be sent to Nomuka to help with its rebuild. Examples are:
 - i) Home: *beds, clothes, furniture etc.*
 - ii) School: *desks, whiteboards, chairs, used digital devices etc.*
 - iii) Agriculture: *seeds, fertilizers, machinery etc.*
- b) *Financial Donation* – you donate financially to either purchasing resources for the above, or for assisting with costs to transport the goods to Nomuka i.e. container, freight etc.

All donated goods are welcomed to be dropped off to The Pink Room at **Methodist Mission – 158 Oxford Street, South Dunedin** from *Monday 14th March* until *Sunday 20th March*. To arrange drop-offs outside these dates please contact Mary Jane Kivalu.

All financial donations to assist with the project can be deposited into the following account:

THE MOTU REBUILD
01-0215-0018726-03

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