



# Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

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

## Term 4 Week 8

The days are getting brighter and we are hoping for some more sunny days before the end of the year. Thank you to all the families who have ensured their child has a named hat for school.

This week our Year 8s have been at camp. They have been staying at a farm venue near Seacliff and doing a range of activities including abseiling, archery, team building, SteamPunk HQ, visiting the Moeraki Boulders and many more...

## Nations Church Scholarships

This week we were very proud to celebrate with some of our tamariki and their whānau as they were presented with scholarships. These are awarded to students who consistently apply A.R.O.H.A. in the classroom, the playground and wider community. For demonstrating self-management, good choices and decision making.

We congratulate the following students: Liam, Amber, Freida, Amaia, Zunairah, Tunis and May.



## Otago Championships Athletics

Last week we had four students represent Bathgate Park School at the Otago Championship Athletics. This is a big competition with athletes coming from all areas of Otago, north, south and central to compete.

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent results:

**Tunis:** 8th in Girls Under 12 80 m Sprints

**Meki:** 13th in Boys Under 13 Shot Put

**Precious:** 21st in Girls Under 13 Discus

**Faith:** 6th in Girls Over 13 Shot Put, 5th in Girls Over 13 Shot Put



## Final Assembly

Wednesday 13  
December 11:35am

All parents/ families/  
whānau welcome



## Last Day for 2023

Thursday 14th  
December 1pm



## First Day 2024

Monday 29 January

## Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board meeting is on **12 December at 3:30pm** in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting email [barbara@bathgatepark.school.nz](mailto:barbara@bathgatepark.school.nz) and speaking rights can be arranged.

## Bathgate Park School Board Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding member Selena Pomeroy  
Bathgate Park School Board  
[boardchairbap@gmail.com](mailto:boardchairbap@gmail.com)

## Life Caravan

This week we have been fortunate to have the Life Caravan at school. Thanks to the generosity of the youth committee at the Otago Community Hospice the caravan and Harold will be in to visit us each year.

## End of 2023

Our Final Assembly for the year is an event where we celebrate the efforts and achievements of students, share music, present awards and farewell our year 8 students. Parents and families are welcome to attend. It is on Wednesday 13th December at 11:35am in the school hall.

School finishes for the year on Thursday 14th of December at 1pm. Please ensure that your child knows the arrangements for leaving the school at 1pm.

## Reports and Class Placements

Teaching staff have been busily completing school reports to finish off the school year. These look a bit different to previous reports, we are hoping that the changes made mean the report is more succinct. These will be emailed out to families in the last week of term.

Also, in the last week of term you will receive an email informing you of your child's teacher and classroom for 2024.



## Lost Property

Before the end of the year please pop in to have a check of the lost property. The lost property container is located next to the staff room. We will endeavour to ensure that named items of both uniform and non-uniform are returned. Any items unclaimed at the end of the year will be cleaned and donated.

## 2024 Start of year

Our first day of 2024 is Monday 29th of January. The school office will be open prior to this from Tuesday 23rd of January from 9am to 3pm for families to purchase stationery, and for any other school related queries.

## Camp 2024

In 2024 all of our Year 7 and 8 students will be attending camp. We have booked in for the 26th - 29th of November at Camp Columba in Pukerau, near Gore <https://www.campcolumba.org.nz/>

In the odd years the Year 7 and 8 students will be involved in a range of Outdoor Education activities throughout the year. We are excited for this change to the programme, as we believe this will both increase the opportunities for the students and be an exciting part of our Intermediate programme.

## Camp 2023 Photos





### BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDENS

~ end of year working bees ~

Every Thursday 2-3pm

All welcome, no experience needed. Help us grow the South Dunedin gardening community!



Gardens located at the back of the school. Please sign in at the School Office and get directions :)

## Working Bees

In an effort to get the Bathgate Park School Community Garden ready for the long summer we are holding working bees each Thursday afternoon from 2-3pm. There will be people in the garden to let you know what to do, and tools and gloves can be provided.

## Tidiest Classroom Term 4 Results

- Week 1:** Tāwhaki
- Week 2:** Tāwhaki
- Week 3:** Tāne Mahuta
- Week 4:** Haumia
- Week 5:** Uenuku
- Week 6:** Tāwhaki
- Week 7:** Haumia
- Week 8:**
- Week 9:**



## Term Dates

Week and Date	Event
<b>Week 10</b> Wednesday 13 December	Final Assembly 11:35am Families welcome
<b>Week 10</b> Thursday 14 December	Last Day of school <b>School Closes 1pm</b>

## 2024 School Year

Monday 29 January- Friday 13 December



**ACT**  
kindly and gently



**RESPECT**  
yourself, others,  
property and the  
environment



**OWN**  
your actions



**HAVE**  
a positive attitude



**ALWAYS**  
do your best

## Thank you

This week we have been able to use the Cooke Howlison Toyota Courtesy Coach for transporting our Year 8 students to and from camp.

# THANK YOU

## COOKE HOWLISON TOYOTA FOR THE FREE USE OF YOUR COURTESY COACH

If you are in the market for a new or used vehicle, or need your current vehicle serviced, see Cooke Howlison Toyota.



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 Te Kāika

## THE GIFT OF HEALTH

*THIS FESTIVE SEASON*

### Free Screening & Immunisation Event

- Immunisations (MMR, HPV, COVID-19)
- Hep C Testing
- Cervical Screening
- HPV Self-Smears
- Healthy Heart Checks

Free sausage sizzle, coffee and fun activities for all.

 25 College St, Dunedin

 2 Dec, 10AM - 2PM



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# Caregiving

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Can you care for tamariki (children) and rangatahi (young people) who need it most?

Contact us to find out more about being a short-term, emergency, or respite caregiver.

Get in touch with the Caregiver Enquiries Team on **0508 CARERS (0508 227 377)** or visit our website at **[www.orangatamariki.govt.nz](http://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz)**



**ORANGA  
TAMARIKI**  
Ministry for Children

## Caregiving: your aroha and patience can make a big difference

### There are tamariki and rangatahi in your community in need of care

We know it's best when tamariki and rangatahi can stay at home safely. When this isn't possible, we take a whānau/family first approach to caring for tamariki and rangatahi. We work with parents and the wider whānau to explore who can offer a safe, stable and loving home when it's needed.

It's also important we have approved caregivers who can provide care for tamariki and rangatahi when they are not able to stay with whānau straight away. These caregivers provide care for tamariki while we work with the parents and whānau to safely return tamariki and rangatahi home or to live with their wider whānau.

### How can you help?

There are different ways you can care for tamariki and rangatahi. In your region we're currently looking for caregivers who can provide emergency, respite, short-term care or supporting independence.

**Emergency care** is when tamariki and rangatahi are placed in your care at very short notice because there are immediate concerns for their safety, and there is nowhere else safe for them to go right now. This type of care is for a short time while other arrangements are made. It can often occur at night or during the weekend.

**Respite care** is when you look after tamariki or rangatahi for a weekend or short period of time. Respite care is best when it is planned and regular. It provides an opportunity for tamariki and rangatahi to connect with wider members of their whānau or community, and for caregivers and tamariki to recharge.

**Short-term care** is when you look after tamariki or rangatahi while we're working with their whānau to safely return them to their parent's care or, if this is not possible, to the care of another safe family, whānau, hapū or iwi member. Supporting tamariki and rangatahi to return home, or transition to another care arrangement or to independence, is an important part of the role of a short-term caregiver.

**Supporting Independence** is when you care for rangatahi aged 18-21, enabling a gradual transition for them as they leave care, helping them get a good start to their adult lives and transition to independence

This type of caregiving involves assisting rangatahi in the development of skills and knowledge over time, and supporting them to grow and learn.

### About You

Caregivers from all walks of life open their hearts and homes to tamariki and rangatahi. They have a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures and experiences, just like the tamariki and rangatahi they care for.

Every caregiver is unique. They're connected through their willingness to help, and the aroha they have for the tamariki and rangatahi in their care.

Tamariki and rangatahi have told us they need caregivers who make them feel loved and part of the whānau, and help them learn, heal and grow.

The tamariki and rangatahi that can't live at home come from a range of circumstances and have their own experiences. Many have been harmed by the adults they trusted and may have had a difficult start to life.

Their past experiences will have affected them, so being able to stick with them if things get tough is really important. This means being patient, understanding the effects of trauma, and being willing to learn more about how you can best support them.

The rewards of being a caregiver are great if you have aroha, patience and an open mind.

**Can you care for tamariki and rangatahi who need it most?**

**Contact us to find out more today**

**Call the Caregiver Enquiries Team on 0508 CARERS (0508 227 377) or visit our website at [www.orangatamariki.govt.nz](http://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz)**



# CRAFTerschool

  
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ŌTEPOTI - HE PUNA AUAHA  
DUNEDIN UNESCO  
CITY OF LITERATURE

Haere mai to our new kid's craft group! Love making things? Art and craft sessions for primary to intermediate ages. Join us for a different project each time! Come and do some CRAFTing!

**MONDAY 30 OCTOBER - IT'S HALLOWEEN!**

**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER - PICTURE FRAMING**

**MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER - MAKE A TOTE BAG**

**MONDAY 11 DECEMBER - BARCODING ANIMALS**

**FREE**

Every second Monday | 3.30 – 4.30pm  
Children's Section | City Library

Pick up a programme from the Children's Section  
for more information.

## FREE TENNIS COACHING

### TERM 4 (FREE 1/2 COURT COACHING DETAILS):

Free Coaching Dates: Tue Dec 5th, Thur Dec 7th, Fri Dec 8th, Tue Dec 12th, Thur Dec 14th

Venue: Edgar Centre

Age Range: 6 to 11 years of age

Time Options: 3.45pm - 4.20pm or 4.25pm - 5.00pm (Choose one) - do not just turn up, you **MUST ENROL**.

Coaching cost: \$0.00

Equipment: We provide everything (including racquets)

Edgar Centre door charge: \$1.00 (Normally \$2.50)

Player/Coach Ratio: 4 to 1 maximum - sometimes will have 2 coaches on court with 4 players

### TERM 1 (PAID 1/2 COURT COACHING DETAILS):

Coaching Cost: \$79 for 8 x 35-minute sessions - 1 session per week for 8 weeks (Normally \$89)

Venue: Edgar Centre

Age Range: 6 to 11 years of age

Days: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Will add other days if needed)

Time Options: 3.45pm - 4.20pm or 4.25pm - 5.00pm

Edgar Centre door charge: \$2.50 per session

### FREE COACHING ENROLMENT OPTIONS:

**Please choose one day/time option ONLY for the Free Coaching!**

Email: [tennisplusedunedin@outlook.com](mailto:tennisplusedunedin@outlook.com)

Please include in your email your child's name, date of birth, school, cell phone and parent/caregiver name

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tennisplusedunedin/>

**All Free**

# The Christmas Eve Festival

**All Welcome**

**24th December 2023**  
Montecillo Park, 40 Eglinton Rd  
2:00 - 3:15PM Festival followed by 3:15 - 4:00PM Christmas Service & Carols

Carols • Facepainting • BBQ • Animals • Popcorn •  
Bouncy Castles • Field Games • Food Craft

HOPE



# ZUMBA<sup>®</sup>

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**St Clair School Hall**

**7-8pm**



**Wednesdays**

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\$7 cash

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Zumba with Amber**



## Child & Family Counselling

Our multidisciplinary team is growing and we now have a **Child and Family Counsellor** available to support you and your children.

**Our counsellors work collaboratively with parents, children and schools to explore questions about children's emotions, behaviour or development.**

**OUR FRIENDLY AND EXPERIENCED COUNSELLOR CAN HELP YOUR CHILD THROUGH CHILD CENTERED THERAPY WITH:**

-  Behavioural Management
-  Emotional Regulation
-  Academic Support
-  Anxiety and Fear
-  Family Dynamics
-  Grief and Loss
-  Social Skills
-  Self Esteem and Confidence
-  Managing Trauma

**As well as supporting and guiding parents of children experiencing any of these difficulties.**



If you know of a family or child that might benefit from **the support of a Child and Family Counsellor** get in touch with the team at Dynamic Developments.

**Email:** [referrals@dynamicdevelopments.nz](mailto:referrals@dynamicdevelopments.nz) **Website:** [www.dynamicdevelopments.nz](http://www.dynamicdevelopments.nz)