



# 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.**

What a fantastic start to the year! The first few weeks have flown by and already been made memorable with the extreme heat making its presence known right from day one.

A very warm welcome to all students and families to the 2023 school year. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. We began the school year, on the first day, with a wonderful Mihi Whakatau, where the existing BGP students welcomed our new additions - staff, students and families into the BGP community. We introduced Hannah Chisholm to Tāne Mahuta and Portia Parmenter to Tāwhaki. Charlotte Orpen, who will start with us next week, was also welcomed as a Classroom Release Teacher. In Week 8, Charlotte will work alongside Rachael, before taking over Rehua for the remainder of the year, in Week 9. We are delighted to have them all with us and look forward to having them as part of the BGP whānau.

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 from our first day.

Added to this, the contributions made by all staff to the Staff Only Days held leading up to the start of school.

A huge thank you to Gene, our caretaker, for the continued great job tidying our school grounds. Thank you Aman, Sativa and their crew (our Crest cleaners), who have completed a fantastic job making our school shine. You could see your reflection in the



Hannah



Portia



### Sunhats

Sunhats are compulsory in Term 1. No hat no play!



### Play Lab

Have you checked out our new playground markings?



### Drop Off Zone

A reminder to please remember to use our safe drop off zone before and after school.

**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



## Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Monday 27 February, 3.30pm 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.

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.

Our AROHA and awahi go out to the people in Auckland affected by the recent floods, particularly as they and the wider North Island areas prepare for further severe weather from the upcoming cyclone. Our AROHA and awahi go out to the countries affected by the earthquake in Turkey and the continuing aftershocks. As a country we remember what this is like, and have an understanding of the huge impact this will have on communities both immediately and in the upcoming days / weeks / months. Red Cross is supporting both these events and BGP would love to send some support their way. On Tuesday 21 February we will have a mufti day and ice block morning tea to raise money for this organisation to go towards the relief supports. A reminder will come out closer to the time.

## 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.

## Farewell to Mrs Ehlers

Please mark Thursday 2 March 2pm in your diaries for our farewell assembly to Mrs Ehlers. We will be celebrating and acknowledging her time on this school site as well as her time as a foundation staff member of BGP. We would love for you to attend. A small afternoon tea will be served afterwards.

## Weather

As we start the year, we need to be mindful of the weather. Currently we are being subjected to very changeable weather. This means that we need to prepare children appropriately. Please make sure they have sunscreen on and a drink bottle in their bag that can be topped up to help keep them hydrated. Equally it maybe that a jacket / raincoat is needed. Please make sure you name all uniform items. Named items make their way back to their owners.

## Sunhats

These are a compulsory item for terms 1 & 4. Years 1-8 can wear the plain black wide brim sunhats which are available at a variety of stores, but can be found at NZ Uniforms. Years 7&8 also have the option of wearing a plain black cap.

## Play Lab

This year Bathgate Park School has been lucky enough to be 1 of 5 Dunedin schools to take part in Play Lab. Play Lab is a new initiative which is funded by Sport New Zealand's Disability and Inclusion Fund, to improve physical literacy and play opportunities in Otago schools for Tamariki with high and complex learning needs, through investment in Teacher Aide training and resources.

The Play Lab is led by Sport Otago and supported by the Ministry of Education.

As part of this project, we have been lucky enough to get some line markings



created around our school for promoting physical activity. A huge thank you to Fulton Hogan for the line marking, which was started towards the end of Term 4 and completed in the holidays. As part of one of our Staff Only Days, both teachers and our wonderful learning assistants had the opportunity to be upskilled in a range of activities that used these resources. It has been so pleasing to see them already in use and for the wider school to be accessing them in break times. Amongst these we have a NZ Map; a maze; an exercise circuit around the outside of the tennis court; new basketball, netball and tennis court markings; four square and hopscotch centres; a hundred's board; an alphabet caterpillar; a ruler as well as a checker board. We will be working with Play Lab over the remainder of 2023.



## PB4L

Week 1 focus setting was **Assembly**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged were:

- Enter and exit assembly silently
- Sit quietly, eyes to the front
- Eyes on the speakers or performers
- Sit still
- Encourage others to make good choices
- Clap appropriately
- Join in activities appropriately

Week 2's focus setting was **Moving Around the School**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged were:

- Move around at a safe pace
- Walk inside
- One through the door at a time

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

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Wear your sunhat (terms 1 and 4)
- Stay within the boundaries for play



## New Students to BGP

A huge welcome to all of our new students to BGP. We are so happy to have you join our whānau.



•Return to class quickly after the bell rings

Week 4's focus setting will be **All Settings**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- Listen to and follow the instructions of all staff
- Use our manners

## Healthy Lunch in Schools Programme

This continues for all of 2023. Later in the year the Government will review what happens beyond this. I will keep you updated as information comes out. In the meantime, your child has had their preference automatically carried over from last year. If at any time you wish to make changes, please let the office know. Kaans, our current providers have introduced hot lunch Thursdays and these have been well received.

## Tidiest Classroom

Term 1 Week 1: Rūaumoko

Term 1 Week 2: Rūaumoko

## 2023 Dates

### Term 1:

Wk 3 = Tuesday Y5/6 SNAG golf

Wk 4 = Tuesday Y5/6 SNAG gold

Wk 4 = Tuesday - Mufti day & Iceblock fundraiser

Wk 5 = Walk n Wheels Week

Wk 5 = Wednesday pm Teachers Paid Union Mtg

Wk 5 = Thursday 2 March Farewell assembly for Mrs Ehlers

Wk 8 = Monday 20 March Otago Anniversary Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wk 9 = Kākano Team - Class swimming

Wk 9 = Thursday Yr 8 HPV#1

Wk 10 = Kākano Team - Class swimming

Wk 10 = Thursday 6 April = Last day of term

Wk 10 = Friday 7 April = GOOD FRIDAY = SCHOOL CLOSED



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**ENROLMENT DETAILS ~ SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY at GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL MAIN BLOCK 9:30-11:00 or BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL FOYER 9:30-10:30, and WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY at ELMGROVE SCHOOL 3:30-4:30**



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## Knox Church Junior Choir

*Does your child like to sing?*

### Who are we?

A choir of children from year 2 to year 9 who are interested in music, at Knox Church, 449 George Street, Dunedin. Knox welcomes people of all faiths as well as those of no faith.



### What's it all about?

Knox Church is looking to grow our Junior Choir. The Knox Church Choir has a long history of supporting young musicians to develop their talents. We welcome new members as we start the year.

### What will we be doing?

Singing training, rehearsing choir music, dressing up as a chorister, learning about music, exploring the church.

Junior choristers sing in church on one Sunday morning each month, usually the third Sunday. The rehearsal for this starts at 9.15 am and the service starts at 10 am. Junior choristers are welcome to join in any other week they want to.

The junior choristers work on a structured, internationally recognised education programme, Voice for Life, to earn badges and certificates. Some also sit for Trinity College London graded examinations with many achieving excellent results

Our choristers have sung at the switching on of the Christmas tree lights in the Octagon. Many have recorded for our church's worship during lockdown.

Choristers enjoy movie and pizza nights, storytelling at Matariki, and joining in with the Christmas



pageant.

### Who runs the programme?

Sara Brown, MA, PGCE, MusB (Hons), ATCL. Examiner for Trinity College, London. Sara is a music educator with extensive experience working with children and choirs.

Karen Knudson, MA, MusB (Hons), LTCL. Organist and director of the Knox Church Choir. Karen has a wealth of experience in choral music and has worked with many young choirs in Dunedin.

### When and where?

Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6.30 pm.  
The Gathering Area  
Knox Church  
449 George Street  
Dunedin

### What to bring?

A water bottle and warm, comfortable clothes your child can move about in. Afternoon tea will be provided, but if your child has particular dietary needs, please let us know.

### How much does it cost?

This music education programme is provided free of charge.

### What to do next?

Fill in the relevant form at the link below:

### Choir Link:

<https://forms.gle/xd9nGSC8nqqetgEY7>

or

Email Sara: [kelpiebrown@gmail.com](mailto:kelpiebrown@gmail.com) if you have any questions or want to register your child.



