



# Bathgate Park School

## Term 1 Week 1

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

A very warm welcome to all students and families to the 2024 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 Whakataou, where the existing BGP students and staff welcomed our new additions – staff, students and families into the BGP community. We introduced Angela Griffith (Mrs Griffiths) to Rehua and Kat Jenkins (Mrs J) as both the teacher of Tāwhaki, as well as our new Deputy Principal. Just this week we have welcomed Jeff Elliotte to the staff as co-teacher of Tāwhaki. He will be there on Thursday & Fridays when Mrs J is on management release.

Rose Tily was also acknowledged. She will be joining our admin team, taking over the finances as well as supporting customer service in the office on Wednesdays. Alex Gilmore, returns to BGP as our 2024 Classroom Release Teacher and we are lucky enough to have her continuing to support Reading Recovery.

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. 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.

The Board has accepted Hiliako Iaheto's resignation which was effective from 1 February 2024. Bathgate Park acknowledges Hiliako and his contribution and dedication to our Art's curriculum as the Arts Facilitator of our music programme. He leaves BGP to pursue his own arts projects and commitments. We wish him well with his future endeavours.

## Term 1 Dates 2024

Monday 29 January -  
Friday 12 April

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Monday 26 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.



## Drop Off Zone

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

# Teaching Staff 2024

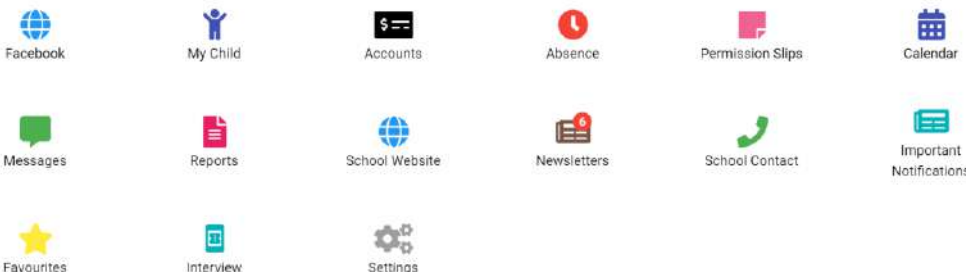
Akomanga/ Class	Year Level	Kaiako/ Teacher
Rehua	Years 0 & 1	Angela Griffiths
Tāne Mahuta	Years 1 & 2	Hannah Chisholm
Haumia-tiketike	Years 3 & 4	Tina Tuten
Uenuku	Years 4 & 5	Pete Buchanan
Rūaumoko	Years 6 & 7	Glenn Fordham
Tāwhaki	Years 7 & 8	Kat Jenkins Jeff Elliotte

## 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. You will also be able to do this through the Etap Parent Portal app. A huge thank you to those whānau who have already made contact with the school to do so. As communications are being digitally shared, up to date email addresses are also essential.

## ETap Parent Portal App

We are nearly ready to go live with this. Once we do, anyone that has downloaded the app will be able to see the following for their child/ren in the school. You will be able to update your contact details, make absence notifications through your phone / online, check out accounts please see upcoming events on our BGP Community Calendar, as well as many more. A separate email will come out soon after we do a few tweaks. Stay tuned and get ready to download.



## Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



## 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.



## Sunhats

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

## 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.

## 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 may be that a jacket / raincoat is needed. Please make sure you name all uniform items. Named items make their way back to their owners.

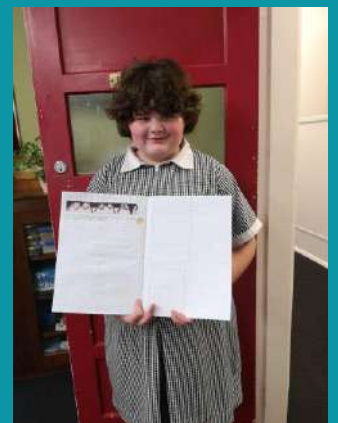
## Sunhats

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 the NZ Uniform Shop. Years 7&8 also have the option of wearing a plain black cap - no images, no logo, no words. Any that have these will not be able to be worn at school. Thank you for supporting us to make sure your child has the correct hats.

## Healthy Lunch in Schools Programme / Koha Kai

This continues for all of 2024. Time4Lunch are our current providers. 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. We are waiting for a new refrigerator for our school lunches. Once it arrives we will be in a position to continue our Koha Kai. This is where children & whānau are able to take an unused kai home with them. We must have donations permission for this to occur.

## Tāwhaki Maths Workers



**ACT**  
kindly and gently



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



**OWN**  
your actions



**HAVE**  
a positive  
attitude



**ALWAYS**  
do your best

## PB4L In Our Playground

We make good choices about who I play with.

We share equipment and play spaces.

We follow the agreed on rules of the game



# Tidiest Classroom Term 4 Results

**Week 1:** Rūaumoko

**Week 2:** Haumia



## Term Dates

Week & Date	Event
<b>Week 3: Monday 12 February</b>	P.A.L.s (Physical Activity Leaders) Leadership Training
<b>Week 3: Wednesday 14 February</b>	Year 8 HPV information session
<b>Week 4: Tuesday 20 February</b>	Start of Year Meet & Greet Fun Activities Evening
<b>Week 5: Monday 26 February</b>	3.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Week 7: Monday - Friday</b>	Student teacher in Tāne Mahuta
<b>Week 7: Saturday 16 March</b>	South D Street Festival
<b>Week 8: Monday - Friday</b>	Student teacher in Tāne Mahuta
<b>Week 8: Mon 18 Feb - Fri 22 March</b>	Kākano Swimming
<b>Week 8: Thursday 21 March</b>	4.30pm-6.00pm Junior Disco 6.30pm-8.00pm Senior Disco
<b>Week 9: Monday - Friday</b>	Student teacher in Tāne Mahuta
<b>Week 9: Monday 25 March</b>	<b>Otago Anniversary Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 9: Tues 26 - Thurs 28 March</b>	Kākano Swimming
<b>Week 9: Friday 29 March</b>	<b>Easter Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 10: Monday - Friday</b>	Student teacher in Tāne Mahuta
<b>Week 10: Monday 1 April</b>	<b>Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 10: Tuesday 2 April</b>	<b>STAT Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Week 10: Wed 3 - Thurs 4 March</b>	Kākano Swimming
<b>Week 11: Monday - Friday</b>	Student teacher in Tāne Mahuta
<b>Week 11: Friday 12 April</b>	Year 8 HPV#1
<b>Week 11: Friday 12 April</b>	Last day of term



## Tuākana /Teina Relationships

This year we have great plans to increase the opportunities for Tuākana / Teina relationships to take place within a range of school settings. We already hold whānau house events in weeks 3, 6 and 9 to foster getting to know each other. This year we plan to have buddy classes. Each term two classes will come together and spend time on an activity. This will look different for each combination. Each term the classes will be mixed up so that by the end of the year all classes have had an opportunity to mix together.

Here are a couple of photos of Haumia and Tāwhaki enjoying their buddy reading time.



## **CALLING ALL TALENTED CHILDREN - auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

Calling all young stars!

Dreaming of singing your heart out on stage?

Now's your chance to shine like never before with the Dunedin Children's Choir! Join us for an exhilarating journey as we become part of the spectacular New Zealand Tour of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

Imagine the thrill of being part of a touring production, where every performance is a new adventure! From Auckland to Wellington, Christchurch to Dunedin, you'll captivate audiences with your talent and energy.

But wait, there's more! Our performances have been receiving rave reviews, with audience members returning not once, but two or three times to experience the magic again.

TO SIGN UP PLEASE REGISTER AT: <https://forms.gle/t2Z3fNMmJwWHgnyV6>

AND EMAIL us at [new.stagesvmproductions@gmail.com](mailto:new.stagesvmproductions@gmail.com) to confirm your spot

Ready to take the spotlight? Join us for one week of intensive rehearsals to prepare for this incredible opportunity. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Dunedin Rehearsal Dates:

Brighten Community Hall

Monday, 12th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 13th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 14th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday, 15th February: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Friday, 16th February: Mayfair Theatre (Call Time Likely to be 4 pm but TBC with a finish time of Apron 9.45 pm)

Saturday, 17th February: Likely 9 am Rehearsal (TBC with details regarding lunch etc.)

Please note: **If you cannot commit to these rehearsal times, participation may not be possible.**

This is a professional production with limited time, and the rehearsals are non-negotiable. Your dedication is vital to the success of our performance.

Don't miss out on this chance of a lifetime to be part of something truly extraordinary! Sign up now and let your dreams take flight with the Dunedin Children's Choir!

[#DreamcoatTour](#) [#YoungStars](#) [#JoinTheChoir](#)

Plus, here are the rehearsal details to prepare you for this incredible journey!

[#ChoirRehearsals](#) [#ExcitingOpportunity](#)

## Community Notices



# VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

VARIOUS ROLES AVAILABLE

EMAIL TO REGISTER  
[kath@otagonuggets.com](mailto:kath@otagonuggets.com)



2024 NZNBL SEASON

# HOME SCHEDULE



 <b>STH</b> SAT 30 MAR <small>RL 2P / NBL 3P</small>	 <b>AKL</b> THU 16 MAY <small>RL 6.30P / NBL 7.30P</small>
 <b>MWT</b> FRI 5 APR <small>RL 6.30P / NBL 7.30P</small>	 <b>HKB</b> SAT 8 JUN <small>RL 3P / NBL 4P</small>
 <b>WLG</b> SAT 13 APR <small>RL 6.30P / NBL 7.30P</small>	 <b>TKI</b> WED 12 JUN <small>RL 6.30P / NBL 7.30P</small>
 <b>CAN</b> THU 25 APR <small>RL 1P / NBL 2P</small>	 <b>TRG</b> SUN 23 JUN <small>RL 2P / NBL 3P</small>
 <b>NSN</b> SUN 5 MAY <small>RL 2P / NBL 3P</small>	 <b>FKL</b> SAT 13 JUL <small>RL 6.30P / NBL 7.30P</small>



MEMBERSHIPS RELEASED DECEMBER 2023

**Adult Volunteers Needed as Ushers – Our local Professional Men's Basketball team, the Otago Nuggets, have 10 home games at the Edgar Centre this year from March through to July. We are offering up to 4 FREE tickets (conditions apply) & other benefits to everyone who volunteers. Parents, this is a very easy way for you to receive FREE tickets for your family to come along to an event that is held inside, is very entertaining and family friendly. Go to <https://forms.gle/bTSivmQnvs1oC2Ra9> to register or email Kath Richards at [kath@otagonuggets.com](mailto:kath@otagonuggets.com).**

# FREE TRIAL FOR KIDS ICE SKATING

Ice Skating is a fantastic way for kids to grow their confidence, coordination, and balance!

No experience or equipment is required.



**START YOUR ICE  
SKATING JOURNEY  
HERE!!!**

**SUNDAY 3RD MARCH  
9:30AM - 10:15AM**

Our coaches will look after you on arrival to make sure you have the right equipment before you head onto the ice.

Come and try out our amazing sport!!!

**TO SIGN UP**

**SCAN  
ME!**



Or head to our website:  
<https://www.dunedinicestadium.co.nz/>



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# ICE SKATING

LESSONS FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

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**Lessons every Monday & Wednesday 4 PM - 4:45 PM and Saturdays 9:15 AM - 10 AM**

**No previous experience required**

**TO SIGN UP  
SCAN  
ME!**



## NZHL XRACE

**NZHL XRACE is coming to Dunedin** and we're looking for families to join us in a community event. **XRACE is an exciting parent-and-child adventure race where one parent and one or two children aged between 6 and 14 must work together to locate and complete 10 mystery challenges, racing against the clock and other family teams. There is also a Nippers race for the Under 6's.**

More than just a race, XRACE is an immersive family adventure designed to create lasting memories and strengthen bonds between parents and children. It's a screen-free experience, apart from the obligatory paparazzi photos.

Teams can choose their own pace, whether it's a flat-out sprint from the start or a leisurely walk.

Best of all, families from our school receive a 50% discount on registrations and will start together in the same wave. Simply **use the discount code VOYAGE** at the cart, click validate, and head to the checkout to grab your 50% discount.

Click on the link to find out information about our local XRACE.

**Dunedin - Saturday, 9 March 2024 at 12PM**

Please note, this code expires seven days prior to your event.

This discount code will unify our school together so we can all start in the same wave.

We hope you can join our school community at NZHL XRACE!

[Click here to go to the XRACE website](#), find out more and sign up.



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It's an ideal opportunity for parents to share in a life journey with their children!

**Nothing is impossible - the word itself says ... "I'm possible"**



# Greater Green Island RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

We currently have space for 5 - 8 year olds

GGIRGC (Greater Green Island Rhythmic Gymnastics Club) is a **vibrant** and **friendly** club for aspiring Rhythmic Gymnasts to **enjoy the sport**, make **life-long friendships** and **grow as an individual!**

Rhythmic Gymnastics builds **flexibility** and **strength** to perform skills within **dance-like** routines, enhanced by the strategic manipulation of **clubs, balls, ribbons, hoops or ropes.**

GGIRGC was formed In 1980 by Ex-New Zealand Representative Vicky Begg (forester). Since then we have followed In Vicky's footsteps producing many **Otago and New Zealand representatives.**

GGIRGC Is a **not-for-profit club** that prides Itself on being "**a great big family**". We provide all our gymnasts with the **care, support, trust and dedication** they need to achieve their personal goals.

GGIRGC has classes for aspiring gymnasts 5 years and older. All classes are held at the Caledonian Gymnasium on Andersons Bay Road, South Dunedin.

Contact us for more information at...

Email: [ggigymclub@gmail.com](mailto:ggigymclub@gmail.com)

Website: [www.ggirhythmic.co.nz](http://www.ggirhythmic.co.nz)

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different person."

-KAREN I

New  
Entrant to  
Year 11



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TUTORING ASSOCIATION

## 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 ribbons. Some also sit for Trinity College London grade examinations with many achieving outstanding results.

Our choristers have performed at the switching on of the Christmas tree lights in the Octagon, busked in George Street and sung with the RSA choir.

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 QSM, 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/Z2zaikaDesTk3znt7>

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

