

Bathgate Park School

He kākano ahau i ruia mai i a Rakiātea - A seed born of greatness.

Term 2 Week 1

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

Term 2 commenced positively as our entire teaching staff actively engaged in our initial Ministry-approved PLD day. The focus was on exploring and familiarising ourselves with the newly introduced Mathematics and Statistics curriculum, implemented this year. We were delighted to welcome teaching staff from Portobello, Concord, and Green Island schools, who joined us for this event. This collaborative opportunity allowed us to deepen our understanding of the curriculum changes, engage in meaningful professional discussions with colleagues, and collectively strategise on its integration into our kura and our revised plan for Mathematics and Statistics.

On Tuesday, when we started back with the children, we began with a mihi whakatau to welcome some of our new entrants starting this term, as well as some King's seniors who will be working in Tāwhaki for Literacy and Numeracy Mentoring.











Teacher only Day Term 2, Wednesday 4 June 2025. School will be closed

Governance
Meeting
The next Governance
meeting will be
Monday 26 May,
3.30pm in
the staffroom. We
would love to have
you attend



Attendance Policy

Teacher Only Day - Term 2

New - Teacher Only Day Term 2 Week 6

The Commissioner has approved **Wednesday 4 June 2025** as another teacher only day while all staff have the opportunity to build their knowledge and understanding of the Numicon Maths programme. We will be working alongside teachers from other schools to explore how this programme can support the new Mathematics curriculum in both the Kākano and Puāwai teams. Unfortunately, we have no control over the date for this event and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Duffy Role Model Assembly Tracey Lambrechs

Born in South Africa, Tracey moved to New Zealand when she was 13 years old, managing at that time to convince her parents to bring all her books over with them! Along with reading her passion for sports also started young and she has played netball, softball and rugby for North Harbour and has represented NZ in athletics and weightlifting. Tracey qualified for three Commonwealth Games, where she won Bronze. She also competed in two World Championships and the Olympic Games in Rio 2016. She has worked incredibly hard to be able to travel the world doing the sport she loves. Apart from being a full time athlete, she went to University where she studied a Bachelor in Sport and Recreation and a Post Graduate Diploma in Event Management. Tracey loves reading all kinds of books from biographies to thrillers....and has a massive collection of Disney books that are at least 25 years old which her 8 year old niece loves to read regularly.



On Friday 12 April, BGP were fortunate to have Tracey Lambrechs come and share her experiences with us at the Term 1 Duffy Role Model Assembly.



Weightlifter Tracey Lambrechs said she draws much of her strength from the inspiration of a world champion shot putter and a role model doctor. She was once a close rival of Olympic gold medallist Valerie Adams in the competitive realm of shot put, but had to find a new sport because Val was so good. The athletes are now friends, and Adams' success serves as a valuable source of inspiration for Tracey.



The children loved the chance to hear about her experiences and what motivates her, as well as sharing her love of reading.

Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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





Players of the Day



New Students to BGP

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



By taking part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday 16 May, you're doing your best to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying



A.N.Z.A.C Assembly

Last Tuesday, Bathgate Park took the opportunity to acknowledge and remember our ANZACs. We had our wonderful seniors lead this event as well as our eldest and youngest students laying flowers on our school war memorials.

ANZAC Day is very special in 2025 because it reminds us of the bravery, sacrifice, and strong spirit of those who served, not just in Gallipoli, but in all wars since. Even though it has been 110 years since the ANZACs landed at Gallipoli, their courage, loyalty, and the hardships they faced continue to inspire us today. ANZAC Day is a time for all New Zealanders to come together to honour the past, show respect for those who served, and to be thankful for the peace and freedom we have now.

We remember ANZAC Day not just to honour the soldiers, but also to learn from the past. War brought great suffering and loss. By remembering these events, we remind ourselves why it is important to work for peace, to solve problems fairly, and to stand up for what is right. If we forget the lessons of the past, we risk making the same mistakes again. ANZAC Day helps us keep alive the values of courage, kindness, and unity, so we can build a better future for everyone.



Rehua honours and remembers

Haumia make poppies to



















Tāne Mahuta having fun at Maths time with the Numicon equipment





















Attendance



There's a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. It's everyone's responsibility to make sure children attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

It's important for schools and kura, parents and whānau, iwi, hapū, communities, and government agencies to work together to support and make sure students are attending school regularly.

Regular attendance means the student is present for more than 90% of the term. To increase regular attendance rates, the Government has set a target: by 2030, 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.

As part of our work to have this happen at Bathgate Park School there will be regular communication around attendance and aspects connected to it each newsletter. The new Attendance Policy that accompanies this newsletter is what underpins the guidelines we have set to follow.

The Board has set targets for 2025 attendance.

They are:

Term 1 65% regular attendance;

Terms 2-4 75%.

Term 1, 2025 had 66% of our school attending 90-100% of the term.

A fantastic step towards this term's target.





















Week 1: Rehua





Week & Date	Event
TERM 2	
Week 2: Monday 5- Friday 9 May	Sign Language Week
Week 2: Sunday 11 May	Mother's Day / Special Female
Week 3: Monday 12- Friday 16 May	Kindness Week
Week 3: Friday 16 May	Free - Pink Shirt Day - non uniform day - wear a pink shirt if possible
Week 4: Monday 19 - Friday 23 May	Road Safety Week
Week 5: Monday 26 - 30 Friday May	Samoan Language Week
Week 6: Monday 2 June	King's Birthday = SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 6: Wednesday 4 June	Teacher Only Day= SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 8: Thursday 19 June	Matariki Event - Time TBC
Week 8: Friday 20 June	Matariki Stat Day = SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 9: Friday 27 June	Last day of school





RETURN TO PARADISE - ART WORKHOPS WITH ANA TEOFILO

Unwind, explore, connect and get creative!

Dive into the rich heritage of Polynesian motifs, and learn the stories behind the symbols. Led by South Dunedin artist, Ana Teofilo.

These community workshops are free for those who live, learn, work or play in South Dunedin.

Limited spaces - To register:

- Head to our website dreamsouthd.org.nz/news
- Email hello@dreamsouthd.org.nz
- Phone 022 350 2297

ADULT WORKSHOPS SATURDAY 3 MAY

- 11.30AM -1.30PM
- 2PM 4PM

CHILDREN AND WHĂNAU WORKSHOPS SUNDAY 4 MAY

- 11AM -12PM BEST FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-11
- IPM 3PM BEST FOR CHILDREN AGES 10AND UP
- The Armitage 190 King Edward Street South Dunedin



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OTAGO FUTSAL ACADEMY



• 6-7PM: 8-10 Yrs

• 7-8PM: 11-13 Yrs

Venue

Edgar Centre

Price

\$23 per session/ \$138 for the six week block

Contact details

• Email: otagotutsalacademy@gmail.com

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A FREE programme that helps you look after the best interests of your children as your relationship changes.

No matter where you are in terms of your separation, this programme can help. It offers you strategies and ways to communicate with your partner so you both work together for your children's best interests.

Parenting Through Separation courses are delivered throughout Otago online and at our Dunedin venue.

If you would like to find out more; or when the next course dates are running, email: pts@mmsouth.org.nz or call 0273839335 or the number below.

The Mission office

0800 PTSCOURSE - (0800 787 268)

JOIN THE DREAM!

Are you passionate about South Dunedin? Do you want to be part of a team working to make our community an even better place to live, work, and play?

Dream South D is a community-led development project. We're looking for **team members** to help us connect with the community and bring local projects to life.

We're a small, committed team working alongside a dedicated board of trustees. If you're proactive, community-minded, and keen to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you!

Ideally, you'll be:

- · Community minded
- Efficient and organised
- Great at working in a small team
- · Have initiative to get things moving
- A great communicator
- · Happy to jump in where needed
- Connected to the South Dunedin community
- · Able to keep multiple balls in the air
- Results driven

Interested? Get in touch hello@dreamsouthd.org.nz for more information.

Let's make South D even stronger—together.

You might be experienced in some of the following things:

- Making projects/initiatives happen in the community
- · Working for a non-profit organisation
- Writing great comms including articles, reports and social media
- Budgeting for projects
- Tech savvy comfortable with Google Workspace, Canva and Squarespace
- · Designing eye catching media
- Relationship building
- · Working with and alongside diverse groups
- Organising and/or hosting events and activities
- · Office administration

Learn more about our work and community projects here:
www.dreamsouthd.org.nz/projects

We are getting ready for another awesome year of Waewae Kai Pakiaka, strating back on the 6th of May - Week 2 of Term 2, 2025.

Waewae Kai Pakiaka is an after school kids progamme centered around Māori initiatives. This programme runs every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

What you can expect;

- Te Reo Māori, me ōnā tikaka
- Whakawhanaukataka
- Kā mahi ā Tāne Rore me Hine Te Rēhia (Kapa Haka)
- Kaikōkiri Senior leaders (Programme facilitators)

Exposing our tamariki to te ao Māori and kaupapa Māori means planting the seeds for tomorrow. Waewae Kai Pakiaka, is a space for our future generations to feel safe to be Māori. Listening to Te Reo Māori can kickstart language learning, before officially beginning to learn the language!

Tūrakawaewae - A sense of belonging and community. Kapa Haka provides opportunities to be completely and unashamedly Māori. To stand with pride and enjoy a sense of community and identity. Those who participate in kapa haka are revitalising our reo Māori - that in it self is beyond beneficial.

Whakawhanaukataka - 'Nā tō rourou, nā tōku rourou ka ora te iwi' / 'With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive'.

Whakawhanaukataka is a foundational value in our Māori culture. With relationships, people, and connections central to Māori wellbeing. Our aim is to develope connections within our region and within our community.

"Poipoia te kākano kia puawai" / "Nurture the seed and it will grow".

Supporting today's tamariki to become tomorrow's motivated young people with belief in themselves and the resources to pursue their fullest potential - as individuals and as valued members of their whānau and of their communities.

Kaikōkiri - Our senior leaders.

A few of our senior leaders are past members of WKP themselves and/ or senior students at their schools. Kaikōkiri are facilitating this kaupapa - working alongside our tamariki. While we also have supervisers on stand by.

To register your tamariki please use the QR code on the poster below .

