



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 3 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 Term 3. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. I would like to welcome Karen McNabb who will be working alongside Portia Parmenter in Tāwhaki, creating a collaborative and enriching learning environment for our seniors.

I hope everyone had a chance to celebrate Matariki with their family and/or friends. Matariki is about celebrating who we were; who we are now, and who we want to be. It is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead. Mānawatia a Matariki!

We have a busy and exciting term ahead. Please keep an eye on the dates part of the newsletter, as these get regularly updated.

Coal Boiler Converted to Wood Pellet

Over the last school holidays, our coal boiler underwent a transformation, thanks to the Government's desire to progress the replacement of schools' coal boilers through the Coal Boiler Replacement Programme. This is a fully funded programme to support a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for the state and education sectors. From Monday we have been operating under this new heating system, and it has definitely been producing heat. A huge thank you to the range of people & companies involved in completing this project.

Education Review Office (ERO) Update

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us, as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#). A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.



Lucky Book Club

Orders paid to office by Friday 18 August.



Welcome Whāea Karen to Tāwhaki



Bake Sales

Beginning:
Friday 28 July
at the canteen during morning tea time.

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 28 August at 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 and speaking rights can be arranged.

Policies For Review

The following policies have been reviewed. They will be emailed out for viewing / feedback before being ratified at an upcoming meeting. The closing date for this is Friday 25 August.

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Appointments Policy
- Smokefree / Vap Free Policy

Parent Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 1 August & Wednesday 2 August with time slots available from 3.15 to 6.45pm. To book in a time slot please go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/mva5a>

If you need help to do this please feel free to phone the office and they will assist with making an appointment. If the days and times on offer do not suit, please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange either an alternative face to face time or to arrange a phone conversation instead.

Parent / teacher interviews are a chance to discuss the report from last term and to discuss, alongside your child, what the focus for them is for the next 2 terms. We encourage you to bring your child to the interview so they can be part of the learning conversation.

Sibling Survey

It is that time again when we are in the process of updating our records to support our ability to plan ahead and cater for future enrolments. To assist us in this planning process, we kindly request your assistance in providing us with the details of your preschoolers.

If you are aware of anyone else not currently with our school who has a preschooler, can you please forward this link to them if they may be interested in exploring Bathgate Park School as an option.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. As a thank you for doing this we would love to give your preschooler(s) a free book for them to enjoy.

<https://forms.gle/9gjqWEDYGfYAZu61A>

Year 8 Fundraisers

This term is the start of focused fundraising by the Year 8's to help with camp costs for Term 4. We are bringing back the wonderful Bake Sales. The first one will take place next week and then fortnightly after that. There will also be a Meat raffle and a mufti day fundraiser happening over the course of the term. Details will come out nearer to the events. Thank you in advance for your support with these.

Donations Scheme

The School Board is currently getting ready to commit to the School Donations Scheme for 2024. This scheme is a government initiative where the school is guaranteed an amount of money per student instead of asking for parent donations.

This is something that the Board needs to decide on opting into each year. If anyone has any feedback they would like to provide please send an email to katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz before 24 August and it will be presented at the August Board meeting.

Welcome to our newest
Bathgate Park Learners and
their whānau.



Wonderful Haumia
Writers



Tidiest Classroom Term 3 Results

Term 2 Week 10: Tāwhaki

Congratulations to Rehua, Tane
Mahuta, Uenuku, Rūaumoko &
Tāwhaki who all tied for tidiest
classes of Term 2.



Term 3 Week 1:

Year 8 Open Nights

It is that time again, when our Year 8 students are starting to think about the next step of their education journey. Open events / nights will be taking place at the start of next term. This is where each high school has the opportunity to showcase their school environment. We recommend attending these events, even if you already know where your young person may be going in 2024. Once you have made your decision, it is very important to get the enrolments forms in as soon as possible.

Logan Park	Sunday 23 July - 11am-1pm
Kaikorai Valley College	Monday 24 July 6:15pm
Otago Girls High School	Tuesday 25 July - 5pm or 6pm@ Otago Girls High Hall
Queens High School	Wednesday 26 July - 6.30pm @Queens High School Hall
Otago Boys High	Wednesday 26 July - 6pm @auditorium
King's High School	Thursday 27 July - 6.30pm @Performing Arts Centre
Trinity Catholic College	Sunday 30 July - 12pm

PB4L

Week 2's focus setting is **All Settings**

The expectation being taught, reinforced and acknowledged is:

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

Children's Safety & Near Misses: What Price Is Your Child's Safety?

The most important thing for us here at BGP is working hard to ensure all children are as safe as we can possibly make it, but we need your help too. Numerous times we have asked for pick up and drop off NOT to happen in the asphalt area through our big main gate.



In the last few weeks we have had a couple of near misses. Children are in these areas before and after school. They run out and are not always mindful of what or who is about, particularly cars. Drivers are not always aware or able to see all the children who are there. We need you NOT to come in here to collect your children as it is only a matter of time before these near misses become an actual incident.

This can be avoided by you collecting your children from the correct parking spaces:

- Tennis court collection space
- Tonga Car Park
- Macandrew Road parking
- Helena Street car parking.

Snow Days

We have had a taste of snow at the start of the holidays and it is possible it will happen again. Last term we shared our Snow Day procedure with you, it has information about how to find out if school openings are affected.

Please be aware that all Dunedin Primary Schools follow the same procedure. Decisions for late starts or closure are not taken lightly and quite often staff do not live in the local area – safely getting to and from work in these conditions is a consideration. If we need to have a late start or closure then a school txt will be sent; as well as it being posted on our Facebook page.

Also, in the past we have had to send students home early because of snow – it is VITAL that we have your correct phone numbers and that there is also an emergency contact number. Thank you to all those that have updated these already. The Snow Day Policy /procedure can also be found on the school website. [BGP website](#) Please let the office know if you would like a hard copy sent home

Hard Working Mathematicians



Term Dates

Week and Date	Event
Weeks 1-4 & 6-8: Every Tuesday	Senior Swimming
Week 2 Tuesday 25 July	School Photos
Week 3	Samoan Language Week
Week 3 Tuesday 1 August & Wednesday 2 August 3-6.45pm	Parent Interviews
Week 5	BGP's Philippines National Month acknowledgement week
Week 6 Monday 21 August	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Evening
Weeks 7-10	Keeping Ourselves Safe Unit being taught
Week 8	Tongan Language Week
Week 8 Wednesday 6 September	South Dunedin Community Hui @BGP Hall
Week 9	Te Wiki o Te reo Māori
Week 9	Polyfest Week
Week 10 Friday 22 September	Last day of term 3



ACT
kindly and gently



RESPECT
yourself, others,
property and the



OWN
your actions



HAVE
a positive attitude



ALWAYS
do your best

TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL 2023

5th August 2023 - Hunter Centre

Run by Otago University Health Professional Students



Bring your teddies to visit our teddy doctors, dentists, physios, pharmacists, nutritionists and nurses

Book your appt. today

There will also be a bouncy castle and food available

Scan the QR code to follow our facebook page for further information

Event name; Teddy Bear Hospital Community Day 2023



We are super excited for Teddy bear Hospital Community Day on Saturday 5th August 10am-2pm.

This event is open to all the public and it is being held at 2 locations this year: Hunter Centre North Dunedin and later Carisbrook School South Dunedin on Saturday 16th September.

This is an awesome event run by Otago Health Professional Students where children can bring in their sick teddies and have them checked by our teddy doctors and dentists. Our aim is to reduce some of the anxiety and fear that children experience at the prospect of visiting the doctor or dentist. This venture is thus preventative in nature, aiming to stop visiting these professions seeming scary and daunting.

As well as teddy doctor and dentist consultations (in both Te Reo and English), we will have a sausage sizzle, bouncy castle, face painting, obstacle courses, students from the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing and Physiotherapy, Sport and Exercise Science, Med lab Science, St John Ambulance, Radiology and more!!

Community Day is a free, non-profit event aimed at creating positive experiences for children within the health care setting.

DCC Parks Survey

Dunedin City Council is currently asking Dunedin residents to give feedback on the current policies for our city's reserves.

These policies guide the use, development, maintenance, protection and preservation of Dunedin's more than 300 natural areas which include parks, reserves, sports grounds and other green spaces.

Have your say at www.dunedin.govt.nz/reserves-management-review



START YOUR CAREER

WORK IN A REWARDING ROLE THAT YOU WILL BE PROUD OF!

● IF YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO IS ALREADY PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING WITH CHILDREN, OR LOVES THE IDEA OF IT WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!! MASH IS A LARGE AFTER SCHOOL, BEFORE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY OSCAR PROVIDER OPERATING ACROSS THE SOUTH ISLAND.

APPLY TODAY
E: WORK@MASHKIDS.CO.NZ