



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 3 Week 5

We have officially crossed the halfway mark for this term and there is still a lot happening in the second half. We begin with our Keeping Ourselves Safe parent evening followed by classes starting their unit; our large multicultural group are gearing up for Polyfest in Week 9, and coming up soon we have a senior group entered in BandQuest.

On 15 August, the Government removed the requirement to self-isolate when sick with COVID-19. This now means that we revert back to our normal protocols for sickness. I thought this would be a good opportunity to remind everyone about the steps that can be taken to protect each other. The best thing we can do when we are feeling unwell is to STAY HOME. This is the same message for staff as well as students.

This winter we are seeing a rise in seasonal colds, flu and other respiratory illnesses circulating within our community and school. To protect everyone from the spread of respiratory infections this winter, and recognising COVID-19 is still circulating, it is important that we all follow infection prevention measures.

Below are some of the steps we are taking at school to help promote wellbeing:

- **STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.**
- Continue to RAT test if you are showing COVID symptoms. We have these available for adults to collect if needed.
- All staff and children to maintain good hand hygiene We will encourage all staff and students to:
 - Wash and dry hands thoroughly or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
 - Clean hands after using the bathroom and before mealtimes.
- We will continue to wear, and to support others, to wear masks. These are available in class.
- We will practise and encourage cough etiquette:
 - Sneeze or cough into an elbow or a tissue.
 - Everyone should avoid touching their face, dispose of tissues in a waste bin and wash and dry, or sanitise their hands. This will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and other viruses such as the common cold or flu.
 - Rubbish bins will be cleared regularly.
- Keep spaces clean.
 - We will ensure regular cleaning of facilities, paying special attention to high-touch surfaces and objects. This is particularly important for areas and equipment that will be shared by staff & students.
- We will keep spaces well ventilated. Windows and/or doors will be kept open as part of this ventilation support.



Lucky Book Club

Orders paid to the office by
Friday 15 September



Meat Raffle

Cards and money due to the office by
Monday 21 August



Parent Meeting

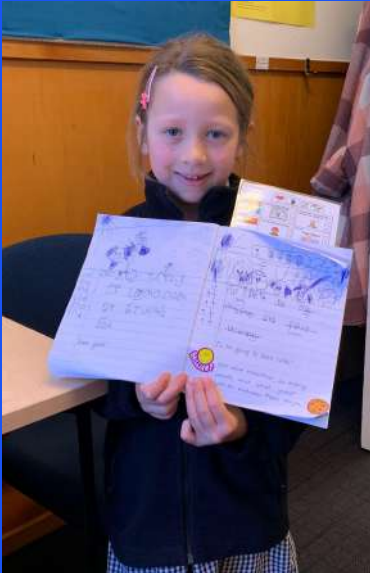
Monday 21 August
6:15 pm School Hall

Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



Some amazing writing from Valentina!



Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening

In weeks 7-10 we will be working through the Police programme, Keeping Ourselves Safe. This is a programme we explore every two years with students. Before we begin, we will be holding a parent information meeting to share the main ideas of the programme; outline what content will be taught in each area of the school, and answer any questions people may have. As part of this programme, Constable Greer, our Police Education officer will be taking sessions in all classrooms. Information about the meeting will be sent home separately, but please mark this date on your calendar. This is on **Monday 21 August, 6.15pm**

In this programme they will learn:

- to work out when their safety is at risk
- how to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people
- who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused
- to go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse
- that it is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules.

We look forward to having you join us.

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 email katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz and speaking rights can be arranged.

BGP Community Garden Working Bee

Bathgate Park School
Community Gardens

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Winter Working Bee

**Saturday 26th August 2023
1-3pm**



All welcome!

BYO tools & gloves. We could especially use wheelbarrows, lawnmower/weedwackers & 'fix it' tools.

NED Show



On Monday 7 August we had the NED show at our school. **The NED Show is** a character education program that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best.

During this show the children had a great opportunity to see a range of yoyo tricks. We are currently seeing yoyo's from the office until Monday 21 August.



Tidiest Classroom Term 3 Results

Term 3 Week 1: Tāne Mahuta

Term 3 Week 2: Uenuku

Term 3 Week 3: Rēhua

Term 3 Week 4: Tāwhaki

Term 3 Week 5: Uenuku



Term Dates

Week and Date	Event
Week 6 Monday 21 August 6:15pm	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

New LifeSmart and Parent Resource Release

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is crucial for holistic development, and its integration both at home and school amplifies its impact. By fostering SEL at home, parents and caregivers can provide consistent support and model healthy emotional responses, enhancing a child's ability to navigate challenges effectively. Here are some links to support this:

[Help your child become a problem solver](#)

Aimed at kids aged 6-8 although the hallway maze activity included would be fun for all ages!

[Help your child become self-aware](#)

Aimed at kids aged 8-10 and includes some great videos, activities and discussion points.

[Help your child make great decisions](#)

Aimed at kids aged 10-12 and includes some great videos about decision making, and activities to do as a family.



ACT
kindly and gently



RESPECT
yourself, others,
property and the
environment



OWN
your actions



HAVE
a positive attitude



ALWAYS
do your best

Bus Information

Remember to register your free Bee Card today. All travel concessions on buses are only available with REGISTERED Bee Cards. So, if you are aged 5+ and have an unregistered Bee Card, you will pay \$3 per bus trip.

We invite you to pop into an ORC office or a Bee Card retailer to pick up a free Bee Card before 30 September, or ask your bus driver for one - and remember to register it by going online here: <https://beecard.co.nz/>

5-12 years with Bee Card – FREE fares with a REGISTERED Bee Card

If you're aged 5-12 years, you travel free on the bus. You must have registered your Bee Card online and must tag on and tag off.

13-18 years with Bee Card – 60c fares with a REGISTERED Bee Card

If you're aged 13-18 years, you pay 60c per trip on the bus. You must have registered your Bee Card online and remember to tag on and tag off.

BACK TO SCHOOL ON THE PUBLIC BUS?

Get a Bee Card. Register it.
Tag on & tag off. Get low fares.





The 2023 General Election will be held in October and we want every eligible New Zealander to enrol and vote.

Voting starts on Monday 2 October and finishes at 7pm on election day, Saturday 14 October.

Enrol to vote

You need to be enrolled to vote in the election. You're eligible to enrol and vote if you:

- are 18 years or older, and
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and
- you've lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more at some time in your life.

If you have moved house or changed your name, you need to update your enrollment details. It's easy to enrol or update your details online at vote.nz using a New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport or RealMe verified identity. You can also fill out an enrollment form.

You can request a form at vote.nz, by calling 0800 36 76 56, or by texting your name and address to 3676.

If you haven't enrolled, you can enrol and vote at any voting place including on election day.

Voting in the General Election

Enrol by 10 September to receive information about the election in the mail as well as an EasyVote card which makes voting easier.

Information about where and when to vote, and who you can vote for, will be available from mid-September at vote.nz or by calling 0800 36 76 56. It will also be included in your EasyVote pack.

If you are voting at a voting place, take your EasyVote card with you. It will make voting easier.

You can vote at any voting place in the country, but you may need to fill out an extra form if you vote outside your electorate. You can also enrol, check or update your details at any voting place when you go to vote.

At the voting place, you'll be given a voting paper for the election. On your voting paper, place a tick by the political party you support, and a tick by the name of the person you want to represent your local area. These are your party and electorate votes.

[Enrollment information in different languages](#)



Pākiki kids

Pākiki Kids is an independent one-day programme for gifted students (Years 3-8) which has been operating in Dunedin for over 12 years.

The programme provides gifted students with intellectual challenge and the opportunity to pursue their strengths and passions in an environment that also supports them emotionally and socially.

Children from all local schools are welcome to apply.



Applications for 2024 are now available and close on 20 September 2023.

For more details, check out the Pākiki Kids website (www.pakikikids.org) or email the Pākiki Kids Coordinator (info@pakikikids.org).

We'd love to hear from you!

sher ~~share~~ your heart

free and easy access to
cardiovascular screening

Nau mai, haere mai!

fun for the whole whānau

- bouncy castle
- kai
- other fun activities for tamariki

2nd of September, 10:00am–4:00pm

Te Kāika, 25 College Street, Caversham, Dunedin





Let's go fishing

Otago Fish & Game Council is running four *free* Take A Kid Fishing sessions from 10am to noon at Southern Reservoir, Reservoir Road, Dunedin, on September 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2023. You must register to attend this popular event.

Go to the Otago Fish and Game Council Facebook page, or follow the link below:

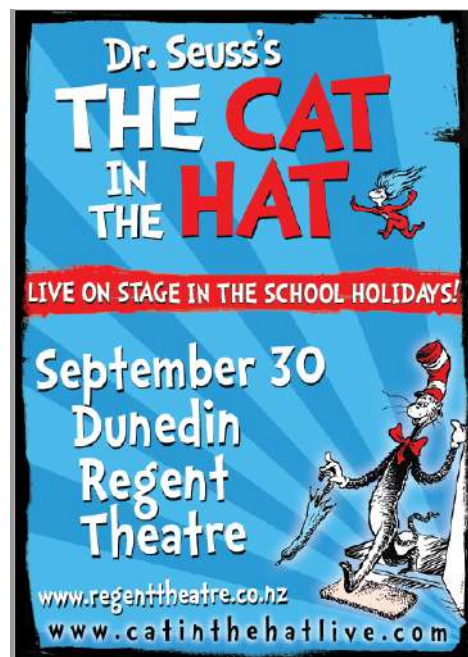
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNDY7L2>



Due to popular demand, participants may only register for one day only. Numbers will be limited to 120 children per event.

Spare fishing rods will be available along with experts to help kids get started. Please bring a few fishing lures. Parents or caregivers must be present to supervise children.

Thanks to our supporters at the Otago Community Trust, Oceana Gold and Dunedin City Council.



Dr. Seuss's THE CAT IN THE HAT

LIVE ON STAGE!

**INTERNATIONAL TOURING STAGE SHOW HITS
NEW ZEALAND IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023**

Few children's books have stood the test of time quite like Dr Seuss's 200 word masterpiece 'The Cat in the Hat'. As the top selling childrens author of all time, the story is as popular now as it was in the 1950's when Oxford University educated Theodor 'Seuss' Geissel wrote the book. Now both children & adults alike are sure to be left in raptures by this zany and imaginative stage show, that will bring the story to life on stages throughout New Zealand.



The Showcase adaptation of the play is the **WORLD'S No.1** selling Cat in the Hat show and was adapted for the stage in 2009 by the National Theatre of Great Britain, but tells the story consistent with the book, of a brother and sister, bored at home on a rainy day...(without their Mother!??) when they are visited by none other than 'The Cat' in his red and white striped Hat...(which they let in the door!?) Their outspoken and outraged pet Fish (yip the fish talks... and is the babysitter!!) is astounded and concerned, but this cat will not be deterred. He will teach us all to make our own fun with nothing but a little imagination.

"It's fun to have fun, but you have to know how." Along with his friends, Thing One and Thing Two (Hey we all have those types' of friend's), they turn the house upside down leaving mess everywhere but have no fear because The Cat brings in his red 'Picker-Up Machine' and all is back to normal before Mum walks back in the door.

Fresh from a SELLOUT tour of Australia in 2023 we are very excited to be bringing this amazing show for New Zealand families to enjoy in the upcoming school holidays!

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- Reading and writing challenges
- Specific Learning Disorders (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Neurological Conditions (cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury)



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- 📧 @AnglicanFamilyCare
- 🌐 AnglicanFamilyCare.org.nz/caregiving
- 📍 266 Hanover Street, Dunedin

Vape-Free Kids Petitions

According to statistics from a recent Asthma Foundation survey, 20% of students are now regular users of such products and they are mostly accessed from local dairies and convenience stores. This is an alarming number of young people exposing themselves to potentially harmful toxins and chemicals with effects not yet known.

These products often appear to be the target for the extremely staggering amount of ram raids and crime that is being committed by some of the young members of our community.

Two petitions have been started to remove the sale of vaping products from dairies and convenience stores.

<https://petitions.parliament.nz/2a168fb2-ec46-478c-52f5-08db2efc521d>

And

[Vape Free Petition 2](#)

The Vape-Free Kids NZ facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vapefreekidsnz> was created for the purpose of coming together, sharing ideas, taking action, and providing resources for whānau and Kaiako to support their kids.

[How To talk about Vaping](#)

Protect Your Breath Campaign

[Protect Your Breath Campaign](#)

Don't get sucked in

[Don't Get Sucked In](#)