



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 3 Week 8

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

A huge thank you to Rachael Lawless for our revised and revamped look to the newsletter. We hope you enjoy the fresh new layout.

This week Bathgate Park have been acknowledging and celebrating Tongan Language Week with a range of activities in the classrooms. Unfortunately, due to our Alert Level 2 restrictions, our planned community assembly, with performances was not able to take place. We are hopeful of rescheduling this at a later time. Please look at our Facebook page where some images of the week will be posted.

Next week we take the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate Te Reo Māori.



We would like to acknowledge our "Kaitiaki ō ngā tēpu Aroha" - our Aroha table guardians. Each day they have been doing an exceptional job of ensuring our Aroha tables are always clean and tidy after break times. Ka mau te wehi kōrua. Thank you for showing so much respect for our school environment.

Staffing Updates

It is with great reluctance and sadness the Board of Trustees have accepted the resignation of Lauren Latimer from her position of teacher at BGP. Lauren joined Bathgate Park as a Junior Classroom teacher and Junior Syndicate Leader in 2014, before very successfully taking on the role of Acting Deputy in 2017. This year Lauren has been on secondment to the University of Otago. Lauren has the exciting opportunity of continuing her work with the University as a Literacy Advisor in Schools. We will have a proper farewell for Lauren in Term 4, when we



Tongan Language Week

School wide celebration is postponed until Friday 25 September.



Fun Run

Friday October 23. Go to schoolfunrun.co.nz to set up your child.



Mufti Days

Friday September 18 & 25. \$2 to teacher.



Teacher Only Day

Tuesday October 27.

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Kindly and gently

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RESPECT

Yourself, others and the environment

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Your actions

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HAVE

A positive attitude

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ALWAYS

Do your best



Duffy Caught Being Good

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



Players of the Day



are at Alert Level 1. Details of this will come out closer to the time. We wish her all the best and know that she will continue to visit us and be in contact.

A huge congratulations to Becky Hamilton, who has won an RTL B (Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour) position in Auckland. She will be starting this new job at the beginning of Term 4. Becky has been working supporting me with the SENCo role this year. We wish her and her family all the best for this new adventure.

We welcome Matthew McCormick to BGP, starting Term 4. Matthew will be taking over the SENCo role for Term 4, as well as teaching part time in Tāwhaki. We look forward to having him join our team.

Alert Level 2

A notice was emailed out with a range of updates connected to Alert Level 2 and what we are able to carry on doing and what has had to be cancelled or altered. Please read these updates when they arrive as they have the latest information. Finger's crossed for a more normal Term 4.

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 27 October, 2020

On **Tuesday 27 October SCHOOL IS CLOSED** for a Teacher Only Day. Teaching staff will be working on our professional development curriculum focus looking at rates of progress linked to assessment and reporting.

Tidiest Classroom

Well done to:
Week 7 = Rehua
Week 8 = Uenuku

SENIOR STUDENT GARDENERS

This term we have had many senior students working out in the garden on Thursdays. It is looking super tidy and everyone is showing a real interest in growing and eating their own vegetables.

Some of the seniors even learnt how to make kale chips and they turned out super delicious.





Saying A Big Thank You & Farewell To A Very Special Lady

Last Friday we said a very big farewell and thank you to Barbara. Barbara is an absolute treasure. She has been giving up her Friday mornings, to come along to school, and read with and to our students. Barbara is a member of our Friday Readers Team. The Friday Readers have been working in our school since 2012, after establishing themselves at Forbury school. The staff and students really appreciate everything the Friday Readers do and we love having them come be part of the BGP family. Barbara has decided to "retire" at the wonderful age of 98!!! We wish Barbara all the very best, and sincerely thank her for volunteering her time over the years.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Monday 21 September. This meeting is going to be at 6.30pm 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.



Final date for orders from current issue is Friday 18 September 2020.

Summer Sports

You all will have received an email with the link to our Google form for Summer Sports Participation. If your child is interested in being part of a Summer sports team for Bathgate Park, please fill in their details as soon as possible so we are able to register our school teams. At present, we are looking at registering teams for T-Ball, Softball, Futsal, Touch, Rippa and Volleyball.

Fun Run

Our Fun Run has been re-scheduled to take place on Friday October 23 (Week 2 of Term 4). You will have received an email refreshing your memory about how to register your child and begin to raise money for new sports gear for the Bathgate Park students. There are great prizes up for grabs for students who are able to raise funds for our cause.

Policies For Review

The Bathgate Park Health & Safety Policy has been reviewed at our last Board meeting and is available for viewing/feedback from the office, before being ratified at the upcoming meeting. A copy can be emailed on request.

Join Ariki Children's Athletics Club this summer!

Ariki's focus is on kids having fun while learning a range of running and field events from a team of trained coaches. Great for keeping fit after winter sports finish, and helps develop strength, coordination and flexibility. Training takes place in terms 4 and 1 on Monday nights (5.45-7pm) at the Dunedin Caledonian and, for kids who want to compete, there's interclub meets on Saturday mornings.

2020-21 season registration nights are from 6-7pm at Guthrie Pavilion behind Bayfield School on 14 and 21 September. Come along and register your child (ages 4-14) for this coming summer's season of athletics, or register online (www.ariki-athletics.org.nz).

Lowdown September Issue

Be on the look out for the article written by ex-Bathgate Park Student Tennielle Sarjeant.

Link here to online version <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xJuwGTxJcSKBSV3TiK8uLnxfnb-rifHf/view?usp=sharing>

Kings High School PTSA Preloved Uniform Shop Open Day Saturday 19th September 10am-noon
Come and find a bargain, get a head start on 2021 uniform requirements Usual Covid 19 level two conditions apply During term time contact to make an appointment Jeanette txt 0272794617 (2020) Or Diana: dl_cunningham@hotmail.com (2021) Join and stay tuned to our Facebook page for further information: Kings High School PTSA Dunedin