



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 3 Week 10

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

Wow, I cannot believe how fast this term has gone. We have had such a topsy turvy term - starting and finishing at Alert Level 1 and in between having so many limitations on what has been possible. Despite all this, we have been able to celebrate a number of Language Weeks, create and film a Production as well as focus on Ōtākau history.

I was excited to see the return to larger gatherings so the school could come together again. Firstly, yesterday, with our Māori Language week celebration. It was so wonderful to see the language being shared and celebrated in a variety of ways. A huge thank you to Hata Temo who opened and closed our event; Te Kōhanga Reo o Whānau Paki & Hinekura who came and shared in our celebration as audience members and with some wonderful singing; Te Heretaura as well as He Waka Kōtuia. So exciting to see so many ex-BGP students from Queen's back performing. An extra special shout out to the tamariki of Te Rakiātea whose performances were stunning.

Then today we had the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate Tongan language. We were very lucky to have several special people and groups visiting to share in our celebrations. A big thank you to Reverend Piei who opened our celebrations. We also would like to thank the tamariki of Tino e Tasi preschool, Punavai O le Atamai Preschool, St Bernadettes Pasifika group and our very own BGP Famili a Pasifiki who all performed beautifully for us. A further thank you to all of the members of our BGP community who came along to take part in our celebration. What a wonderful way to end the term!

Just when you think it can't get any better we have had our marvellous Dunedin ABC's production. As always, the staff and students of BGP are flexible and adaptable which



The amazing tamariki of Te Rakiātea performing at our Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori celebrations yesterday morning.



Summer Sports

Summer sports begin after the school holidays in Term 4.



Fun Run

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



Teacher Only Day

Tuesday October 27.



Whānau House Points

Pango whānau house are the winners for Term 3.

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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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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



meant when our live performances were not going to be possible an alternative was created. I have had a chance to hear and see portions of the production and am looking forward to viewing the complete version later in Term 4.

Check out our Facebook page for photos of all of these events. I am so incredibly proud of all our students. So much talent and passion for the Arts. A huge thank you to the Arts Team, teachers and support staff that have aided the organisation and presentation of these events. What a positive finish to the term.

Term 4 Dates

Term 4 starts back on Monday 12 October.

Shake Out Earthquake and Tsunami drill: Thursday 15 October 9.30am.

Labour Day: Monday 26 October – school closed.

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 27 October – school closed.

Year 8 Camp: Tuesday 10 November – Friday 13 November.

Final school assembly: Tuesday 15 December.

Last day of term: Wednesday 16 December.

Alert Level 1

We will be resuming our school assemblies in Term 4. These usually take place at 9.15am on a Monday morning. You are welcome to attend. On Monday 12 October we will be holding a Mihi Whakatau to welcome Mr Matthew McCormick and new students to our school. This will begin in the hall at 9.30am. All welcome.

Saying A Big Thank You & Farewell To Two Special Ladies

On Thursday, we acknowledged and said farewell to Becky Hamilton and



Our wonderful BGP Famili a Pasifiki performing this morning at our Tonga Language week celebrations.

ALL ABILITIES SPORTS DAY

What a delight it was to see how much fun Zantos Marsh of Rehua had last week at the Otago All Abilities Sports Day. Ka mau te wehi Zantos! Maria Dillon: Resource Teacher of the Deaf wrote this lovely account of her time with Zantos:

"I was very lucky to accompany Zantos to the Otago All Abilities Sports Day held at the Sargood Centre in Dunedin on Tuesday the 8th of September organised by The Halberg Foundation & Parafed. Dunedin put on a stunning day with blue sky and sunshine and children from different schools in Otago attended the day.

To begin with the children played Rippa Rugby with some of the Otago & Otago Spirit rugby players with lots of running, tries and laughter by all.

After this they played cricket with a few of the Otago Sparks. Everyone was then well fed with a van pulling up and cooking BBQ burgers for lunch.

After lunch it was time for football with some regional representatives - also a lady from the NZ Maori Women's Rugby Team showed the children her skills.

To finish off the fun, all children were presented with a mini football to take home. It was a wonderful day and the children all participated and enjoyed playing sports with some of Otago's very talented players.





Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Monday 19 October. This meeting is going to be at 6.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend. This meeting is earlier than normal due to Labour Day.

Friends of BGP Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 15 October 3.15pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you join us.



Jill Harris. Becky has worked in all classes at some time this year in her role of SENCo. We wish her all the best as she takes on an RTLb position in Auckland.

Jill has been a volunteer in our school since its creation and has been a valued member of the extended BGP family. Jill is moving to Timaru to be closer to family. A huge thank you for all the different areas and different ways she has contributed to supporting our school, its staff and students. We wish both ladies safe travels and there is an open door invitation to return and see us any time.

Head Lice

We have some instances of headlice in the school at present time. Attached to this newsletter is the information around treating this. These holidays would be a great opportunity to get on top of this by checking and treating your child if needed; cleaning hairbrushes and changing bedding e.g. pillowcases.

The school is supported by KidzCan, with headlice treatments and combs, which we can send home to assist with these. These are always available. Just let the office or your child's teacher know and we can send this home.

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 9 = Uenuku

Week 10 = Tāwhiri

Congratulations to **Rehua** who have been the Tidiest Classroom of the Term.

Whānau House Winner

Congratulations to Pango who have taken out top Whānau House points. They will have a free mufti day in Term 4.

Summer Sports

Reminder that our sports teams for next term will be registered over the holidays. Please make sure that you complete the Summer Sports Participation google form as soon as possible if your child is interested in participating.

Fun Run

These school holidays are the perfect time for students to be raising money to support our school fun run. There are lots of great prizes to be claimed for each student who raises at least \$10.