



Bathgate Park School

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

Term 1 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 the 2025 school year. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. We began the school year, on the first day, with a wonderful Mihi Whakatau, where the existing BGP students and staff welcomed our new additions – staff, students and families into the BGP community. We introduced Miss Abbey Hamilton who is kāiako for Tangaroa.

I believe there's a common misconception that schools are empty in January, and that staff only return when students do. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their hard work in ensuring that the school, classrooms, and programmes were fully prepared for the new school year right from day one.

I want to particularly acknowledge the invaluable contributions of all staff during the Staff Only Days leading up to the start of term. Your dedication and effort have not gone unnoticed.

A special shout-out to Gene, our caretaker, whose ongoing commitment to maintaining our school grounds is truly commendable. I also want to express my thanks to Sativa and their team (our Crest cleaners) for their work in making our school shine.

Your diligence and dedication reflect our core value of Respect for our Environment (R), and I am confident that our students will follow your example in caring for our school environment.

Stationery Support Acknowledgement

This year's stationery has mostly come from Qizzle and we have been lucky enough that they have been able to connect us with the New Zealand charity, Rapid Relief Team (RRT), who support NZ families, children and schools with the costs associated with Back to School 2026. They recognise the financial pressures on families and have subsidised stationery packs for ALL families this year. A huge thank you to both Qizzle and RRT.

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 10 February School Closed (Numicon Maths)

All staff will be attending the Dunedin Numicon Maths Workshop, which is run by an external provider. As this professional learning is delivered on a set date, we do not have flexibility around the timing. All teaching staff will be involved, along with teachers from other schools. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

Term 1 Dates 2026

Monday 2 February -
Thursday 2 April

Governance Meeting

The next Governance meeting will be
Thursday 26 February, 6.30 pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend.



Commissioner Update

Expression of Interest - School Board re-establishment

Bathgate Park School has a Commissioner in place as there is presently no board at the school. As commissioner I am seeking expressions of interest from interested people in the re-establishment of a school board. If there is sufficient interest I will advise the Ministry of Education and recommend an election is held.

If you do have an interest in knowing more or in being a board member at Bathgate Park School, please complete the form that has been emailed out and sent in hard copy, and return to me on cleavehay@gmail.com or leave a signed copy at the school office. I will hold training sessions for anyone interested in the role.

Current Contact Details

The start of the year is also an opportunity to make sure that we have your correct details. Added to this, the need to contact you re sickness or learning progress. Any time your phone or contact details change we need to know. Please phone, email or share with staff your new ones and we will update these. You will also be able to do this through the Etap Parent Portal app. A huge thank you to those whānau who have already made contact with the school to do so. **As communications are being digitally shared, up to date email addresses are also essential.**

Sunhats

These are a compulsory item for terms 1 & 4. Years 1-8 can wear the plain black wide brim sunhats which are available at a variety of stores, but can be found at the NZ Uniform Shop. Years 7&8 also have the option of wearing a plain black cap - no images, no logo, no words. Any that have these will not be able to be worn at school. Thank you for supporting us to make sure your child has the correct hats.

Weather

As we start the year, we need to be mindful of the weather. Currently we are being subjected to very changeable weather. This means that we need to prepare children appropriately. Please make sure they have sunscreen on and a drink bottle in their bag that can be topped up to help keep them hydrated. Equally it may be that a jacket / raincoat is needed. Please make sure you name all uniform items. Named items make their way back to their owners.



Sunhats

Sunhats are compulsory in Term 1.
No hat, no play!

Lucky Book Club



Orders, with money, to Katrina by Friday 20 February or use the parent LOOP ordering option.

BGP Jumble Sale

Our Bathgate Park School Jumble Sale is happening on **Saturday 28th February, 10:00am-1:30pm**, and we'd love your help spreading the word to whānau and friends to generate as much interest as possible!

This is a clear-out fundraiser, not a fair, with a wide range of furniture, tools, appliances, clothing and hidden treasures up for grabs.

We'll be posting items on our school Facebook page in the lead-up so people can get an idea of pricing and what's available. The sale will go ahead rain or shine, with all items set up inside the tech rooms at the far end of the tennis courts. **Please note that all purchases must be taken away on the day — no holds or IOUs.** Vehicle access for loading will be via Macandrew Road onto the tennis courts.

A sausage sizzle will be running for \$3 per sausage and bread while you shop!



**Bathgate Park
School**

JUMBLE SALE

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
10AM-1:30PM**

**DESKS, CHAIRS,
FURNITURE, TOOLS
APPLIANCES,
CLOTHES & HIDDEN
TREASURE!**



**FUNDRAISING
EVENT**

213 MACANDREW ROAD, SOUTH DUNEDIN

SEE YOU THERE RAIN OR SHINE!

DON'T FORGET YOUR TRAILER!

For more info please contact: BGP School at
office@bathgatepark.school.nz or 03 455 3421



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Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

Congratulations to the following people for the wonderful learning and AROHA they have been showing from the end of 2025



Teaching Staff 2026

Akomanga/ Class	Year Level	Kaiako/ Teacher
Rehua	Years 0 & 1	Angela Griffiths
Rongo	Years 1 & 2	Tina Tuten
Tangaroa	Years 3 & 4	Abbey Hamilton
Rūaumoko	Years 4 & 5	Pete Buchanan
Tāne Mahuta	Years 6 & 7	Glenn Fordham
Tāwhirimātea	Years 7 & 8	Salote Rouvi & Jeff Elliott
CRT Teacher		Alex Gilmore
Maths Intervention Teacher		Kim Provis
Literacy Intervention Teacher		Sue McMillian



Āwhina
support,
guidance, caring



RESPECT
yourself, others,
property and the
environment



OWN
your actions



HAVE
a positive
attitude



Angitu
Strive for
excellence, reach
your potential

Community Notice



REGENT
THEATRE

**24HR
BOOK
SALE**

Edgar Centre – Breeze Arena
Friday 20th & Saturday 21st February 10am – 10pm

BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER
MORE BOOKS! MORE ITEMS! MORE PARKING!

Event Details:

- What: Regent Theatre 24-Hour Book Sale
- When: Friday 20 Feb (starts 12pm) – Saturday 21 Feb
- Where: Breeze Arena, Edgar Centre

Content:

The Regent Theatre 24-Hour Book Sale is back!

Join us on Friday 20 Feb and Saturday 21 Feb, 10am-10pm, at the Breeze Arena, Edgar Centre for thousands of bargain books, games, puzzles and much more.

Need to clear your shelves? We are also gratefully accepting book donations at BP Mornington, Kaikorai Valley Storage, and the Regent Box Office. For specific drop-off times and further event details, please visit:

<https://www.regenttheatre.co.nz/project/regent-24-hour-book-sale-2026/>

GIRLS GOT GAME

BASKETBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS IN Y4-8

5 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL
SUNDAY 1 MAR - SUNDAY 29 MAR

WHERE?

EDGAR CENTRE
9AM TO 10AM

COST?

\$50 FOR THE
WHOLE 5 WEEKS

USE QR
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CONTACT: WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL

FIGHTING
FOR FAIR



GIRLS
GOT
GAME

@basketballnz

BASKETBALL
New Zealand



BNZ KIWI HOOPS

**DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS
FOR CHILDREN IN
Y1-6**

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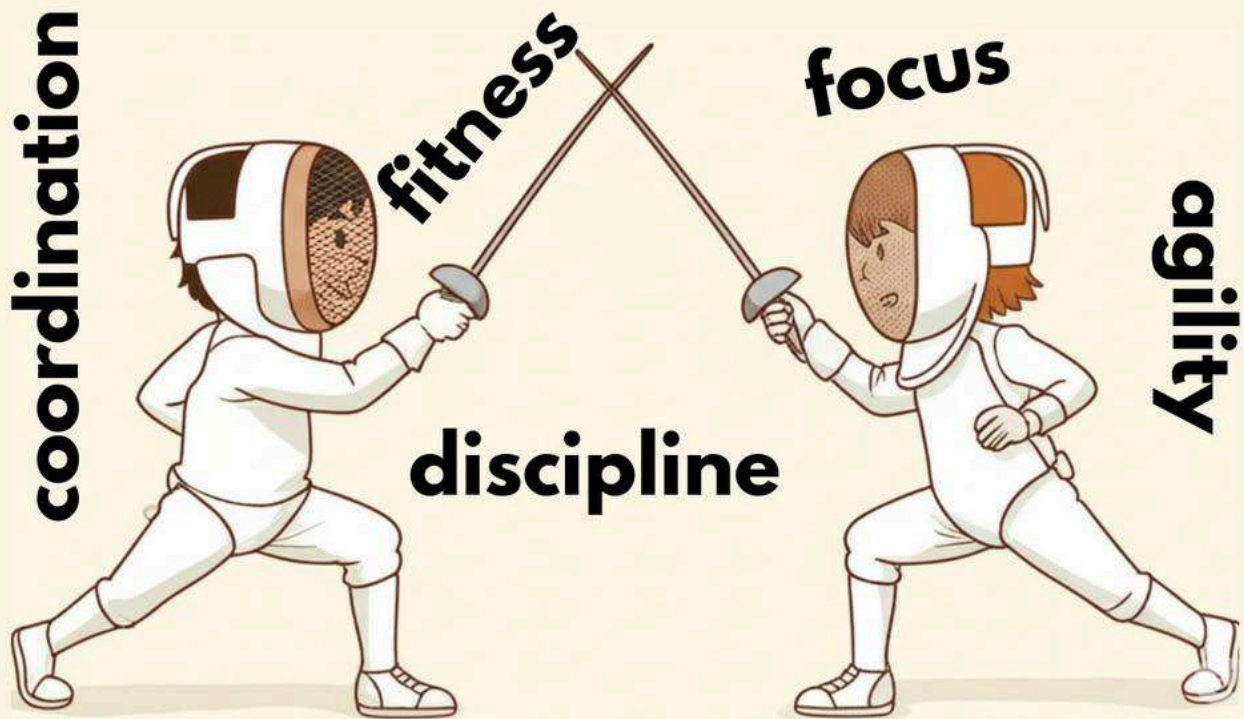
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Fencing classes

Primary & Intermediate School
Children ages 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12



Introductory Offer: Just **\$90** for your first term!
Regular Term Fee: \$140 per term



Where: Top Floor, 106 Bond St, Dunedin

Who: Claymore Swords Club

When: 2 classes per week starting Feb 10th

- **Tuesday: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM: Fundamentals of fencing**
- **Saturday: 10.00 AM - 11.00 AM: Fun skills and bouts**


Register your interest by email
claymoreswordsclub@gmail.com

THE GREAT MAKE IT UP BIG SHOW

15TH MARCH
COMMUNITY GALLERY

AN IMPROVISED MUSICAL FOR KIDS!




The Great Big Make It Up Show!

Debating at this year's Fringe is a completely original, completely spontaneous kids' musical that turns children's ideas into live songs, characters, and comedy in real time. Families have **only two** chances to catch this high-energy, interactive 45-minute show on Sunday 15 March at the Community Gallery.

In this joyful, music-filled adventure, kids call out ideas that are instantly transformed into catchy tunes, wild stories, imaginative heroes, ridiculous monsters, and laugh-out-loud scenes—all made up on the spot. Every performance is entirely created in the moment, shaped by the audience's suggestions.

This year's Fringe show brings together a team with extensive experience in performance, music, improvisation, and children's theatre. Marea and Heidi have been improvising for over two decades combined. They have taught and performed locally, nationally, and internationally. They are joined by professional musician Zac Nicholls, who has written multiple children's productions for The Playhouse and the Fortune Theatre and teaches music in local primary schools.

If your kids are creative, interested in theatre, music or dancing...this is the show for you! We understand that every kid is different, and participation is always optional. And parents, no need to worry, we will not be asking you to participate, this show is for kids!

Tickets available from: fringe.co.nz

Show Information

Venue: Community Gallery

Date: Sunday 15 March only

Times:

2:00pm - Recommended ages 5-8 (but younger children welcome)

3:30pm - Recommended ages 9-12

Tickets:

Kids \$15

Adults \$8





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Traditional Karate is a journey for life that will improve:

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- Discipline
- Respect
- Courage
- Fitness
- Self Defence

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Senior Instructors - Sensei John Marrable - 7th Dan - 021 231 3887
 - Sensei Lee Hart - 4th Dan - 0277 386 012

www.dunedinkarate.co.nz



It's an ideal opportunity for parents to share in a life journey with their children!

Nothing is impossible - the word itself says ... "I'm possible"

Knox Church Children's Choir

Does your child like to sing?

We welcome children from year 2 to year 9. The Knox Church Children's Choir is the longest continuous running children's choir in Dunedin and has a history of supporting young musicians to develop their talents. Knox welcomes people of all faiths as well as those of no faith.

What do we do?

Junior choristers rehearse on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6.30. They sing in church on the third Sunday morning each month, as well as special services such as weddings, Easter and Christmas.



Activities include voice training, learning choir music, music theory, and exploring the church.

The choristers work on internationally recognised education programme, Voice for Life to earn badges and ribbons. Some choristers sit Trinity College London grade examinations, with many achieving outstanding results. Choristers can also apply to learn the organ. Choristers enjoy movie and pizza activity days in the holidays.



Who runs the programme?

Sara Brown, MA, PGCE, MusB (Hons), ATCL, Examiner for Trinity College London. Sara is a music educator with extensive experience working with children and choirs.

Karen Knudson QSM, MA, MusB (Hons), LTCL, Organist and director of the Knox Church Choir. Karen has a wealth of experience in choral music and has worked with many young choirs in Dunedin.

When and where?

Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6.30 pm.
The Gathering Area
Knox Church
449 George Street
Dunedin



What to bring?

A water bottle and warm, comfortable clothes your child can move about in.

How much does it cost?

This music education programme is provided free of charge.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/Knox-Junior-Choir-2026>

Or email Sara: kelpiebrown@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Do you plan to catch the bus to school this year?

HOW TO USE THE BUS

If you haven't caught a bus before, check out information at www.orc.govt.nz/bus101

It's a good idea to look at the bus timetables in advance and plan your route.

Bus fares are \$1.50 for children and youth aged from 5 to 18 with a registered Bee Card, for a single trip. Bee Cards can be purchased for \$5 with a minimum \$5 top up, either at www.beecard.co.nz or at a local [Bee Card retailer](#) listed here www.orc.govt.nz/bee-card.

For up to the minute alerts on bus disruptions on specific routes on your mobile, go to www.orc.govt.nz/public-transport/notifications-and-alerts and for real-time tracking of the bus download the Transit app.

BUS ETIQUETTE

- Don't forget vaping, alcohol and eating aren't allowed on the bus
- You can bring your non-alcoholic drink if your container has a lid
- You can carry your skateboard or scooter on the bus
- You can put your bike on the bike rack on the outside of the bus if there's space
- Wave down your bus if you're waiting at the bus stop.

PAYING FOR YOUR BUS FARE

You can only use a Bee Card or cash to pay for your bus fare. Bank and credit cards cannot be used on buses to pay for a bus fare.

Age group	Bee Card fares	Cash
Under 5	Free	Free
Child 5–12 years	\$1.50	\$3
Youth (13–18 years)	\$1.50	\$3
Adult (19+)	\$2.50	\$3
Community Connect	\$1.25	\$3
SuperGold (65+)	Peak: \$2.50 Off-peak: Free with SuperGold concession loaded onto a registered Bee Card	\$3