



# Bathgate Park School

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

## Term 1 Week 3

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

It has been wonderful to see all classes settled into their routines; learning about and sharing their understanding of A.R.O.H.A, as well as working hard at building positive relationships. Both the classrooms and the playground have been a hive of positive activity.



We are only at the end of week 3, and already the children have collectively banked 1777 A.R.O.H.A tokens. They are tracking nicely to reach our first school wide total of 6000.

Congratulations to Whero house who have received the most tokens for the first 3 weeks. They will have a non-uniform day next Wednesday and a +1 reward.

A.R.O.H.A tokens are "*sprinkled like glitter*", and given with immediate verbal feedback to ākoka who are following our values and meeting our *Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)* expectations.

## 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](mailto:cleavehay@gmail.com) or leave a signed copy at the school office. I will hold training sessions for anyone interested in the role.**

## Governance Meeting

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



### Sunhats

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

## RONGO sharing their learning about their new class Guardian



## 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!**



**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](mailto:office@bathgatepark.school.nz) or 03 455 3421

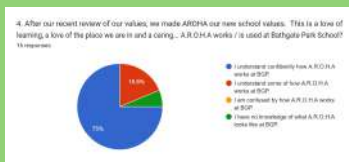


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## Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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





|  | 2023  | 2025  |
|--|-------|-------|
| I understand <u>confidently</u> how A.R.O.H.A works at BGP     | 33.3% | 75%   |
| I understand <u>some of</u> how A.R.O.H.A works at BGP         | 55.6% | 18.6% |
| I <u>am confused</u> by how A.R.O.H.A works at BGP             | 0%    | 0%    |
| I have <u>no knowledge</u> of what A.R.O.H.A looks like at BGP | 11.1% | 6.2%  |



## Health Consultation Summary

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Health Curriculum Consultation survey in Term 4. Your feedback and contributions play an important role in shaping our teaching programmes and supporting the wellbeing of our ākoka.

### Health Programme Priorities

From the consultation, four key priority areas were identified:

- **Personal Safety & Injury Prevention**
- **Road Safety**
- **Personal Health & Hygiene**
- **Respectful Relationships**

These priorities will guide our Health teaching programmes over the next two years. Some units, such as *Keeping Ourselves Safe* and *Positive Puberty*, will continue on a two-year teaching cycle as previously consulted with whānau.

### Meeting the Needs of Our Students

Many families shared positive feedback about how the school supports students' physical, emotional, and social wellbeing. Comments highlighted:

- Strong relationships and approachable staff
- A welcoming environment for all families
- Support for friendships and resilience
- Care and patience shown to students with additional learning needs
- Support available when challenges arise

While overall feedback was very positive, we acknowledge that concerns such as moments of unkindness and encouraging greater physical activity were also raised. These areas remain an ongoing focus for us.

### Pastoral Care & School Culture

We are pleased to report very strong results in this area:

- 100% of respondents feel welcomed and valued
- 100% feel the school culture promotes student wellbeing
- 100% feel comfortable talking with teachers about concerns
- 100% feel positive about their relationship with the leadership team
- 94% feel there is good communication between home and school
- 94% feel their culture is respected
- 88% feel their culture is represented.

All areas showed improvement since our 2023 consultation.

### A.R.O.H.A School Values

Our A.R.O.H.A values, introduced in 2024, continue to be embedded across the school. Families noted strengths in:

- Respect
- Care and support
- Growing confidence in students
- Pride in helping others

Areas suggested for strengthening include:

- Respect for others and the environment
- Positive attitude and striving for excellence
- Continued focus on mental health and emotional support

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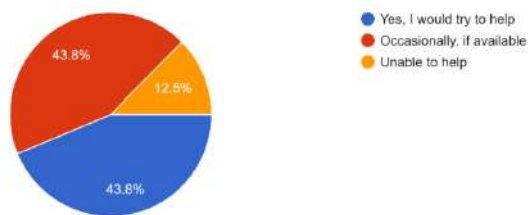
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## Health Consultation Summary continued

### Swimming

100% of respondents would like their child to receive swimming lessons every year. The future provision of swimming, particularly for senior students, will be discussed further.



### **SWIMMING: BOARD DECISION**

As mentioned in previous communications, the Board has been carefully considering the future of swimming and the associated costs, to determine whether it remains viable as part of our Physical Education programme.

While swimming is not a compulsory requirement of the New Zealand Curriculum, schools choose whether and how often to include it within their Health & Physical Education programmes.

After hearing feedback from our community, the Board has made the following decision for 2026:

- To continue with both junior and senior swimming for 2026 (subject to pool booking availability)
- To review the level of whānau support available for transport and active poolside supervision.
  - **If we receive enough support** to safely meet supervision and transport requirements, swimming will continue to be approved on a year-by-year basis.
  - **If support is limited** and additional school staffing is required to meet supervision ratios, swimming will move to a two-year cycle and be reviewed again at that time.

We appreciate the partnership of our community in helping us provide these valuable learning opportunities.

## Term 1 Calendar of Events

| Week & Date  | Event   |
|--|---|
| Week 4: Tuesday 24 February                            | Fire Drill  |
| Week 4: Thursday 26 February                           | Governance Meeting 6.30pm   |
| Week 4: Saturday 28 February                           | BGP Jumble Sale 10am -1.30pm  |
| Week 5: Thursday 5 March                               | Lockdown Drill 2pm (separate communication will be shared with whānau)  |
| Week 7: Thursday 9 March                               | Governance Meeting 6.30pm   |
| Week 8: Monday 23 March                                | OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY = SCHOOL CLOSED   |
| Week 8: Thursday 26 March                              | Y8 HPV Round#1  |
| Week 9: Wed 1 April & Thurs 2 April                    | Curriculum Insights @BGP testing students (separate communication will be shared with whānau of children in relevant year groups) |
| Week 9: Thursday 2 April                               | Last day of Term (Holidays begin)   |
| Week 9: Friday 3 April                                 | GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED   |
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| Term 2: Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July = 11 week term |   |
| Week 1: Monday 20 April                                | Term 2 starts   |
| Week 2: Monday 27 April                                | Mondayisation of ANZAC DAY = SCHOOL CLOSED  |
| Week 2: Tuesday 28 April                               | MoE Maths PLD TEACHER ONLY DAY = SCHOOL CLOSED  |

### Community Notice

#### Otago Cricket

Otago Cricket running a free All Abilities Cricket Programme starting on Thursday 12th March!

The programme will run for 3 weeks, every Thursday from 4:00pm–5:00pm, and is designed for participants of all ages and abilities. This is a fun, social, and inclusive environment where everyone can get involved in cricket, learn new skills, and enjoy being active.

All equipment will be provided, and sessions are tailored so everyone can participate comfortably and safely. Whether your child is new to cricket, has some experience, or has different physical or learning abilities, this programme is for them. Registration is essential you can sign up here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/499016>



**2026**

# ENROLMENTS OPEN!

**FREE TRIAL SESSIONS: 18-27 FEBRUARY**

Dunedin Children's Choir enrolments are now open for:

- **Junior Choir** (7-10yrs): 3.45 - 4.45pm on Wednesdays
- **Senior Choir** (11-16yrs): 5-6.30pm on Wednesdays
- **Lower Voices Choir** (11-16yrs): 4.30-5.30pm on Fridays

*All rehearsals are held in Roslyn. \$40 per term. All welcome.*

EMAIL us to enrol or to book a FREE trial!

**ENROL NOW** [dunedinchildrenschoir@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinchildrenschoir@gmail.com)

The Dunedin Children's Choir is an inclusive, after-school programme welcoming children and young people across three age-based choirs. We currently have students from over 15 schools across Dunedin and would love to welcome singers from your school!

For your convenience, I've included a short blurb below that can be copied directly into your newsletter. I've also attached a square image and a one-page PDF flyer — please feel free to use whichever format best suits your space.

### Dunedin Children's Choir – 2026 Enrolments Open

Does your child love to sing? The Dunedin Children's Choir offers a high-quality choral programme where children develop vocal skills, musicianship, confidence, and teamwork in a supportive environment.

We are welcoming new singers for 2026 across the following choirs:

🎵 **Junior Choir – ages 7–10**  
• Wednesdays, 3.45–4.45pm

🎵 **Senior Choir – ages 11–16 (treble voices)**  
• Wednesdays, 5.00–6.30pm

🎵 **Lower Voices Choir – ages 11–16 (changing or lower voices)**  
• Fridays, 4.30–5.30pm

- ✨ No auditions required — all singers welcome
- 🎵 First rehearsals in February are FREE trial sessions
- 📍 Rehearsals held at St John's Church Hall, Roslyn
- 📄 \$40 per term (payment plans available)

Email [dunedinchildrenschoir@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinchildrenschoir@gmail.com) to enrol or to book a free trial session.



# STADIUM DAY



**REGISTER NOW**

**Forsyth Barr Stadium | Sunday 1 March**

5-6 years old: 10:00 am

7-8 years old: 11:00 am

9-10 years old: 12:00 pm



PLAY FOOTBALL | SKILLS & DRILLS | CHALLENGE ZONE

Calling all kids aged 5-10! Come down to Stadium Day on Sunday 1 March, from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM for a fun-filled day of action!

Bring your friends or your team and take part in exciting activities with great prizes up for grabs, a sausage sizzle, and so much more!

Don't miss this awesome opportunity to play football in the Forsyth Barr Stadium and have a blast with your friends!

# 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  
CODE TO  
REGISTER



CONTACT: [WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL](mailto:WILL@OTAGO.BASKETBALL)

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FOR FAIR



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GAME

@basketballnz

BASKETBALL  
New Zealand



# BNZ KIWI HOOPS

DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS  
FOR CHILDREN IN  
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DUNEDIN INDIAN ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS



# Holi

Festival of  
Colours

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026



11:30 AM - 4 PM



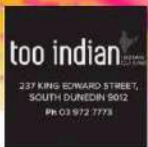
COME PLAY WITH COLOURS



DJ | MUSIC | DANCING | FACE PAINTING  
GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD



BAYFIELD PARK, SHORE STREET



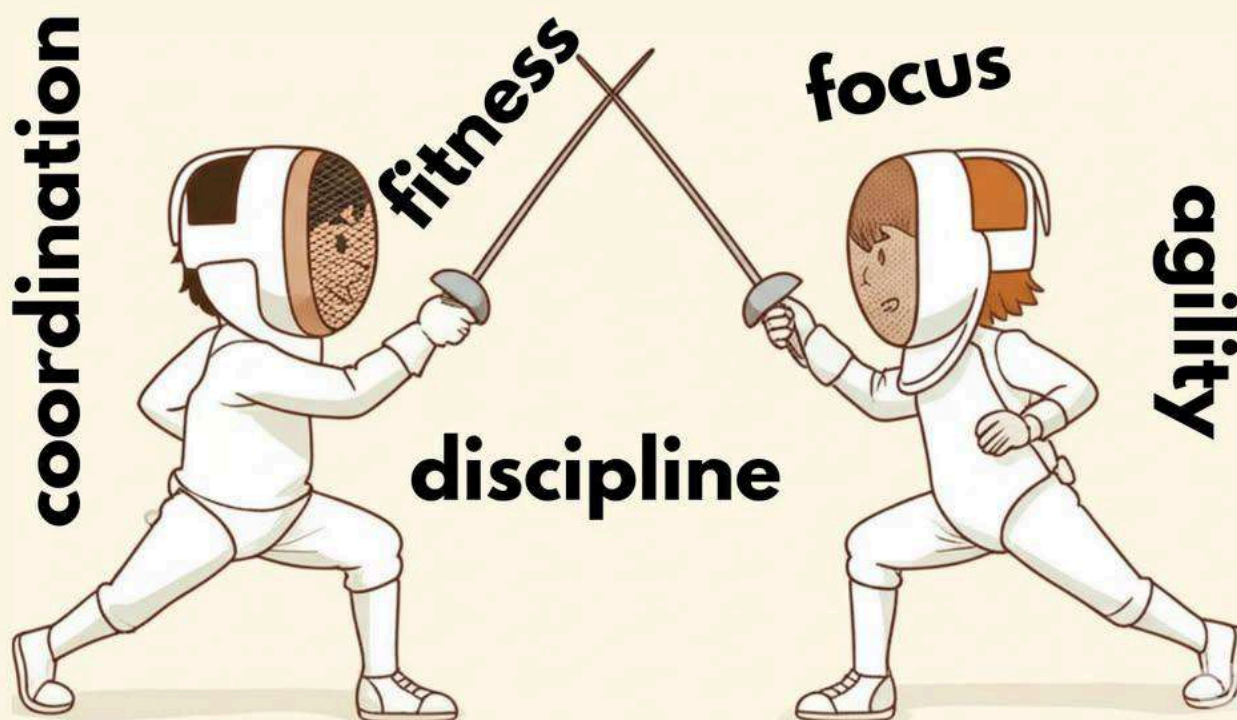
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FREE ENTRY

# 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

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**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**

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*Register your interest by email*  
**[claymoreswordsclub@gmail.com](mailto:claymoreswordsclub@gmail.com)**



## Dunedin Institute of Traditional Karate

Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate, IOGKF

Traditional Karate is a journey for life that will improve:

- Self Confidence
- Discipline
- Respect
- Courage
- Fitness
- Self Defence

**St James Presbyterian Church Hall - 393 King Edward St - South Dunedin**

空手道

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

[www.dunedinkarate.co.nz](http://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"**



### The Great Big Make It Up Show!

Debuting 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](http://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

GRANTS BRAES AFC



Southern  
Football

# KIDS FOOTBALL

Lowest Fees in  
Dunedin

Logan Park 2026

Under 8s football at Grants Braes AFC is all about fun, friendships, and building confidence with plenty of time on the ball.

## Mixed

- > 6 Year Olds \$65
- > 7 Year Olds \$75
- > 8 Year Olds \$ 85

## Girls Leagues

- > 5&6 Year Olds \$65
- > 7/8 Year Olds \$85

All Fees Include a  
Team Photo

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Grants Braes AFC  
1 Domain Ave  
Ocean Grove



2026



[minifootball.gbafc@gmail.com](mailto:minifootball.gbafc@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:kelpiebrown@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

GRANTS BRAES AFC



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9-18  
Year Olds  
**FOOTBALL**  
Community  
Football 2025

A TRUE COMMUNITY CLUB WHERE YOUTH OF ALL ABILITIES CAN ENJOY FOOTBALL IN A FUN, SOCIAL, AND COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT! WHETHER YOU'RE HERE TO DEVELOP SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS, OR JUST LOVE THE GAME, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT BRAES!


WE ALSO HAVE GIRLS ONLY TEAMS IN ALL GIRLS ONLY GRADES !!

- > 9 Year Olds \$120
- > 10 Year Olds \$120
- > 11 Year Olds \$120
- > 12 Year Olds \$125
- > 13 Year Olds \$125

- Youth Grades
- > 14 Year Olds \$140
  - > 15 Year Olds \$140
  - > Youth \$140

All fee include a  
Team Photo

 02108296088

 Grants Braes AFC  
1 Domain Ave  
Ocean Grove



[Juniorfootball.gbafc@gmail.com](mailto:Juniorfootball.gbafc@gmail.com)  
[youth2senior.gbafc@gmail.com](mailto:youth2senior.gbafc@gmail.com)

# Grants Braes AFC 4 and 5 Y/O Girls Only Skills Program



- Age Appropriate Games
- Relaxed Environment
- No Pressure
- Loads of Fun
- Family Oriented Club
- Shinpads required
- \$30 For 10 Sessions
- Includes Group Photo



First Kicks Girls 4&5

**Grants Braes AFC**  
**Start date Sunday 12th April 11am till 12pm**  
**Ocean Grove**

Ngā mihi nui,

# Grants Braes AFC 4 & 5 year old Boys Skills Program



- FUN ENVIRONMENT
- PLENTY OF TIME ON THE BALL
- AGE APPROPRIATE GAMES
- FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB
- SHINPADS ARE REQUIRED
- \$30 FOR 10 SESSIONS
- INCLUDES GROUP PHOTO



First Kicks Boys 4&5

**Grants Braes AFC Start Date Sunday 12th  
April 11am To 12 Ocean Grove**

## 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](http://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](http://www.beecard.co.nz) or at a local [Bee Card retailer](#) listed here [www.orc.govt.nz/bee-card](http://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](http://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<br>Off-peak: Free with SuperGold concession loaded onto a registered Bee Card | \$3  |