



Newsletter No 10

Bathgate Park School

29 May 2020

Act kindly and gently

Respect yourself, others and the environment

Own your actions

Have a positive attitude

Always do your best

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

It has been great to see the school filled with children again; to hear the sound of laughter; to see the friendships being reestablished; the beautiful smiles and keen enthusiasm displayed by students who are pleased to be back at school.

I know all the teachers have been working hard on resettling the children back into class, restarting routines; reflecting on this unique time in history and making sure everyone feels safe and secure. It has been a very pleasing return to school and we are looking forward to moving forward.

We have come to the end of our first two weeks of Alert Level 2 and with the continuing success at heading closer towards Alert Level 1, we are planning some changes to our procedures which will be outlined in the accompanying notice.

Newsletters Home

Newsletters are going back to being fortnightly and will be sent from here on electronically unless you complete and send back the hard copy request form on the bottom of the next page. A hardcopy of this week's newsletter will be sent home to ensure everyone has a chance to see this notice. From week 9 onwards it will be sent out in digital form unless requested.

Mid-Year Reports & Remote Learning Reflection

There will be no curriculum based mid-year reports this term. Instead we would like to take this unique moment in time to capture the remote learning experience using teacher, student and parent voice. To do this we will be collecting reflections from the students at school and will ask you to complete a brief reflective sheet which we will then collate with the other sources of information and present back to you. We are still working out the finer details of this

soon while it is all fresh in your mind. There will be both a digital and paper option for completion. I can image this report being looked at years from now, being reread and history being recalled.

Staffing Updates

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that we have successfully completed our employment process to find a new kaiako for Tū. Rachael Lawless, will be joining the BGP family starting Week 1, Term 3. (20 July) Nau mai ki a mātou kura ātaahua. A huge thank you to Whāea Marnie who is teaching this class this term.

Attendance Data

We will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry weekly, from 29 May. The purpose is to:

- report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period
- inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation, and
- evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

Queen's Birthday

This Monday 1 June SCHOOL IS CLOSED due to Queen's Birthday stat day.

School Lunch Scheme

As mentioned back in 2019, Bathgate Park School is going to be one of the Otago schools taking part in this pilot programme which will go until the end of 2021. We are very excited to be able to offer this programme, which will **supply a free school lunch for every child in our school**. We are working to finalise the contract with our supplier to be ready to start this sometime this term. We will be sending home a food information notice which is vital to have back before we can start. This will come home next week.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Monday 22 June. This meeting is going to be 6.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome.

Parent Portal App

Coming to you soon will be information on the new ETAP parent portal app. This is an easy download to your phone where you will be able to:

- See your child's enrolment details
- Change your contact details
- View your school account
- Receive and review newsletters / school notices
- Quick links to our website & Facebook
- Report absences

New Children to BGP

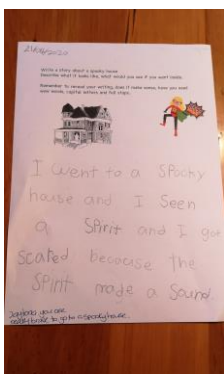
A huge welcome to BGP. We know you will enjoy your time at our wonderful school.



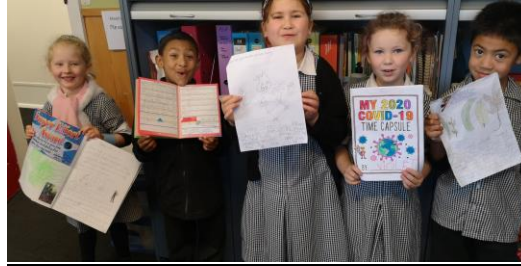
Haumia's First Day Back School Bubbles



Well done Daytona and Poasa on this wonderful writing:



Way to go:



Tidiest Classroom

Well done to:
Week 6 = Te Rakiātea
Week 7 = Te Rakiātea

Community Notices

Possible Free Insulation:

With Winter around the corner it is important to be keeping our homes warm, dry and healthy. Did you know that you may be eligible for a hugely discounted or free heat pump and home insulation? Find out if you are eligible at <https://www.energywise.govt.nz/tools/warmer-kiwi-homes-tool/>.

Otago Hockey

Otago Hockey has just opened registrations for their Funsticks programme for Term 3 2020.

“Otago Hockey Funsticks is happening in Term 3. It is a fun programme for Year 0 to 2 students with lots of games, a fun introduction to hockey, and is an awesome way to make new friends. We run programmes on multiple days of the week in Mosgiel all the way up to Waikouaiti. For more information or to register please see our Facebook page or <http://oha.org.nz/funsticks>

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HARDCOPY NEWSLETTER REQUEST

Please send home a hardcopy of the newsletter

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

