Park Schoo

12 June 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.

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level I. For us, this has just continued our natural progression towards a return to normal.

We have a good cleaning routine in place; people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. All of this makes our school a safe place to be. We would like children to continue to bring their drink bottles to school as this makes staying hydrated much easier for classes. From Monday, the school is no longer having contact tracing registers around the school, instead we hand this responsibility over to our parents and visitors. We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances - so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's NZ-COVID Tracer app page has information to help you do that. All school visitors will return to filling in our visitor's book at the office.

Assemblies will resume in Term 3.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level I I. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work

- or school. Don't socialise.
- If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested
- 3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- 4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- 5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately. Self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days Ministry of Health information for self-isolation.

- 6. For children's health, the best information source is the Ministry of Health website. Early detection of any illness is important. You can call Healthline 0800 611 116 any time you suspect symptoms of any condition but are not sure what to do.
- 7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this, they are displayed at our school entrances.
- 8. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
- People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

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 have finalised the details and this will start next Monday 22 June. See attached information letter.

Term 3 Senior School Swimming

We are looking at taking Uenuku, Tāwhiri, Tāwhaki M, Tāwhaki W and Te Rakiātea Y4-8 students to Moana Pool next term for a series of 9 lessons. We are waiting on confirmation from the swimming pool. There will be no cost for swimming for parents as this is covered by our \$150 donations scheme involvement. There will be a notice coming home for support with parent help to make ratios for health & safety. All going to plan, the first day will be the first day of term. Mark this on your calendar.

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Lucky Book Club

The newest issue of the Lucky Book Club, for this term, is out. Orders to Katrina by Friday 19 June. If you want your order kept secret and not sent home with your child, please include a note with the order.

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

Tidiest Classroom

Well done to:

Week 8 = Te Rakiātea

Week 9 = Rehua

Magic After School Care Expression of Interest

Caregivers of Bathgate Park School, Kids Club's After School Care Programme is coming to Bathgate! As part of the application, we are now seeking expressions of interest. We would like to know if you may now (when we start) or in the future, think you will use this service.

The information you provide is confidential; your details do not constitute a booking, and how you think you would use the service is not something we will hold you too!

However, you do have a chance to go on our email list, and if you do, we will offer you two free days to trial our services.

We thank you for your time in advance!

The Team @ Magic

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Support Staff Week

Week 9 was Support Staff week, a chance to acknowledge the work and support our teacher aides, caretaker, and Joy give the school, our staff and our students. We think they are amazing. Recently the government has also acknowledged the valuable contribution teacher aides provide to schools and have made steps to pay these important staff members what they are worth. At BGP we are lucky to work with such skilled, dedicated and collegial staff members and thank them for the work they do on a daily basis.

Skilled, dedicated and caring
Usually supporting individuals and small groups
People of incredible strength and character
Prepared to go above & beyond for their charges
Often moving between a range of classes
Responsible for helping children reach their goals
They are vital to our school.

Students are lucky to have them assist Teachers need & appreciate them A valued part of the team Friendly FABULOUS.





New Children to BGP

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



Duffy Caught Being Good

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





