



Newsletter No 8

Bathgate Park School

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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.

We wait with anticipation for this coming Monday, to hear what the decision will be about whether we will move from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2. In the meantime, we are using this time to absorb the information coming out about what Alert Level 2 will look like. As a staff we are working through a plan to ensure the safety of our staff and students are maintained under the new level. We are continuing to work on this and will send out a separate notice with Alert Level 2 information / protocols later on next week. Teachers are very keen to get children safely back into the classrooms and to see their smiling faces again in person, as I'm sure you are as parents!

Attached to this newsletter you will find an easy to read support sheet around getting children ready for a return to school, put together by Child and Family Mental Health.

Staff Updates

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Whāea Sheralyn. Her last day will be this coming Monday. We are unable to do our normal farewell for her but once we are in a safer time and place Whāea Sheralyn will return for a chance for us to acknowledge her time and contribution to BGP. We wish Whāea Sheralyn all the best in her new role as a Resource Teacher of Māori. Whāea Marnie will teach in Tū until our newly appointed teacher takes over in Term 3.

I would also like to take this time to welcome Aio Te Hau to BGP. Whāea Aio has successfully made her way down from Wellington to join the team. She is teaching in Te Rakiātea. I know her students are looking forward to meeting her in person, as so far contact has had to be remotely. Due to safety restrictions and

timing, a Mihi Whakatau will not be possible, but we will plan another form of welcome.

Dunedin Public Libraries

Please read the attached sheet to find out a range of different options that could be helpful to you during this remote learning time - whether you are a member or not.

A Letter of Appreciation

There are so many people to be thankful for over our lockdown period and I know we will all take the time to say a thank you soon, but in the meantime, I would like to share a piece of writing from one of our senior students to an organisation who has supported his family.

Miss Jill Sawyer
Nursing Coordinator
Royal District Nursing NZ
70 Macandrew Road
Dunedin 9012

29/04/2020

To the Carers of Royal District Nursing NZ

I am writing this letter because I want to express gratitude for the time and effort you put into looking after people during this lockdown. I want to say a much appreciated thank you.

During these events it has been hard, as only essential services are available, but thank you for being there and helping us out.

Have a wonderful day and rememebr whenever you look at this you are appreciated by everybody.

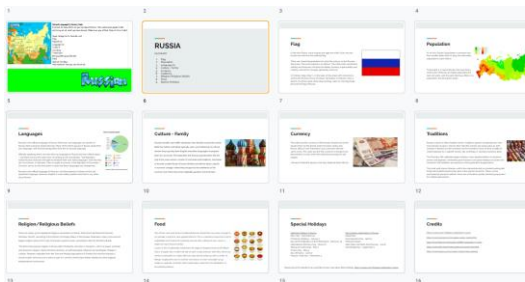
Thank you very much again and I wish you a wonderful future.

Yours sincerely
Rowan Jamieson
Year 8, Tāwhaki
Bathgate Park School

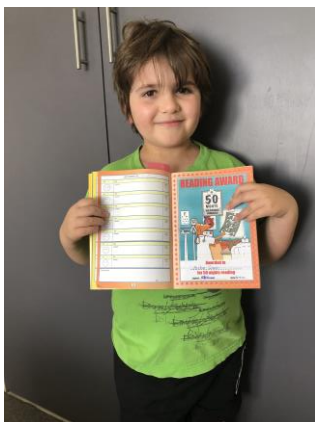
Some of the activities and learning that have taken place while we have been in lockdown.

Tāwhaki W students have been learning how to introduce themselves in Russian, as this is their second languages focus for this term. As language and culture goes hand in hand, and because we know that to understand one you need to know about the other, the students have been doing their own independent research on Russia. They have been working hard on compiling their new learning into an information report.

This is a copy of Tennille Sarjeant's work.



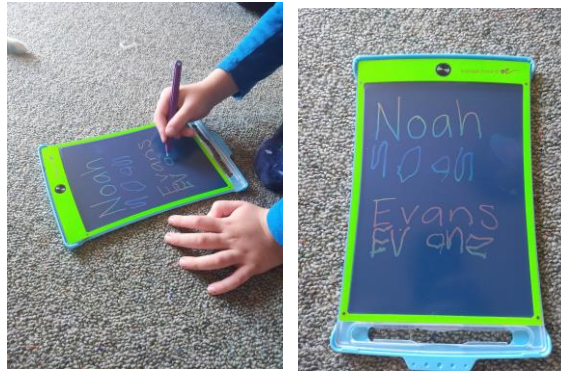
Reading milestone achieved:



Sports practices continued in modified ways.



Creative tools used for printing practice. Stories to be read and Art to be created.



Birthday celebrations



Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is tonight, Monday 27 May. Where / how this meeting is taking place will be confirmed closer to date.

Keep looking after yourselves:

