



# Bathgate Park School

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

## Term 1 Week 7

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

The school has been a hive of activity over the last few weeks with several property upgrades taking place. Work began on the toilet block near the Art Room, where both the staff and gender-neutral facilities have been completely replaced and refurbished. Subsequently, we moved on to the staff toilets in the administration block, which are currently being upgraded. Once finished, this will mark the completion of our project to modernise all toilet facilities across the school.

Exciting times are ahead as we begin preparations for a significant new property project. We are thrilled to announce that the Tāwhaki wing, with the exception of the music room, will be repurposed to become the new onsite base for the Resource Teachers of Learning & Behaviour (RTLb). This marks a wonderful "homecoming," as it returns the RTLb team to our grounds, rekindling a connection from the days when they were based here at Bathgate Park School. The wing will undergo a significant refurbishment to ensure it is a modern, fit for purpose hub for these specialist educators.

In addition to this development, the old metalwork and woodwork rooms are scheduled to be dismantled. While these spaces hold a lot of history, the level of upgrading required to bring them up to modern safety and educational standards was simply not feasible. Consequently, the Ministry of Education is supporting the rationalisation of this area. We are currently clearing out the final remaining items from the site as we await formal sign off to begin. Once final approval is granted, the repurposing will move forward quickly. Please note that as work commences, some access points may be altered for Health & Safety reasons; we will provide further updates and clear signage as these changes approach. These upcoming developments represent a significant step forward in optimising our school's layout, ensuring our physical spaces are used to their best advantage.

Finally, we want to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our recent Jumble Sale. Whether you came along to find a treasure or supported the bike raffle, your contributions have been instrumental in helping us clear out these areas for their new beginning. A project like this doesn't happen without a huge team effort:

**BGP Staff:** Thank you for your incredible hard work and for giving up your personal time to get everything ready, as well as for generously giving your time on the day to help the sale run so successfully.

**Gene, our Caretaker:** A special acknowledgement for the extra hours spent tirelessly clearing and hauling items.

**Mrs. Griffith and her husband:** We are so grateful for your dedicated behind the scenes organisation that kept everything running smoothly in the lead up to the Jumble Sale day.

## Governance Meeting

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

**Please note change of date**



## Concerns & Complaints Policy

## Raffle Results - Bikes School Fundraiser

Card 3 No 6 Andrew  
Card 6 No 5 Tegan  
Card 49 No 2 Piere  
Card 43 No 7 Karen  
Card 50 No 8 Damien

## Policy Reviews

At each Board / Governance meeting there are usually policies that are reviewed. This is part of a review cycle that is in place to ensure our policies are kept up to date and reflect the school's values, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Government legislation. After each Board / Governance meeting these will be shared with staff and/or community for the opportunity to provide feedback before they are ratified at the following month's meeting.

At our last Governance meeting our complaints policy was reviewed and updated. This has been shared with you, alongside a flowchart to assist, if needed. These can also be found on our website and are available upon request from the office.

## Terms 2 & 3 Teacher Only Days

In 2026, schools in New Zealand, particularly those covering Years 0-8, can use two Ministry of Education-approved teacher only days for professional learning and development (PLD). We have our two days planned to support the Mathematics & Statistics Curriculum, one in Term 2 and the last one at the start of Term 3.

**Our first teacher only day for 2026 has been confirmed for Tuesday 28 April. This is in Term 2, Week 2. It has been added onto the week where Monday 27 April is the ANZAC Day public holiday and the school will be closed on this day as well.**

**Our second teacher only day for 2026, has been confirmed for Monday 20 July, Term 3 Week 1.**

## Nations Church Scholarships

Earlier this term we were very proud to celebrate with some of our tamariki and their whānau as they were presented with scholarships. These were awarded to students who consistently applied A.R.O.H.A. in the classroom, the playground and wider community in 2025. It also recognised their ability to demonstrate self-management, good choices and decision making.



We congratulate the following students: Zunairah, Alexia, Evo, Phillip, Sofia, Deena & Lita.

## Move It March

There was a great turnout of students, parents and grandparents who joined us for the "Move it March" walk to school on Thursday. It was wonderful to have the support from our police officers who help our big group travel safely to school.



## Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



## Shout Outs for supporting others



Our wonderful students following our PB4L expectations in the playground

- Hats being worn
- Using equipment appropriately
- Including others in play
- Appropriate behaviours in all settings



## Attendance - Attendance Management Plan

As part of our commitment to student success, we want to update you on the government's latest requirements regarding school attendance management. While Bathgate Park School has always maintained an attendance plan, we have recently reviewed, refined, and refreshed our processes to ensure they align strictly with the new national mandates. This updated plan was emailed to all families within the last week or two, and it is important to note some significant shifts in how schools are now required to respond to absences.

The most notable change is that **many school actions must now occur much earlier in the process**. Communication from teachers and staff will now be triggered as soon as the first attendance threshold is crossed. Furthermore, **the level of school discretion has been severely reduced**; we are now required to take specific actions in situations where we might have previously used a different, more informal approach. A major point of awareness is the **"Serious Concern" (Red)** category. If a student misses **15+ days in a term (falling below 70% attendance)**, the school is **legally required to lodge a referral with the Attendance Service**. Even in cases where we understand the reasons behind the absences, the referral must still be processed as per Ministry requirements.

**Lateness is also a key focus of the new framework**. We are currently developing supplementary documents to sit within our plan specifically related to punctuality. **Significant or repeated lateness will also have set thresholds that trigger formal actions**, and we will share these details with you as soon as they are finalised. Moving forward, each newsletter will feature our current school attendance data alongside helpful "snippets" regarding the importance of regular attendance. We appreciate your partnership in ensuring our students are present and ready to learn.

### Did you know: Every Day Counts!

Did you know that 90% attendance sounds like a great score on a test, but in school attendance terms, it actually means your child is missing half a day of school every single week? Over the course of a school year, 90% attendance adds up to four weeks of missed learning. When attendance drops into the "Serious Concern" category (below 70%), a student is missing more than one entire term of schooling every year. Every day your child is at school builds their confidence, keeps them connected with friends, and ensures they don't miss those crucial "lightbulb moments" in the classroom.



**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



### Excited BGP Bird Watchers

These young BGP students were excited to show the Kereru they had spotted across the road. They had lots of questions about them which we had a quick look at google to answer.



(Spot the birds in the background on the wires)

5 minutes later, there was even more excitement when the manu had come right into the BGP trees.



## Term 1 / 2 Calendar of Events

Week & Date	Event
Week 8: Mon 23 March	OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY = SCHOOL CLOSED
Week 8: Tues 24- Fri 27 March	1st Year Student teachers in Rehua & Tāwhirimātea
Week 8: Thursday 26 March	Y8 HPV Round#1
Week 9: Mon 30 - Thurs 2 April	1st Year Student teachers in Rehua & Tāwhirimātea
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
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

## Drive-Through Bay and Parking Reminders

If you are using the drive through bay to collect your child from school, **you must remain in your vehicle at all times.** This bay is strictly intended for quick drop-offs and seamless pick-ups. When drivers leave their cars to collect children from class, it prevents others from accessing the space and blocks the flow of traffic. If you need to leave your vehicle to meet your child, please park in one of our other designated locations, such as Macandrew Road, Helena Street, or the Tonga Park carpark.

We have also noted a number of unauthorised vehicles parking in the **disabled car park.** Please be aware that unless you hold a valid permit and meet the criteria for this space, you are in breach of parking regulations. This park is a shared essential resource for both Bathgate Park School and the Dental Hub.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in following these safety and collection requests to keep our tamariki safe.

## Community Notices

### Dunedin Chocolate Classes - Mind Your Temper x No8 Distillery

📍 No.8 Distillery, 90 Bond St, Dunedin

📅 Saturday 28 March 2026 9:00am - 8:00pm

[Buy Tickets](#)



link for tickets is here:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/dunedin-chocolate-classes-mind-your-temper-no8-distillery/dunedin>

#### Ticket Information

- 🎫 Session 1 - 9am (Family session): \$64.80 each (\$60.00 + \$4.80 fees)
- 🎫 Session 2 - 11.30am (Family Session): \$64.80 each (\$60.00 + \$4.80 fees)
- 🎫 Session 3 - 2.30pm (Adults Only): \$104.78 each (\$99.00 + \$5.78 fees)
- 🎫 Session 4 - 5.30pm (Adults Only): \$104.78 each (\$99.00 + \$5.78 fees)



Karitāne School and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki invite past, present and prospective students, of the school and whānau, to celebrate 150 years of establishment, during Easter weekend 3-5th April. Essential registration for activities, events and a celebratory Gala Dinner can be found at [www.karitaneschool.co.nz](http://www.karitaneschool.co.nz)  
All community past and present students and supporters are welcome. For more information please email [Karitaneschooljubilee@puketeraki.nz](mailto:Karitaneschooljubilee@puketeraki.nz)



Karitāne School 150th Jubilee



# TERM 1 MULTI SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

13<sup>th</sup> of April - 17<sup>th</sup> of April

McMillian Hockey turf • Edgar center

A fun-filled week of sport, games, and active challenges for tamariki aged 5-13.

\$165 per child for the full week

\$150 for each additional sibling (full week)

\$35 per child, per day (casual day option)

**SCAN ME FOR MORE INFORMATION**



# 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



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# BNZ KIWI HOOPS

DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS  
FOR CHILDREN IN  
Y1-6

5 WEEKS OF BASKETBALL  
SUNDAY 1 MAR - SUNDAY 29 MAR

## WHERE?

EDGAR CENTRE  
9AM TO 10AM

## COST?

\$50 FOR THE  
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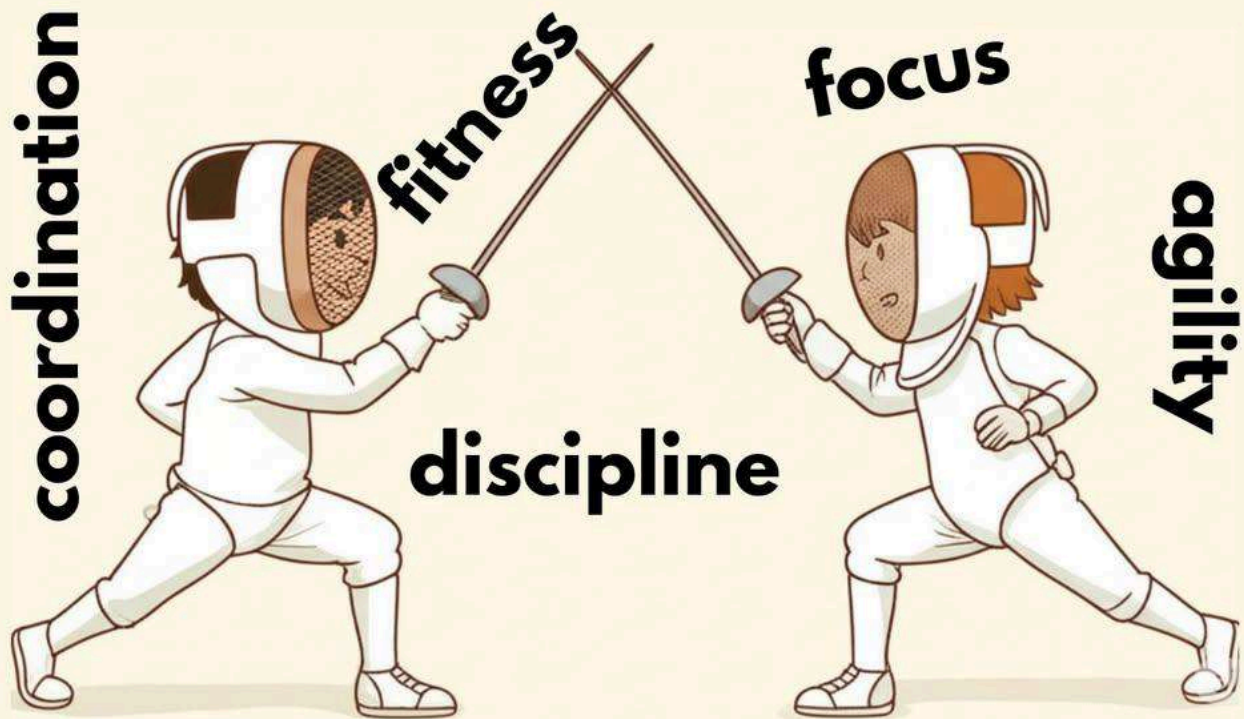
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# Fencing classes

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

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**Who: Claymore Swords Club**

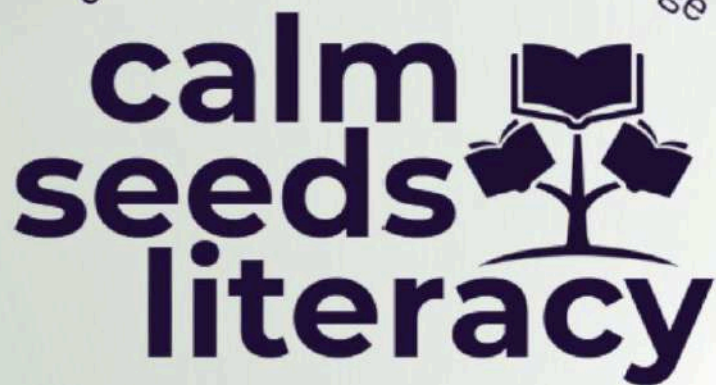
**When: 2 classes per week starting Feb 10th**

- **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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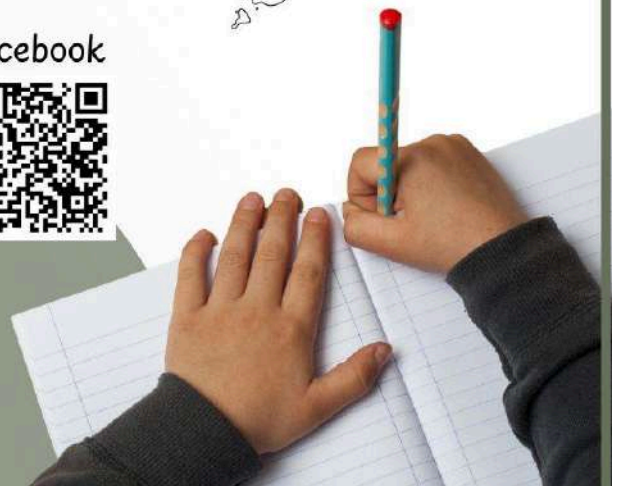


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For more information and bookings  
contact Sam at:

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# KIDS FOOTBALL

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- > 8 Year Olds \$ 85

## Girls Leagues

- > 5&6 Year Olds \$65
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-  266 Hanover Street, Dunedin

*it's that time again...*

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# 2026 PIRATES REGISTRATIONS

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- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: 1 - 3pm
  - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 4 - 6pm
  - OPEN DAY - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 12pm
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Year 1 - 8: \$20      - Under 5: Free

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Y1-8**



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AGE**

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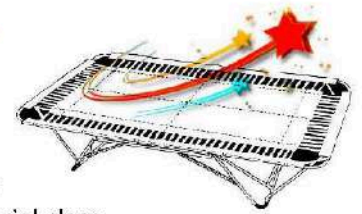
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- > 10 Year Olds \$120
- > 11 Year Olds \$120
- > 12 Year Olds \$125
- > 13 Year Olds \$125

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

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- 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  
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