



Bathgate Park School

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

Term 1 Week 9 Kia ora koutou, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Bula, Ola, Namaste, Kamusta, Bonjour, Ni hau, Ahlan, Salam, Greetings to you all.

We have come to the end of the term and I know that a lot of people are looking forward to the holidays; for a chance to recharge their batteries, grab a lie-in and take time to look after themselves. We have had a number of nasty bugs starting to do the rounds close to the end of the term, so hopefully this time apart will short circuit that too.

Fingers crossed for lovely warm and sunny weather before we head into the new term. A huge thank you to everyone for the ongoing support of students and staff over the course of this term.

Please take the holiday time to get uniforms washed, repaired or replaced if needed. There has been a lot of alternative uniform sneaking in, in these last few weeks. A few uniform reminders:

- Children's polar fleece or jersey needs to be 100% black = NO HOODIES, NO COLOURS, NO LOGOS
- Shoes need to be 100% black. (We can assist with these via KidzCan support if you need it. Please let the class teacher know)
- Hair if it is longer than shoulder length needs to be tied up. This is to help with avoiding head lice transfer and is particularly important for safety with Technology and getting caught in playground equipment.

Terms 2 & 3 Teacher Only Days

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.

A.N.Z.A.C Assembly



Due to the timing of A.N.Z.A.C Day occurring in the weekend, Bathgate Park will acknowledge and honour this day with an A.N.Z.A.C assembly on **Friday 24 April 2026, 2.20pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Governance Meeting

The next Governance meeting will be Thursday 23 April, 6.30 pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend.



ANZAC Observation Day - Monday 27 April School will be closed.

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Teacher Only Day Term 2, Tuesday 28 April. School will be closed.

King's Birthday Monday 1 June 2026. School will be closed

Whānau Houses

At Bathgate Park School, we take great pride in our whānau house system, which fosters a strong sense of belonging and school spirit from the moment a student joins our BGP community. Every child is placed into one of our four house groups: **Pango (Black), Kākāriki (Green), Whero (Red), or Kōwhai (Yellow)**. To bring these groups to life, we hold dedicated Whānau House Activities during Weeks 3, 6, and 9 of every term. These sessions are a highlight of our school calendar, bringing together students from Year 0 all the way through to Year 8 to collaborate, compete, and connect outside of their usual classroom settings.

A primary goal of these interactions is to encourage tuakana/teina relationships, where our older students (tuakana) mentor and support our younger ones (teina), while the younger students, in turn, inspire the older ones with their energy and fresh perspectives. Beyond these mentorships, house activities are designed to build a unified school culture where students develop social confidence by interacting with peers of all ages. These sessions provide an excellent platform for developing leadership skills among our senior students and fostering a "team-first" mentality. By breaking down the barriers between year levels, we ensure that every student feels known and supported by a wide network of friends across the entire school.

As we approach the end of the term, we have ended the day with another Whānau House activity. Today, the houses supported each other in creating paper planes to see which could fly the furthest. The sun remained out so that the tennis court could be used for this purpose. Well done to all houses on their efforts and the teamwork displayed.

Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



In week 6, paper chains were the challenge. With whānau house members working together, and with a time limit, the challenge was set: what was the biggest chain that could be made? The results:

4 whānau house bonus points with a chain of 38.0m = PANGO

3 whānau house bonus points with a chain of 33.5m = KOWHAI

2 whānau house bonus points with a chain of 32.0m = KĀKĀRIKI

1 whānau house bonus point with a chain of 15.58m = WHERO

Lots of laughter to be heard as all houses tried to stretch out their chain.



Hooked on Cricket

We were very lucky to be able to send some of our year 4/5 students to take part in a great Cricket programme hosted by the Otago Volts and Otago Sparks.

The students got to learn some new cricket skills and then played games against other schools. Our students showed great sportsmanship and demonstrated our AROHA values.

Go Team BGP!!!



Welcome to Tāne Mahuta's Treehouse! ✨
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Our class has been getting to know our atua, Tāne Mahuta, through creativity and collaboration! The students designed and created their own treehouses, and in their groups, agreed on the values and behaviours that belong in Tāne Mahuta's Treehouse 🏠

A big thank you to Katie (SWIS), who joined us and was so impressed with the effort, imagination, and teamwork on display 🙌

We're really proud of what we've created together — take a look!

Tāne mahuta ākoka built diaramas of tree houses to represent their classroom and practice their creative skills.



New Students & Staff to BGP

A huge welcome to all of our new staff and students for term 1. We have enjoyed having you join our school and getting to know you.



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

Tidiest Classroom Term 4 Results

Week 6: Tangaroa
Week 7: Tangaroa
Week 8: Tangaroa
Week 9: Tangaroa

Term 2 Calendar of Events

| Week & Date | Event |
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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 |

Move It March

A huge well done to all of our tamariki who took part in Move It March this month! It has been awesome to see so many students walking, scootering, biking, and travelling actively to school.

We promote Move It March because active travel helps our tamariki build healthy habits, grow their independence, reduce traffic around our kura, and look after our environment. It's a simple way to make a big difference — for both our children and our community.

We hope to see our whānau continue these awesome habits beyond March. Even walking part of the way, parking a little further from school, or choosing active travel a few days a week all add up.

Ka mau te wehi, everyone — we're so proud of you! 🚶🚲🛴

Counsellor in Schools

Since 2021 when the Ministry of Education launched Counsellors in Schools, and we were selected to be one of the schools, we have delighted in having this service as an option for our ākoka and whānau.

Our school counsellor, Jenni Thomas, is from reThink Children's Therapy & visits our school once a week to work with ākoka on their own or in a small group. She helps when tamariki are learning skills like:

- Coping with change & challenges
- Managing emotions
- Building positive relationships
- Overcoming grief & loss

Before Jenni starts working with your child, she will meet with you to understand what's going on & the support that's needed. Together you will make a plan for your child.

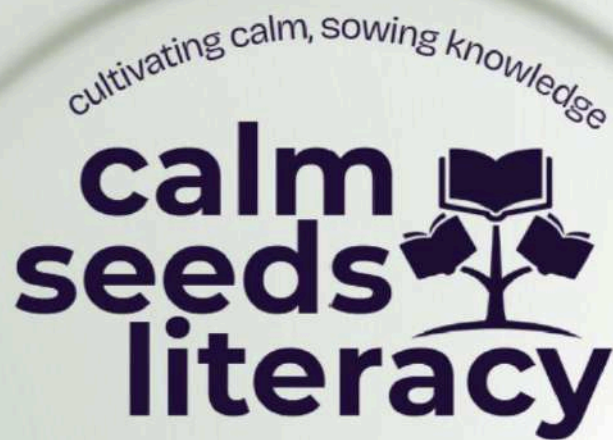
Everything you or your child talk to Jenni about is confidential.



Jenni is motivated by helping children grow & develop. She will work with your child to help them participate in their family, schooling & social lives.

Jenni recognises that every child's interests, personality & challenges are unique, so she'll make sure she gets to know your child & she'll develop individualised strategies that will support the wellbeing of your whole whānau.

Community Notices



Multisensory Structured Literacy Instruction and Intervention

- One to one sessions, designed to meet the needs of those requiring reading, spelling and writing support.
- Experienced tutor, specialising in dyslexia, dysgraphia and other neurodiversity.
- All ages and abilities.
- A focus on mental wellbeing, confidence and resilience.
- Suitable for those at school or homeschoolers.



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MERMAID**



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COLLEGE
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ALAN
MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN &
GLENN SLATER

Book by
DOUG
WRIGHT

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Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker
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