



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 1 Week 1

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

Hoki mai te whānau.

What a fantastic start to the year! The first week has flown by and already been made memorable. A very warm welcome to all students and families to the 2021 school year. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. It was lovely to see all of the children and staff back looking refreshed and keen for the term ahead. There is a lot happening this term and already the week has kicked off with a range of activities.

We began the school year, on the first day, with a wonderful Mihi Whakataua, where the existing BGP students welcomed our new additions - staff, students and families into the BGP community. We introduced Barbara Dinnissen who is joining us as the new Deputy Principal / SENCO. She is also job sharing with Mrs Ehlers this year in Tāwhiri.

Jenny Albrecht, our new Learning Support Coordinator was also welcomed. Jenny will be working between Bathgate Park, Carisbrook and Sara Cohen schools. Losana Taungapeau, who currently works with us as our Dance tutor, will also be working within Tāwhaki W this year as a third year student teacher. We look



A great big welcome to our new students. Welcome to BGP.



Welcome to Miss D, our new Deputy Principal.



Sunhats

Sunhats are compulsory for Term 1 and 4 from the Tuesday the 9th of February.



Waitangi Day

School is closed Monday February 8 to observe Waitangi Day.



Friends of BGP Lunches

Beginning again from Friday February 19.

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Kindly and gently

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Yourself, others and the environment

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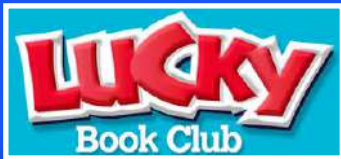
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Board of Trustees Meeting

The first meeting of the year is Wednesday 24 February, 6.30pm in the staffroom. We would love to have you attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting please email katrina@bathgatepark.school.nz and speaking rights can be arranged.



Final date for orders from Issue 1 is Friday 26 February. Orders to the office please. Please add a note to the order if you do not want the books sent home with your child when they arrive.

forward to supporting her in her final year of training. A huge thank you to Whāea Terri and Whāea Marnie who are job sharing in Te Rakiātea for Term 1. Mrs Bell will be in classes providing the Classroom Release Time (CRT) for teachers from week 3, in Term 1. Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to you all.

I think there is a general perception that schools are empty through January and staff return to work the same time as the students start back. Nothing is further from the truth and I want to thank all staff, for all the work, undertaken to ensure the school, classrooms and classroom programmes were all set to go for the new school year. Everything was ready to go on Wednesday. Added to this, the contributions made by all staff to the Staff Only Days held leading up to the start of school.

A huge thank you to Ray, our caretaker, for the continued great job with painting our corridors and tidying our school grounds. Stephen and Wendy, our Crest cleaners, have completed a fantastic job making our school shine. You can see your reflection in the newly polished and buffed floors. All of your hard work is appreciated.

COVID Reminder

Unfortunately, COVID continues to be a concern within NZ, so as we start back to school we need to remind ourselves about using healthy practices. We have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID and we all need to do our bit to ensure we are as proactive as we can be. For our school we will:

- Display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. These can be found at each entrance to the school.
- Provide a paper tracking sheet which can be used if you do not have the app. This is located at the front office area.
- Keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date.
- Provide hand sanitizer in all classrooms and at all entrances to the school.
- Be diligent around monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home.
- Encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so.
- Reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying.
- Reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Ensure that we will continue to regularly clean all parts of our school, paying particular attention to the high traffic hard surfaces, e.g. door handles.
- Ensuring all contact details are current.



Current Contact Details

The start of the year is also an opportunity to make sure that we have your correct details. Added to this, the need to contact you re sickness or learning progress. **Any time, your phone or contact details change we need to know. Please phone, email or share with staff your new ones and we will update these. As communications are being digitally shared, up to date email addresses are also essential.**

Weather

As we start the year we need to be mindful of the weather. Currently we are being subjected to very changeable weather. This means that we need to prepare children appropriately. Please make sure they have sunscreen on and a drink bottle in their bag that can be topped up to help keep them hydrated. Equally it maybe that a jacket / raincoat is needed. Please make sure you name all uniform items. Named items make their way back to their owners.

Sunhats

From next week sunhats are compulsory. Teachers are currently getting these sorted in classes. If your child does not have one, you can purchase a pure black, wide brim hat from The Warehouse.

Waitangi Day

Monday 8 February the school will be **CLOSED** to observe Waitangi Day.

Healthy Lunch in Schools Programme

This continues for all of 2021. Later in the year the Government will review what happens beyond this. I will keep you updated as information comes out. In the meantime, your child has had their preference automatically carried over from last year. If at any time you wish to make changes please let the office know.

Friends of B.G.P – Friday Lunches

Friday lunches will restart with first orders being taken from Friday 19 February.

There will be a newsletter next week with our Calendar of Events. Newsletters will come out every 2 weeks thereafter and will be emailed to those with email addresses in our system.

Term 1 Summer Sports 2021

You will have received an email about Summer sports - some of which are starting next week. If we have enough players registering their interest and commitment we are hoping to enter teams for futsal, rippa, touch and volleyball. Our t-ball and softball teams remain from the end of last year but there are spaces for more players to join. If your child is interested in being part of a team it is important that you please complete the form with all of their details promptly. We need to register teams as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your prompt responses.

