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Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 1 Week 2

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

The second week of school has come to an end and what a wonderful start we have had. Bright smiles, laughter and calm classrooms getting routines and expectations established. In the first week we met each day as a school and had talks about expectations of children as they moved around inside, whether this is from one learning space to another or making their way from a classroom to a toilet. This included people moving as a class group or as individuals; supervised by a teacher or moving independently. Regardless, there are expectations being asked of them. I am delighted to say they have listened and are enacting them. This week, we continued to grow the same expectations to break times. A few reminders were needed but already I have heard our wonderful tuakana helping to reinforce and remind. I have heard multiple seniors saying" walk don't run". "Remember you should be walking". I'm so proud to see these leadership qualities on display.



Our new Learning Support Coordinator, Jenny Albrecht.

This is the first part of the work we will be doing as a school and a community this year and beyond. We are engaged in the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative. This is a programme that supports schools to look at behaviour and learning from a wholeof-school as well as an individual child perspective. The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, helps schools reflect upon their current practices and builds a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life.

We will be working through this as we explore the big concept of, "What is AROHA at BGP?". We will be reviewing our A.R.O.H.A concept; tweaking and looking at ways to acknowledge and celebrate our successes. Each newsletter there will be a PB4L notice. This could be an update on what we are doing or it could be a resource or link for our wider BGP community to look at and possibly use at home. We will share information about AROHA and have opportunities for students and families to share their ideas and suggestions; ask questions and be part of this journey.





Lucky Book Club

Final date for orders for Issue 1 is Friday 26 February. Orders to the office please.



Moana Nui Festival Forsyth Barr Stadium. Saturday 13 February, 10am - 5pm.



Duffy Caught Being Good

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





Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 24 February. This meeting is going to be at 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. What an exciting time as we redefine who we are and what we value.

Board Chairperson's Update

Kia Ora Bathgate Park Community.

Welcome to another wonderful year at Bathgate Park School. We hope that you all had a restful summer break and wish you all a happy new year. The Board warmly welcomes the new students and staff that have joined BGP. We are excited to see what great achievements and successes all our students will gain this year. Keep an eye out for the regular updates in the school newsletters about what is happening with the Board. Please feel free to attend our Board meetings. Dates for these are in the newsletter. From Selena Pomeroy, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Complaints Policy with Update

Being emailed alongside this week's newsletter is a copy of the school's 'Concerns and Complaints' procedures. This is printed annually and handed out early to ensure all members of our school community are aware of the correct process to follow if an issue or concern needs to be addressed. We do appreciate discussing and resolving matters early. This is always available on the school website. There have been a few amendments after some feedback and suggestions last year.

If you want a chat, have questions or a small concern please don't hesitate to contact your children's classroom teacher first or myself. Issues that are small are so much easier to deal with rather than waiting. If we don't know about them, we are unable to work towards finding a possible solution. We can't guarantee to solve everything, but we are here to listen and work with you.

Tidiest Classroom

Well done to: Week 1 = Tāwhaki

Term 1's Calendar Of Events

Attached to this newsletter is this term's calendar of events as they are known currently.

Summer Sports Teams Update

We have not had the required numbers register their interest for us to enter teams for Futsal, Rippa and Touch this term. We have been in contact with at least one other school in the same situation but have still been unable to meet requirements together. Unfortunately, there are no Futsal, Rippa or Touch teams going ahead.

We do however, have an U7 T-Ball, U9 T-Ball and U11 Junior softball teams continuing this term. If your child is interested in joining one of these teams, please contact me.

We will also be able to register for Volleyball for Year 6 -8. If your child is interested in joining, please complete the form emailed to you before this coming Monday.

Keep an eye out later this term for spots registrations for our Winter sports beginning in Term 2.

Rachael Lawless



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