#### **NEWSLETTER NO. 3**

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# **Bathgate Park School**

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

## Term 1 Week 5

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

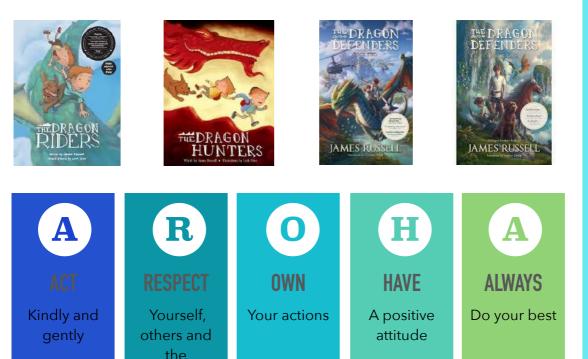
A huge thank you for following our Level 2 protocols. Our thoughts go out to the health workers and scientists who continue to be working above and beyond to support us to keep safe. As a community we need to stay vigilant and each do our part to help the situation. So please make sure you continue to use the QR code if you come on site, or sign in on the paper register at the front door; maintain the hygiene regime and keep away if sick. Thank you.

#### Author Visit - James Russell

Bathgate Park School were lucky enough to have New Zealand author James Russell come visit us on Wednesday afternoon. He spoke first with the Y4-8 students, followed by our juniors. He talked about writing, his journey with this and finally sharing some of his stories with the children; both picture

books and novels. It was an excellent opportunity to share with the children how reading and writing can lead to a potential career. A great motivator for all of our budding writers. A lot of children will be already familiar with his books as they often come up in the Lucky Book Cub catalogue. Keep an eye out. A fantastic opportunity to add a new author to your favourites.

A huge thank you to Read NZ and the National Library for organising this and supporting us to make this happen.



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James Russell speaking to our Junior students.



Lucky Book Club Final date for orders for Issue 2 is Friday 26 March. Orders to the office please.



Meet & Greet BGP School, 5pm-6:30pm, Wednesday 10 March.



Duffy Caught Being Good

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



#### **Players Of The Day**





#### Important Term 2 Date - Teacher Only Day

The Board of Trustees approved a Teacher Only Day for **Monday 3 May**. This is the first day of Term 2. The Government has given schools extra teacher only days to be used over 2020-2022 to address teacher workload concerns. We are using this day to work on our Localised Curriculum and Graduate Profile work which you will be hearing more about as the year progresses.

#### **Thieves Alley Festival**

On Saturday 13 February Jasmine, Tallulah and Evelyn performed as part of the celebrations taking place during the Thieves Alley Festival. An amazing performance provided. Well done girls. You demonstrated A.R.O.H.A throughout and showcased the fantastic talent you have. A huge thank you to Hiliako for supporting this musical endeavour.



## **Students Hard At Work**

The children of Tāwhiri, as well as being amazing readers and writers are demonstrating their fantastic ability to design and construct. Each Friday, this class is looking at new ways to work collaboratively, problem solve and use creativity and imagination to design and construct amazing final products. Anaelle and Aaliyah took great pride in showcasing their creative dragon-like creature with me. What a wonderful team.



## **Following This Newsletter**

As part of our responsibility under the Health & Safety Act, how drugs and medications are stored and administered at school is of huge importance. Each year, parents of children bringing, keeping or storing medication onsite will be given a copy of our Drugs & Medicines Policy and procedure. These will be shared electronically. If, in the future your child requires medication to be stored or administered at school, the office can provide you with hard copies and these will be available for viewing on our Website too.

## Mid Term Meet & Greet Get Together

What better way to start the year than to have a chance to come, in a relaxed environment, to chat with teachers, meet new parents and enjoy a sense of community together. After giving everyone a chance to settle into the school year, BGP is going to be having a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 10 March, 5.00-6.30pm. We would love it if you came and join us for this. Feel free to bring your blanket; pull up a space and enjoy this time. Feel free to bring your tea with you to go with our sausage sizzle. There will be some games organised for the children too. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Moana Nui Festival

What an incredible day of celebrations at the Moana Nui Festival, held in Dunedin on February 13. A proud moment indeed for all Pacific peoples in the Otago region. We were especially proud of all of our Bathgate Park School students, their parents and even

their grandparents who performed, made crafts and represented their cultures with pride.

We cannot wait for the next Moana Nui Festival!



Students from Tāwhaki visiting the Life Education Bus.





## MOANA NUI FESTIVAL



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#### **Tidiest Classroom**

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#### **Life Education Bus**

In week 4 Harold and Maria came back to BGP in the Life Education Bus. All of the classes have had Health focused lessons using this wonderful resource. Tāwhaki explored Digital safety and our digital footprint while the rest of the school concentrated on aspects of Friendship; Getting along with each other and the art of caring. Thank you



to Maria for the wonderful teaching. I would also like to thank St John Education Trust who have supported BGP with being able to access this resource.

## Friends Of Bathgate Park Fundraisers:

#### **Hot Cross Buns**

We have two fundraisers running this term. The first is a hot cross buns presale fundraiser. There is the opportunity to purchase Hot Cross Buns for a price cheaper than the shop. Dates connected to these will be on a notice. These notices will come home next week once delivery dates are finalised.



#### **Easter Raffle**

Also, our usual Easter Raffle will be happening. If you have any items you can provide for the hampers, these would be appreciated. Just drop them into the office. They do not need to be Easter specific - a jelly, juice sachet, bag of chips etc. all gratefully received.

Easter Raffle tickets will come home at the start of Week 6. Tickets and money will be due back by Monday 29 March with prizes drawn on Wednesday 31 March.





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