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Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 2 Week 3

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

As we close in on the official start of winter, we are starting to see it make its presence known with icy mornings and both colder and wetter weather. Definitely some signs of snow weather here and there.

Added to this there are still small, but consistent, numbers of people testing positive for Covid. We are therefore taking some of the following steps:

- Monday school assemblies are again temporarily put on hold.
- Friday Readers are temporarily put on hold.
- Kapahaka & Pasifika practises will be temporarily modified.

We will review again in 2-3 weeks to see what the situation is.

It is also the start of the flu season, unrelated to Covid, and we unfortunately, at the moment are also having a bad run on other illnesses. It is important that if your child is not feeling well you keep them at home. If they have had vomiting and/or diarrhoea then they need to stay away from school for a minimum of 24 hours. 48 hours is better. If your child is coughing and sneezing, then again they cannot be at school. At school we will continue to reinforce hand washing and/or hand sanitising. Thank you for supporting us in minimising the spread of these nasties.

Ms Graham's Farewell

This Friday we say farewell to Ms Graham. Originally this assembly was going to be an open community event, but due to active Covid cases within the Dunedin area being so high, this will no longer be possible. We have decided to restrict this to just the current Tane Mahuta whānau and a separate invite for them will come out Monday. If you would like to email Katrina or the office any comments for Stacey, we are creating a memories book and would gladly include your comments in this. These would need to be in by end of school Wednesday please.



APT

Kindly and gently



RESPECT

Yourself, others and the environment



OWN

Your actions



HAVE

A positive attitude



ALWAYS

Do your best



Farewell Ms Graham

Please send any messages to the office by Wednesday.



PB4L

This week our focus is on playground expectations.



Teacher Only Day

Monday 27 June. School will be CLOSED for a teacher only day.



AROHA Certificates

Congratulations to the following people who have been spotted consistently displaying AROHA at BGP.



Duffy Caught Being Good

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



Players of the Day

Congratulations to the following students:

Y5/6 basketball - Jack, for not giving up in a very tough first game.

Y3/4 basketball - Edmund (Opoho School)

Principal Communications

I apologise to anyone who has sent emails and not had a reply. I have a huge number of unread emails and often they can get buried amongst the horde, particularly as I am only able to get onto emails periodically. If you send an email that is time-sensitive, please phone or txt the office to let them know. They will make a note of this and I will be able to prioritise locating and following up on this.

Year 7 & 8 Adventure Day

Last term the Year 7 & 8s had the opportunity to take part in a fun adventure day with Adventure Masters. This was a special day where the school value of Courage was demonstrated. The students had to tackle a range of activities that asked them to step outside their comfort zone. Way to go Tāwhaki! I heard that you were very supportive of each other and encouraged each other through some challenging situations. A - Acting kindly and gently definitely being displayed.

Pink Shirt Day

We had a school full of colour on Friday, thanks to a wide range of whānau supporting our Pink Shirt Day.

A.N.Z.A.C. Assembly

This year Bathgate Park School chose to remember A.N.Z.A.C Day slightly differently. We focused the assembly on celebrating the centennial of the poppy, which is worn proudly by New Zealanders and Australians on A.N.Z.A.C. Day. It is 100 years since the

poppy was first worn. Each class presented an activity connected to the poppy. We have our fingers crossed that next year we will be in a position to hold our traditional A.N.Z.A.C assembly and have community members present.

Important Term 2 Date - Teacher Only Day

The Board of Trustees approved a Teacher Only Day for **Monday 27 June** (**Term 2, Week 9**). This is the day after the new Matariki long weekend. 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.

PB4L

Week 4's focus setting is Playground

The expectation being taught, reinforced and acknowledged is:

•Follow the agreed upon rules of the game

A huge congratulations to Kōwhai Whānau house who have had the most AROHA tokens for the first 3 weeks of term. They have a free mufti day this coming Wednesday. A huge well done to all the children who have received AROHA tokens for following our school wide expectations. Ka rawe!



Tidiest Classroom

Term 2 Week 2: Uenuku

Term 2 Week 3: Haumia-Tiketike

Sport Four All

This week students from years 5-8 had the opportunity to have a two hour coaching workshop with the team from Sport Four All. This is a combination of four sporting codes who work together to provide free coaching sessions in schools. Students had a great time, learnt new skills and had the opportunity to try Rugby League (Rippa), Cricket, Hockey and Netball.









Board of Trustees Meeting Change of Date

Due to illness the Board meeting has been changed and will now be on Monday 30 May, 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.

2022 Dates

Term 2

Wk 5 = St John First Aid Session

Wk 6 = Monday 6 June Queen's Birthday= SCHOOL CLOSED

Wk 8 = Friday 24 June Matariki = SCHOOL CLOSED

Wk 9 = Monday 27 June Teacher Only Day = SCHOOL CLOSED

Last day of School Year - Wednesday 14 December 2022

Wellbeing Corner

Here is an activity to do together.

Sports Update

This term we have entered three Basketball Teams in the Otago Basketball Kiwihoops competition. We have a year 3 & 4, year 5 & 6 and a year 7 & 8 team. It is awesome to see so many of our students take up Basketball this year.

We have students from years 5-8 playing netball for Bathgate Park School this year also. The competition starts on the 2nd of June, so we are looking forward to starting training soon.

We also have a large number of students involved in Club Rugby and Football and hope that the seasons have started off well for them all. Good luck to all our students for the winter sports season.

Why Is Sleep Important?

All of us need to sleep. Sleep is important as it helps us in a variety of different ways.

Can you colour in the things that sleep does to help us?





Student's Great Work

BGP Y7 & 8's are entering into a wearable art Technology module this term. Behold one of their ignitor tasks. A piece of wearable art using nothing but newspaper, sellotape and glue. I can't wait to see the other designs that come throughout this learning.



















