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Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 2 Week 6

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

The winter blast definitely is making its presence known with temperatures dropping. There was even a skittering of snow on the hills recently. Please make sure you are keeping yourselves warm and dry to help keep those winter bugs away. We are starting to see bugs other than Covid affect staff and students. Thank you for continuing to support us by keeping your children away when they are unwell. Compared to some schools around, we only have small numbers and this is thanks to your vigilance, combined with the hand washing and other safety precautions we are following.

Teacher Union Meetings

Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the week of June 13th in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement. The meetings will discuss the teachers' Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā campaign, which aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high-needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise teachers' work. Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

RAT Tests / Health Support Give Away

We have been given the donations of the following:

- boxes of RAT tests
- materials to support well-being (hand sanitiser / Panadol / hand wash / Dettol soap) We would love to share these with you but WE NEED YOU TO COLLECT THESE FROM THE OFFICE. We are unable to send these home with children. There are limited numbers of the Health Support packs so are these are only available until they are all gone.





RESPECT

Yourself, others and the environment



OWN

Your actions



HAVE

A positive attitude



ALWAYS

Do your best



Ready 4 Learning

Come along and find out more. BGP hall, Wednesday 22 June, 5:30pm.



Lucky Book Club

Orders, with money, to Katrina by Wednesday 29 June.



Teacher Only Day

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



Duffy Caught Being Good

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





AROHA Certificates

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



Do You Have A Fire?

Sometimes we have people wanting to donate free firewood to the school to share with members of our community. If you have a fire and would like to have your name added to people we can share such donations with, please contact the office via phone 455 3421 or email office@bathgatepark.school.nz.

Support Staff Week

Last week, the teaching staff and students took the time to thank and acknowledge the valuable and amazing work our support staff do to support us. A huge thank you to Carol, Christine, Sandy P, Lucy, Sasha, Gina, Wendy and Sue who work in the classrooms with our tamariki. Our office is wonderfully overseen by Joy. Hiliako, Janet and Losana who are stunning with the work they do to make the Arts accessible and successful for our students. Thank you to Gene for his safe and reliable van driving as well as Ray for the care he takes of our school grounds and property. Also, Quentin and Carol who oversee our Tinker@BGP study centre. We think you are awesome and are pleased you are all part of the BGP whānau.

Samoan Language Week

In week 5 we were able to celebrate Samoan Language Week. The classes all had opportunities to grow their knowledge of the language and culture associated with Samoa. We are in the process of compiling a mini display of the learning which took place. We are looking forward to sharing this with you soon.

Walk N Wheels

A big congratulations to all of the families that took up the challenge to walk or wheel to school during the Walk n' Wheel to School Week during Term 1. Our school has won a \$200 Otago Sports Depot voucher to spend on some new sports equipment!



Lachlan and William entered online and were lucky winners of spot prizes of Otago Sports Depot and Megazone Vouchers. Kerri McLennan our School Travel Coordinator presented the prizes at school this week.

Important Term 2 Date - Matariki

This year Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates Matariki with its first National Holiday on Friday 24 June. School will be CLOSED this day. Matariki is a time to celebrate with whānau, friends and kai. It is a time to reflect on the past year; celebrate the present and plan for the year ahead.

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



Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board meeting is Monday 20 June, 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.

2020-2022 to address teacher workload concerns. We are using this day to work on our localised curriculum and graduate profile work.

Headlice

Headlice is doing the rounds in some classes at the moment. Please check your child and treat if needed. If you need support with this, KidzCan support us with product we can send home - treatment shampoo and / or headlice combs. If you would like to get some of this, please contact your child's teacher, or the office, and it can be sent home with them. A huge thank you to KidzCan.



Scott Eady - BGP Arts Project

This photo is of Scott Eady who works at the Dunedin School of Art. Scott had a residency with DPAG Dunedin Public Art Gallery to exhibit his photographic work. Some of his photos were of Bathgate Park school that he had taken while walking his dog during the lockdown. He became interested in the arts programme at the school and wanted to work with some of the students on a project using old brownie cameras. These works by Bathgate Park students were exhibited at DPAG. This is Scott dropping the works back at school after the end of the exhibition and they will now be hung in our school gallery. Ka nui ngā mihi Scott.

Players of the Day

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the players of the day for Basketball and Netball.

Sione Koloi: Showing great commitment during both offence and defence in basketball.

Aaliyah Elisara: Outstanding finding space on the court and for determined defense.

Charlotte Pomeroy: Being a very determined basketball defender.

Millie Bell: demonstrating great sportsmanship both on and off the court.

Tautele Tuigamala: Amazing attacking and shooting in basketball.

Setefano Reese: His fast running, being a great shooter and not giving up.

Sione Koloi: Pushing himself to his limit at basketball.

Jasmine Becker: A consistent and determined defensive game.

Beanie Donation

We have had a very kind gift of a small number of handknitted beanies which will be given to some of our junior students. A huge thank you to our anonymous donor.



Tinker



Jewellery Box



Animal Creativity

PB4L

Week 7's focus setting is **PE Shed**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

- •Say please and thank you when borrowing equipment
- •Wait patiently and quietly
- •Line up in the correct place

Tidiest Classroom

Term 2 Week 4: Uenuku

Term 2 Week 5: Tāwhaki

Term 2 Week 6: Tāne Mahuta

2022 Dates

Term 2

Wk 8 = Friday 24 June Matariki = SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Wk 10 = Friday 8 July = Last day of term

Last day of School Year - Wednesday 14 December 2022



Student's Great Work

Rūaumoko had the 15 minute challenge to locate natural resources and create an original and strong nest that would support 3 birds' eggs. What a fantastic task the whole class did working in groups; showing creativity and problem solving a suitable solution.

Become a host family for the University of Otago

Now that international travel is opening up we are currently enlisting new host families. If you are a family who has some spare time for hosting an independent international tertiary-aged student in your home, please contact us (details below).

Host families will receive a weekly payment, along with support and training to assist with hosting.

Some requirements are that hosts should have a well maintained home, a spare room for a student and enough space to cater for another resident in your home. We look for hosts who are interested in sharing their home, embracing a different culture and offering occasional support. This can be a very rewarding experience.

Hosts should live within 8-10 kilometres of Dunedin city and be on a good bus route to the city.

If this is you, please email us at homestay@otago.ac.nz or phone us on 03 4794184 or 03 4795710 to find out more!



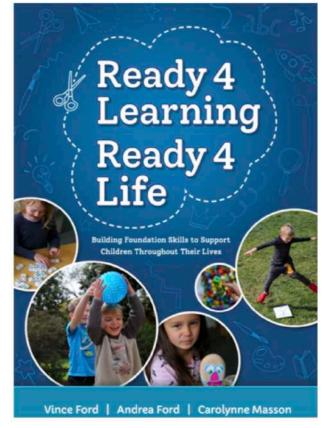
How do you give your children the best start for learning? Wanting to know more about how you can support your learners to transition through essential foundation skills? It's not about flash cards, letter recognition or apps and devices. The best results come from interaction and support in key foundation areas:

- Speaking
- Seeing
- Hearing
- Moving
- · Concepts of print
- Key competencies

Readiness for learning relies on having broad skills in place as a solid foundation so that when children reach the classroom they're ready to interact with the curriculum. The Ready 4 Learning framework gives a structure so that you can identify skills your child needs and how to best support them, whether that's swinging on monkey bars to improve core strength, playing with dough to develop fine motor skills or spot the difference to build their skills with sight.

Come along, to Bathgate Park Hall to hear a 20 minute talk about the framework, thinking behind it, and how it can give your child the opportunity to fly with their learning. Then have a walk-through of a classroom in action!

Venue: Bathgate Park Hall Date: 22nd June 2022 Time: 5.30pm to 6pm





TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2022 DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The Glow Show's fabulous, giant-scale, glow-in-the-dark puppets are back, touring all of Actearoa!

The magical MATARIKI GLOW SHOW is coming to a theatre near you, during Term 2 AND the July school holidays.

61,000+ tamariki, educators and whānau have already seen our Glow Shows... this year, join us in an exquisite celebration of our very first, nationwide Matariki holiday.

The MATARIKI GLOW SHOW tells the gorgeous story of te kāhui whetu õ Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for Te Tau Hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star Waipuna-a-rangi? Could she be lost in the moana?

The show brings this mythical magic to life with its unique puppets, which glow under UV lights in a black box theatre and intrigue tamariki wherever they go.

Delightfully told in te reo Māori and English, the MATARIKI GLOW SHOW educates as it entertains, with its cutting-edge concept, upbeat original soundtrack, and themes of whakawhānaungatanga, friendship and togetherness.

The show is touring to 40 venues, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, most locations, staging two different shows - a concise version for ages 5 and under, and a longer version with Q&A for 6-12 year olds. Shows sell out so book your tickets fast!

The Matariki Glow Show will be at the Regent Theatre, Dunedin, July 2!

Weekend Show

11am (family show) - \$17.50pp + fees

One day only, so don't miss out! Book at www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings
You can email us for more info at hello@glowshow.co.nz



The Matariki Glow Show is proudly presented by Little Green Man Productions Join us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/glowshowco