



Bathgate Park School

Te Mea Nui, He Tangata

Term 4 Week 6

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

Hard to believe we are over the half-way mark!! This term is flying by and with only 3 ½ weeks to go, the final assembly and last day will be here before we know it. There continues to be a hive of activity going on. Since the last newsletter we have had South Zone Sports, Otago Championships, the Ukulele Rest Home Tour group and an Earthquake / Tsunami drill all take place.

The Senior classes had the opportunity earlier this term to revisit their athletics and try to make selection for South Zone Athletics. Congratulations to the 21 students who qualified for one or more of the events and went on to compete at the Otago Championship. The sun shone at the Otago Championships where around 12 BGP athletics took part in competing. See more information further in newsletter. Hiliako, Mr B and Janet took our Ukulele group to perform at both Radius Fulton Rest Home and Marne Hospital Rest Home last week. The performance was well received and gave these wonderful performers a chance to provide a service in our community. We are so proud of them and very appreciative of the time the adults have put in to supporting this. There are two future visits still to take place at Francis Hodgkins Rest Home and Montecillo Rest Home. Lovely to see the Arts of BGP being appreciated in the wider setting.

We weren't able to take part in the Nation wide shake down day this year, so instead we planned our own day to practise. We used this opportunity to think about "long, strong, get gone" and how this could trigger a possible tsunami. Our earthquake and tsunami procedures were practiced, with everyone evacuating to the location for this = Bathgate Park Hillside Road End.

Well done, to all the children and staff. It would be timely for you to go over your evacuation procedures for home so your child knows what to do in a similar situation at home.

Where do they go? (Be aware of the possibility of falling objects including power lines).

Where is your meeting place?

Who can they go to for help?

Your fire evacuation place may not be suitable for your earthquake evacuation. Do they know the difference?



Xmas Raffle

Please bring any contributions for our Xmas raffle prizes to the office by Friday 9 December.



Lucky Book Club

Orders to the office by Friday 2 December please.



Final Assembly

Save the date! Our final assembly is Wednesday 14 December at 11:30.

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ACT

Kindly and gently

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RESPECT

Yourself, others and the environment

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OWN

Your actions

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HAVE

A positive attitude

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ALWAYS

Do your best



Duffy Caught Being Good & AROHA Certificates

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



Coming up, this Friday we have the Orange Parade; a chance to celebrate those students who have been reliable in their commitment to road patrol duty. They will have a fun day celebrating with an E.O.T.C opportunity. We also have the Year 8 camp which will take place in Week 7. Final plans and preparation are taking place for this event.

Athletics

On Wednesday 2nd November Bathgate Park students attended the South Zone Athletics Competition at the Caledonian. We had 21 students who had met the entry requirements in a range of field and track events. Our students showed great determination and resilience in the competition and we had some personal best results and placegetters. Our school A.R.O.H.A. really shone on the day with students encouraging, cheering and congratulating each other all day.

Congratulations to all the students who were selected to attend; Precious, Aiden, Aukuso, Timaima, Zhibasjian, Sione, Anastacia, Tiana, Meki, Tunis, Persharr, Ghighi, Jazlyn, Rikitoria, Yvie, Aleiyah, Frances, Compton and Elvie. Twelve students went on to represent Bathgate Park at the Otago Championships. Students competed in Discus, Shot-put, Hurdles, Relays and Sprints. The level of competition was very high and students competed against schools from as far away as Wanaka. A big congratulations to Zhibasjian Marsh who won the over 13 boys Shotput.



South D Poet Lorikeet visit to BGP

Earlier this term Rehua and Tāne Mahuta were lucky enough to have a visit from the South D Poet Lorikeet who came and supported the classes to write collaborative poems. They were even featured in The Star paper.



Happy Teddies By Rehua

Teddy feels happy,
he is with his friends.

They raaah, grrrr,
prrrrrr, mjjjjjj.

They catch fish,
they catch honey.

Teddies swim at the lake,
teddies jump in the lake.

Teddies go to the forest
to find their mums and dads.

Teddy of Tāne Mahuta Tahi

Teddy's paws and ears are as brown as cookies
Teddy's paws and ears are as brown as chocolate
Teddy's paws and ears are as brown as cats and dogs
Teddy's paws and ears are as brown as some people's hair
Teddy's paws and ears are as brown as mud
Teddy's paws and ears are as brown as wood.

Teddy of Tāne Mahuta Rua

Teddy is as cold as ice in the Arctic
Teddy is as cold as the freezer
Teddy is as cold as water in the shower
Teddy is as cold as water in the sea
Teddy is as cold as an ice cream or an ice block.

Teddy of Tāne Mahuta Toru

Teddy is voiceless.
He is angry at the person
who took his voice.
He is sad because
he can't say 'Goodnight,'
or 'I love you.'

Friends of BGP Xmas Raffle

If you are able to send something to the office to go towards the Xmas hampers, we would be appreciative. Something as simple as a jelly or a spare can from the cupboard. If any contributions could be brought to the office by Friday 9 December, please.



Action . . . Year 0-1 pupils at Bathgate Park School follow the lead of Poet Lorikeet Jenny Powell. PHOTOS: GILLIAN VINE

Teddy bears and the 'Poet Lorikeet' join forces

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Jenny Powell, "Dunedin Unesco City of Literature South D Poet Lorikeet", joined Bathgate Park School Year 0-1 pupils and their teacher Rachael Lawless recently, to write a poem about a teddy.

When Ms Powell introduced her threadbare teddy to the group at Bathgate Park School, one girl rushed away and found another bear in the classroom. The poet was not fazed, saying: "Teddy usually goes around by himself. But let's write a poem about Teddy having a friend."

After a discussion, the 5- and 6-year-olds started with: "Teddy feels happy. He is with a friend."

The suggested sounds the bears made included purrs and kisses, as well as growls, and activities included catching honey and fish.

"You have written a fantastic poem," Ms Powell told the pupils.

The workshop programme is a partnership between Unesco and



Young poets . . . Poet Lorikeet Jenny Powell reads their teddy poem to pupils at Bathgate Park School.

Read, Share, Grow, the library campaign in South Dunedin.

Ms Powell designed the workshop to consolidate early reading experiences.

Green Island, Carisbrook and Broad Bay schools are also taking part. Co-ordinator Debbie Lancaster Gordon said a collection of the poems would be sent to participating schools and also go to Unesco Cities of Literature around the world.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The final Board meeting of the year will be Tuesday 13 December, 4pm 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.

Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school Board for an elected parent representative.

The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Send in by 19/12/2022 Request for a by-election should be sent to: boardchairbgp@gmail.com

Presiding member -Selena Pomeroy

Duffy Caught Being a Good Grandfather Acknowledgement

Earlier this term, BGP held an assembly to celebrate the Duffy Caught Being Good Grandfather Award. The teachers were unanimous that Mr Barry Cairns should receive this award for the ongoing support that he provides. A big congratulations to Barry!



Nations/BGP A.R.O.H.A. Good Citizenship Scholarships

A huge thank you to Nations Church for gifting the school six scholarships; one for each class, to acknowledge the wonderful Citizenship and AROHA being displayed not only within their classrooms but also the playground, when representing BGP and the wider community. It is also acknowledging their ability to self-manage, make good choices and be able to decision make. Congratulations to this year's recipients.





New Students to BGP
Welcome to you all!



Lucky Book Club

Final date for orders is Friday 2 December. 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.

PB4L

Week 6's focus setting is **Learning Spaces**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

•Offer help to others'

Week 7's focus setting is **All Settings**

The expectations being taught, reinforced and acknowledged are:

•Keep our hands and feet to ourselves

Tidiest Classroom

Term 4 Week 3: Rehua

Term 4 Week 4: Rūaumoko

Term 4 Week 5: Tāwhaki

Kind Donation

Bathgate Park would like to thank Lego NZ for their kind donation of some Lego items. We have been kindly gifted multiple packs of Lego which we have been able to put into some classes and are looking at using as part of a lunch time Lego Club.



2022 Dates

Week 6 - 25 November Orange Parade (Road Patrollers)

Week 7 - 29 Nov-2 Dec Y8 Camp

Week 8 - Kākano Team Museum Visit 12-3pm

Week 9 - Final Formal School assembly - Wednesday 14 December 2022@ 11.30

Wek 9 -Last day of School Year - Wednesday 14 December 2022 - school finishes 1.15pm

Students Hard Work





Physical activity in children and their parents.

How physical disability impacts it?

We are a group of researches trying to understand how active children with physical disability are in New Zealand and what barriers children and their parents have to be more active.

We would love to hear from you if:

- **You are a parent/caregiver** of a child aged 5 -18 years old who has any type of mobility or dexterity impairment.
- You are **18 years old and older**.
- **You and your child** have **no** current injury or illness which prevented you from engaging in your usual activities over the **last 7 days**.

All you need to do:

- Complete a short online anonymous questionnaire: only **15 minutes**
- You can enter a draw for one of **10** gift vouchers worth **\$100 each**.

If you would like to participate, please follow the link below to read more about the study and fill out the questionnaire.

Study information: [LINK](#)

The study is open until the end of March 2023

If you have any questions, please contact a project coordinator Elena Adaikina; Liggins Institute, The University of Auckland at a.adaikina@auckland.ac.nz

Approved by the Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee on 08/11/2022 for three years. Reference Number AH24686.