



Newsletter No 1

Bathgate Park School

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Act kindly and gently

Respect yourself, others and the environment

Own your actions

Have a positive attitude

Always do your best

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

What an action packed start to the year!! The first week has flown by and already been made memorable.

A very warm welcome to all students and families to the 2019 school year. A special welcome to those families and children joining our school community for the first time. We began the school year, on the first day, with a wonderful Mihi Whakatau, where the existing BGP students welcomed our new additions – staff, students and families into the BGP community.

During this Mihi Whakatau we were able to welcome and introduce a new staff member – Mrs Louise Crowl a.k.a Mrs C. Nau mai, haere mai to you. Mrs C has come from Green Island School and before that Big Rock Primary School. Already, after a week, Mrs C has quickly settled in and is part of the team. Please introduce yourself to her if your paths cross and continue to make her feel welcome.

As we start the year we need to be mindful of the weather. Currently we are blessed (or cursed) with extremely hot weather. This means that we need to prepare children appropriately. Please make sure they have sunscreen on and a drink bottle in their bag that can be topped up to help keep them hydrated. In this kind of weather we are expecting that many of the children will not be wearing their jersey/polar fleece so this makes it doubly important to check that all uniform is named. All named items make their way back to owners.

From next week sunhats are compulsory. Teachers are currently getting these sorted in classes.

The start of the year is also an opportunity to make sure that we have your correct details. A reminder that twice last

year we had to make whole school emergency communications due to unforeseen events. Added to this, the need to contact you re sickness or learning progress. In term 4 we were struggling to make up to date contact with families. **If at any time, your phone or contact details change we need to know. Please phone, email or share with staff your new ones and we will update these.**

Next week we will send home the details we have for you to check. If these are not current, then we will need you to let the office know.

I think there is a general perception that schools are empty through January and staff return to work the same time as the students start back. Nothing is further from the truth and I want to thank all staff for all the work undertaken to ensure the school, classrooms and classroom programmes were all set to go for the new school year. Everything was ready to go on Monday. Added to this the contributions made by all staff to the PLD days and Staff Only Days held leading up to the start of school. The staff have been discussing, exploring and revisiting what we believe A.R.O.H.A looks like in our school and how we see, hear and feel it reflected in the daily environment. We look forward to sharing this with you as the term progresses and having your views added to the mix. Stay tuned.

Thank you to families for getting stationery and uniform sorted so promptly. One of the key messages about A.R.O.H.A. already this year has been the focus on **R for Respect**. We have talked about how showing respect for ourselves and taking pride in ourselves ourselves ourselves ourselves is a great first step. Making sure we are in

the correct uniform, have our hair tied neatly and making sure we maintain this, goes a long way to feeling and displaying this pride.

Added to this we have started strong with **Respect for others**. We are making sure the expectations we have are being followed and that everyone is working hard to talk and speak respectfully to others and that we treat others the way we want to be treated. We will be sharing some of our understandings about this as the term progresses.

Welcome to Bathgate Park

Welcome to all these children. We know you will love your days at Bathgate Park.

Photo from mihi whakatau



Friends of Bathgate Park Meeting

Tuesday 12 February 5.15pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The first meeting of the year is Monday 15 February, 6.30pm, in the staffroom. Everyone welcome.

Community Notices



Junior Registration Days 2019

Sunday February 17th 11am- 1pm

Wednesday February 20th 5.30- 6.30pm

Sunday February 24th 11am-12.30

Sunday March 3rd 11am-12.30

Location in the club rooms Bathgate Park, Helena Street.

Ranfurly shield to be on display February 17th 11 – 12.30 come on down and get a photo taken with 'the log of wood'



SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children (www.smmcotago.com)

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Small group lessons.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

CENTRES:

- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2019 -----Saturday 9th February Bathgate Park School Foyer

Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February. Enquiries: see website: smmcotago.com for contact details.

