



Bradford Bulletin

Growing a community of happy, confident, life long learners

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It's wonderful to have everybody back together today! The school is buzzing with warmth, smiles and excitement as children enjoy catching up with each other again. The staff have been busily preparing for a fantastic term of learning ahead, which has a particular focus on social and emotional competencies for life learning through the Play is the Way Programme.

Play is the Way Parent Info Nights - We are super lucky to have Wilson McCaskill who developed the *Play is the Way* programme currently visiting New Zealand. He is running professional development for Dunedin teachers and will be also hold parent info sessions on Wednesday May 17th at 7pm at Tainui School and again on Thursday May 18th at Mornington School. We really encourage ALL caregivers to attend one of these sessions. Feedback from parents who attended these last year was that they were highly worthwhile. *Further information about the programme and sessions are on page 3.*

Outdoor Play - During Term 2 the weather generally becomes a bit colder and wetter! We encourage children during Terms 2 and 3 to bring along their jackets, gumboots and a change of clothes so they are still able to play outdoors and keep warm if they would like to. On rainy days children are able to keep toasty in the classroom, or read quietly in the library, but we also have many children who just LOVE to be outside rain, hail or shine and jackets and spare clothes ensure they can do this!

In class newsletters that come home this week you will read further of some of the exciting events, changes and learning ahead. All children this term will have library day on a Thursday. Mr Andrew Wills is joining us for the term in a specialist technology teacher role. He has been involved in an exciting pilot project at Tahuna Intermediate where students learnt how to programme micro-controllers. Mr Wills will be adapting these sessions to bring this learning to our senior students at Bradford. The junior classes will be developing their technology skills with Mr Wills through *kite making*. Technology teaching will replace the weekly music session for this term, however music, dance and singing will continue to be taught through kapahaka. A ukulele club and choir will also be offered to senior children at lunchtimes.

We look forward to working alongside you and your child/ren for another wonderful term of learning together. As always, if you have any queries or want to chat about your child please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time. Often mornings are busy times for staff as they greet children and prepare for the morning session. Arranging a time ensures we have a dedicated time together to chat.

Have a wonderful first week back everyone, The Bradford Team



Monday May 1- Cheese roll order forms go home

Wednesday May 10- PTA Meeting 6pm - Staffroom

May 15-17 Various staff attending Play is the Way workshops

Wednesday May 17, 7pm Parent Info session on Play is the Way - *Tainui School* - gold coin donation.

Or Thursday May 18, 7pm at Mornington School Both sessions are led by Wilson McCaskill and give an overview of the programme

Wednesday May 17 - Cheese Roll orders and money due back

Thursday May 18 - Vas the Magician 'Be Bright; Eat Right' Performance *\$3-50

Saturday / Sunday May 27/28 - Cheese Roll making weekend!

Thursday June 1 6pm - 7pm School Disco

Monday June 5 -Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday June 21 Wig Wednesday - Child Cancer fundraiser

June 28/29 Year 4 - 6 Learning Conferences

Week 1 Value: *Empathy - The Golden Rule - Treat others the way you would like to be treated*
Kia Runga Rawa - Be Brave to Participate

Values Hot Chocolate

Role modeling values to our children through our own interactions with others, and through the lives we lead, is a powerful way to support them develop their own 'moral compass'. Below are children who have shown the school values in their actions and words. Together we celebrated with a hot chocolate and a chat.



Term 1 Week 11 Values Stars: Xenn, Liam, Lilly, Carlos and Jessica

Carlos - "I shared my work from school to myself so I could show it to my mum about Tonga. I was on the wrong account at my mum's house, but now I know if I go on mine that it will work!"

Lilly - "Lucas came to my house and we had fish fingers for tea. Denim is a dog at Lucas' house, they also have a cat called Missy she is a good cat, but sometimes she scratches."

Jessica - "I had a sleepover with my cousin. I have lots of cousins, one lives Scotland where my Dad comes from. We had pizza for dinner and breakfast."

Liam - "I saw my step cousins and Kakanui. We had a sleepover and played tag and spotlight."

Xenn - "About 2 months ago we went up to Auckland to see our family. We saw Sheldon, who is my uncle's friend in Auckland. My uncle lives on a farm. We went hunting for a boar. My brother got the boar."

Back to school smiles!





Play is the Way is a programme taught at Bradford School that aligns to our communities values and teaches children the key competencies needed in life through the use of guided play, classroom activities, and discussions to teach and understand empowering language to:

- help children to develop and habituate patterns of behaviour that are socially responsible and culturally appropriate.
- teach children to respond appropriately to the thrill of success and the disappointment of failure. To enjoy competition with good grace and consideration for the other side.
- assist children to control impulsive behaviour and defer the need for immediate gratification as they strive for long term benefits and goals.
- encourage children to use their skills to advantage others in the pursuit of common objectives. The games strengthen the skills of teamwork and cooperation and help children to build strong relationships.
- initiate a process of self-awareness and discovery. The games create a shared body of experience that is used to build up relationships within the group and to develop the group.
- create a common awareness and language with which to discuss the processes of human action and interaction. The games foster empathy, respect and an appreciation of difference.
- engage children's emotions and call for the regulation of those emotions to achieve success. By being challenging, the games develop self-motivation and perseverance. They help children to identify the reasons for failure and build optimism and resilience.
- require effort and application. The games help children to understand the value of process in the pursuit of success.
- act as metaphors, similes and analogies for life and by playing these games children hone the skills that help them to live, learn, work and play well.
- improve the social, emotional, physical and mental health of children.
- are a brain compatible way of developing learning behaviours.



Wilson McCaskill who developed the Play is the Way programme has some excellent clips on his website for caregivers <https://playistheway.com.au/content/55-practical-parenting-videos>

He will be visiting Dunedin in May and is holding Parent Information Sessions which we guarantee all parents will find AMAZING! Feedback from parents who attended last year was very positive and I'm sure they will also take the opportunity to see Wilson in action again! Wilson is holding 2 sessions - so hopefully one of these dates will suit your schedule. Both dates are advertised below:

PARENT EVENING - Tainui School: Entry by gold coin donation

7PM WEDNESDAY 17 MAY AT TAINUI SCHOOL HALL

Childcare available in the Tainui School Library, as children are not included in the session for parents.

To register or enquire contact Tainui School office@tainui.school.nz Ph 03 455 0566

A green poster for a parent information meeting. At the top, it says "Mornington School Presents" with the school logo on either side. The main title is "Play Is The Way" in large red letters, followed by "Parent Information Meeting" in yellow. Below that is the name "Wilson McCaskill" in white, with a small portrait of him. Text below the name identifies him as the author of "Children Aren't Made of China" and the teacher & developer of "Play is the Way". A paragraph describes the meeting's focus on behaviour education and social emotional learning. Another paragraph mentions that the program is making a difference at Mornington School. There is a small image of the book "Children Aren't Made of China" and a smaller version of the "Play Is The Way" banner illustration. At the bottom right, a white box says "Entry by Gold Coin Donation". The bottom of the poster has the date and time: "Thursday May 18, 7pm in the Mornington School Hall" and "Free child care provided in Junior Central area".

Term 1 Learning Expo Highlights



School Lunches

Easy Lunch Orders Easy Lunches
Anyday

Large \$6.00

Small \$5.00

Lunches contain -

Pizza bun, jelly, piece of fruit,
homemade muffin, bag of popcorn.

Monday to Thursday

Cheese Rolls \$1 (order at the office)

Friday - Alternate weeks -BBQ & Saveloys
(Saveloys this week)

\$2 saveloy

\$2 sausage and bread

\$3.00 patty and bread \$1.00 Juicy

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Friday 2:30pm in Room 1 All
whānau welcome

May 5 - No Assembly

May 12 - Room 5

May 19 - Room 4

May 26 - Room 6

June 2 - Room 3

June 9 - Room 2

June 16 - Room 1

June 23 - Cultural Assembly

June 30 - Learning Expo 2:15pm

July 7 - No Assembly - last day of term



Craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age kids. Held at 4pm on the 2nd Floor, City Library.

CRAFTS AND TREATS FOR MOTHERS' DAY

Thursday 11 May

BE CREATIVE: DECORATE A HAT USING RECYCLED MATERIAL

Thursday 25 May

COOKING SESSION

Thursday 8 June | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 474 3670

BAKING SESSION

Thursday 22 June | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 474 3670

CREATIVE FOOD GAMES

Thursday 6 July

FREE





Catholic Social Services



Parenting Courses and Parenting Support Term 2 2017

Find new tools to help develop your parenting skills with practical ideas and great support.
Choose from one of the following 6 week courses:

Early years (0-6 years)

Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am, starts May 10th

Middle years (6-12 years)

Thursday 7.15 – 9.15pm, starts May 11th

Tweens + Teens (12+ years)

Tues 7.15 – 9.15pm, starts May 9th

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Thursday 9.30 – 11.30am, starts May 11th

Game on (for Dads)

Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm, starts May 10th

A part charge may apply to these courses but no one will be declined help if they are unable to pay

ALL COURSES RUN AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL PARENTING SUPPORT.

42 Macandrew Rd South, Dunedin.

Contact Liz Elder 4553838 / (027)6670890, liz@cathsocialservices.org.nz

These courses will go ahead if there are enough people to attend.



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