

★ BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER ✖️ 😊

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY, 2018

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers

Last week we held a Community Picnic in the evening as an opportunity for parents to connect with teachers and other families in the school. It was great to have so many take part in the evening, enjoying dinner around the picnic rug and building relationships. I would like to thank our PTA who supported this event by providing free sausages and a inflatable slide!

Lunchtime Clubs

We have a few lunchtime clubs happening around the school and more planned for the upcoming terms.

- **Chess Club** is on every second Wednesday
- **Garden Club** happens every week on a Thursday.

Both of these groups are facilitated by Mrs Cowman. While she's very passionate about these groups, she would love some equally passionate parents to support her in making these clubs fun, meaningful and sustainable. So if you love chess or gardening and can spare a lunchtime each week, Mrs Cowman would love to hear from you.

You can contact her at: rebecca.cowman@beth.school.nz



TERM 1 KEY DATES

Class & Individual Photos
Tuesday 20th February

Year 5/6 Swimming Sports
Friday 2nd March
Greerton Pools

Goal Setting Conferences
Day 1: Monday 5th March
Day 2: Thursday 8th March

Year 5/6 Camp
Monday 12th to
Wednesday 14th March

Summer Sports Photos
Wednesday 28th March

Primary Easter Service
Wednesday 28th March
1:30pm - Events Centre

Easter Break - No School
Friday 30th March to
Tuesday 3rd April

Last Day of Term
Friday 13th April

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Our Vision

To be a Christian learning community of excellence where lives are transformed.



Lego Club!

Did someone say Lego Club? That's right, Mr Martin has got all excited about starting a Lego Club in Term 2. For this we are looking for any LEGO blocks or sets that you may have, are no longer using and are willing to donate to the school.

If you can help please contact:
nathan.martin@beth.school.nz

You will see Goal Setting Conferences highlighted in the key dates. Bookings for these sessions will be made available later this week. You will be sent an email to provide details and a link.

Kind regards,

Marcus Norrish



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Go4it

This year at BC Primary we have engaged with Sports BOP to deliver the GO4it programme across the school. This fundamental skills programme focuses on key skill sets that develop the lifelong skills required to participate in sport and recreation for life. The programme sees all children have access to a Sport BOP facilitator who runs the sessions that are designed to up skill both students and teachers in fundamental movement and sports skills.



This programme does have a cost to run, however this is being covered by BoT funds supported by the Special Character Levy.

Hip Hop Dance

Rise Dance Company teach Hip Hop classes and if numbers allow will run them at Bethlehem College. If you are interested in your child joining these classes, please register your interest by visiting the website: www.risedance.nz



Gardening Club

It's great to see our gardening club getting active and contributing to the local community. The year is only just getting started but the group already have this great crop of tomatoes that have been cooked up into a curry and given to the community group 'Under the Stars' which support the homeless of Tauranga. Ka pai team!



Swimming and Aquatics

With the extra warm temperatures this year, swimming is certainly an attractive part of the school day! A key area of the swimming programme is the development of water confidence and basic swimming skills. It's great to see classes using our school pool to develop water confidence in a fun way.



Swimming Competition for primary aged children begins in schools around the BOP at Year 5. At this level children have the opportunity to represent their school at Cluster events, after which they are able to also compete at WBOP events if successful. For this reason BC Primary have a Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports at Greerton Pools. At this event our top swimmers are identified and they then go to the North Cluster event.

In recent years we have also run a Year 3 and 4 Swimming Sports at Greerton pools. This has involved a day out of school for the event plus an extra day out for a practice swim. We have been reflecting on this event and have had concerns around the readiness of our Year 3 and 4 students for this level of organised competition. With high numbers of these younger students having limited confidence in the deeper pools, we have decided to remove this event from our calendar.

The focus for Year 3 and 4 will shift to one of skill and confidence development in our swimming lesson time. Classes will participate in year group based and age appropriate fun activities.

The Great K Valley Adventure Race

Getting out and doing things together as a family is great for children and parents. This community based adventure race brings together biking, map reading, and puzzle solving. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



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