



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2 MARCH, 2018

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers

This year we are launching 'Houses' for Primary and will be joining into the same house system that is used in the Secondary School. Each student will soon find out (if they haven't already) which house they belong to. Siblings within Bethlehem College will always be part of the same house. We are excited about starting this with the primary students as we look to grow a culture in the school that is fun, and encourages a sense of belonging and teamwork. Of course, it will also provide opportunity for competition between houses!

To launch into our houses, we are working towards a **House Challenge Day** at the end of Term 1. The goal of this day is to give students the opportunity to experience a range of summer and winter sports through a rotation, where houses will compete against each other in mini-games. We will be encouraging students to come dressed/decorated to support their house. Of course all parents are invited, so watch out for more information on this exciting event.

Thank you to those people who have already donated lego for our upcoming Lego Club. Mr Martin is really keen to get the club underway in Term 2, there are so many children excited about it. Lego Club is an activity we are looking to encourage in the school, as we give opportunities for learning that supports problem solving, construction and collaboration. For this to get underway, we are going to need plenty of



Lego. We know that Lego can be quite precious to families, so if you know of any Lego that is just lying around and could be donated to the school, please let us know.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

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.

CHALLENGING THE INTELLECTUAL

DEVELOPING THE CULTURAL

EXERCISING THE PHYSICAL

SHAPING THE MORAL

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Classroom Building Projects Update

We are now in Week 5 and I thought it appropriate to keep you all informed about the building upgrades in BC Primary.

The CET Property Manager, Don Ackland along with the CET architect are managing this project on behalf of the Christian Education Trust who provide the buildings for the College. Don reports that the plans for A Block have all been approved by TCC. B Block is still being defined in terms of the exact specifications of the upgrade.

Provided temporary accommodation can be put in place for next term and a building team engaged, it is intended that A block will be upgraded during Term 2 and hopefully, B block in Term 3.

The CET are investigating portable classrooms to house classes during the upgrade, rather than displacing another space like a hall or the library.

We obviously want these rooms to function very well in terms of learning spaces. The specifications for these buildings are being thoroughly worked through. The CET have engaged professionals to ensure that sound, lighting and ventilation all meet or exceed MOE codes of compliance.

We will let you know of more developments as they come to hand.

Shalom
Eoin Crosbie

Goal Setting Interviews

By now you should have received an email giving you access to book a Goal Setting Conference with your child's teacher. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for teachers, parents and students to meet together and talk about the learning priorities for your child. We encourage you to bring your child to these meetings as their engagement in this process is beneficial to their learning. If you haven't received an email to book, please let us know asap.



Winter Sport Opportunities

Sports are an extremely valuable part of a child's development and as a school we encourage families to get their children involved. There are a number of opportunities coming up in the winter terms.

BC Netball Club Years 1 - 13

Y1-4 play at BC on Friday afternoons.
Y5-6 play at Harbourside on Saturday mornings.
Netball registrations are open. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information and to register.



BC Hockey Club Years 1 - 13

Y1-2 play Funsticks on Saturday mornings.
Y3-6 Play on Saturday mornings at either BC Hockey Turf or Tauranga Hockey Centre – Mt Turf

Hockey registrations are open. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information and to register.

BC Football Club Years 1 - 13

Mini programme for ages 5-7 years old runs on Friday afternoons at BC. Grade 8 up play on Saturday mornings at various venues.
Football registrations are open. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information and to register.



BC Basketball Club Years 3 - 13

Y3-4 Play from 3.45 - 8pm at ASB or QEYC on Tuesdays
Y5-6 Play from 3.34 - 8pm at ASB on Fridays
Basketball registrations are open. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information and to register.

BC Badminton Club Years 5 - 13

All Badminton is played at BC in the Events Centre
Badminton registrations are closed at present.
Any queries please email Mrs Fiona Law at ma27hp@gmail.com or see staff in the Sports Office, sportsadmin@beth.school.nz

Primary Rugby

Currently BC Rugby club have teams for Year 8-13 students only. If you are interested in your primary child playing rugby please contact the Sports Office and they can help you connect with a local club.