

BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

BETHLEHEM COLLEGE
EXCELLENCE through CHRIST

MONDAY 30 JULY, 2018

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3, we trust that your holiday break was a blessed and restful time. Over the holiday break the redevelopment of A Block has come a long way. As with any building project there have been a few delays, but generally the project is progressing really well. Our current target for having the children start in A Block is Monday 3rd September. The week prior we will be having a formal opening and blessing of the building. Further information on this will be in our next newsletter.

You may have noticed in the media that primary teachers are currently in contract negotiations with the government, which is being led by the teachers union (NZEI). The negotiations are at a point where teachers have agreed to strike. While our teachers have been part of this process, it is **IMPORTANT** for you to know that due to BC being an 'Area School' (Y0-13), our teachers are not part of the current contract being negotiated. Therefore, any strike action being discussed in the media or community, will not happen at Bethlehem College.

Congratulations to our Primary and Intermediate Choirs for taking part in the Good Neighbour Event on Sunday night. It was fantastic to see our young people having the opportunity to contribute to our wider community. Good Neighbour continues to grow in community presence, being an organisation that reflects Christ's love in a practical way. It's wonderful for us to be able to support them.



Blessings,

Marcus Norrish



TERM 3 KEY DATES

Winter Sports Photos
Wednesday 1 August

Cultural Photos
Wednesday 8 August

Week 3 is Book week and we are celebrating the week with Book Character Dress Up Day on **Friday 10 August**. The theme this year is **Bible Characters!**

Tauranga Music Festival
Monday 3 September
Baycourt Theatre

Talent Quest
Wednesday 12 September
Year 3/4 - 11:00am
Year 5/6 - 6:30pm

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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

Welcome Pip Gilchrist

This term we have started a new Year 0 class. We would like to welcome Mrs Pip Gilchrist to the team, who will be teaching B5 for the balance of 2018. Mrs Gilchrist is an experienced teacher who has most recently spent time teaching at Bellevue School. Please make Pip welcome in the BC community as she looks to create a wonderful schooling experience for our youngest learners!



Blown Away in Year 3/4

This term our school-wide learning has a Science focus, with a particular lens on planet earth and the material world. Our Year 3 and 4 team have kicked off the term with a fun ignition, giving children the opportunity to explore the power of wind. Classes have added to their vocabulary, the term



Mobile Dental Clinic

The mobile dental clinic is returning to Bethlehem College Primary in Week 4 (starting Monday 13th August). All communication regarding this happens directly between the dental service and parents. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



'katabatic wind' after the teachers set up a small wind tunnel with the use of a blowing machine. There was certainly plenty of excitement and discussion with children crawling through the windy tunnel.

As a primary school we are also exploring the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt and across the Red Sea. In this story there were many signs and wonders where God demonstrated his control over the earth's elements. We look forward to an exciting term of learning ahead.

Year 6 Students: Parent Info Evening

On Wednesday 26th September there is a parent meeting for those with children moving to Year 7 in 2019. This meeting is an opportunity to hear information about next year and meet key staff members. The meeting is in the last week of Term 3, but it's worth marking on your calendar.

PTA Meeting

The PTA have a meeting on Wednesday 1st August, 6pm in the Function Room. All parents/caregivers are welcome to come along. The team are looking for new members and new ideas to assist the school.

If you have questions email the PTA at, pta@beth.school.nz

Netball Update

On Sunday the "BC Lightning" played in the Harbourside Junior Netball Tournament. This tournament comprised of Year 3/4 teams and Year 5 teams.



We couldn't have been more proud of our Year 3 team. Up against older more experienced girls, they equipped themselves well and quickly rose to the occasion, winning 3 out of 5 games. The final game was a nail-biter and we only just lost against the team that ultimately won our group. Overall the BC Lightning placed joint 2nd. An awesome achievement for such a young group of girls.

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NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

ROUTE 404: WELCOME BAY – BETHLEHEM COLLEGE

Dear Parents,

We have been monitoring this service for some months now and are pleased to advise that for the past few weeks and more so since the Maungatapu Underpass has opened this service has been arriving at Bethlehem College earlier than scheduled. So much so that now we are proposing that the pickup times in Welcome Bay are put back 10 minutes from the beginning of Term 3 – Monday 23rd July 2018.

New Schedule:

- 0720 hrs - cnr Waikite Road & Ballintoy Park Drive
- 0725 hrs - Welcome Bay Road – bus stop before Arawata Avenue
- 0730 hrs - Welcome Bay Road – shops bus shelter
- 0737 hrs - 72 James Cook Drive

Regards,

BETHLEHEM COACHLINES TEAM