

# **BC PRIMARY** **NEWSLETTER**

**FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY, 2019**

**Kia ora Parents & Caregivers,**

It was wonderful to see such a large turnout of families at our Community Picnic on Wednesday. It was a beautiful and warm evening, which was perfect for sitting under the trees, enjoying milkshakes, ice cream and a picnic dinner. Teachers really enjoyed connecting with families - it's so much nicer to connect across a picnic rug, rather than across a desk! We trust that it was a valuable time for you and your children as we work together to build a learning community where we all feel at home and part of the journey.

Later this term we have House Challenge Day. We introduced this event last year and it was a lot of fun. With primary students now in Houses, it's a great way to kick off the year and build a sense of connection with others in our House. The uniform shop now has primary PE shirts that are coloured to match the Houses. As your child grows out of their current t-shirt, they will be able to get a new one that identifies which House they are in. While children may be keen to get the new shirt, please know that you are not required to make this change immediately.



Blessings,

**Marcus Norrish**  
Head of Primary



## **TERM 1 KEY DATES**

### **Class Photos**

Tuesday 19th February

### **Parent Conferences**

Day 1 - Tuesday 12th March  
Day 2 - Thursday 14th March

### **Summer Sports Photos**

Thursday 14th March

### **Teacher Only Day**

Friday 22nd March  
(School Closed)

### **Swimming Sports**

Year 5/6: Wed. 13th March  
North Cluster: Wed. 20th March  
WBOP: Wed. 10th April

### **House Challenge Day**

Thursday 4th April

### **Mufti Day**

Friday 5th April

### **Primary Easter Service**

Wed. 10th April

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### **Our Vision**

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



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THE INTELLECTUAL**



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THE MORAL**

# AROUND THE SCHOOL



## PRIMARY MUSIC

We are excited to be able to offer students a range of musical opportunities in 2019. In addition to private music lessons for some instruments, students can also be involved in a choir, marimba group, ukulele group or even a rock band, thanks to the leadership provided by Mrs Borrows. At this stage only the choir and marimba groups are starting.

If your child is interested, please complete the permission form that has been emailed or brought home and return it to school by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. All groups will rehearse on Fridays this year and they will have a range of opportunities to perform for an audience. Any queries, email [Amy.Borrows@beth.school.nz](mailto:Amy.Borrows@beth.school.nz)

## WEETBIX TRIATHLON

Recently we had a number of students across Bethlehem College involved in the Weetbix Triathlon. Once again it was a fantastic day of sport with lots of personal goals achieved. Well done to all those students involved and the parents who supported in making it happen.



## SUMMER SPORTS

Don't miss out on getting involved in sport at BC Primary! There are still opportunities, so follow **THIS LINK** to our website to get involved!

## BMX SUCCESS

Congratulations to Bruno Nemedi who was very busy in the summer holidays competing in BMX races around the country. He competed in Dunedin and the Waikato, ultimately achieving the ranking of No.2 in Oceania for his age group - a fantastic achievement. Bruno is currently training to defend his NZ title at the National Championship at Easter and is also preparing for a trip to Belgium in July to compete in the BMX World Championships!



## TOP SCHOOLS CHEERLEADING TEAM

Coming up this term is the Top Schools Competition at Gate Pa Primary. This is always an exciting event to be part of. This year we are sending a Top Schools Team, but would also like to send a cheerleading team. The cheerleading teams are judged on their presentations during the event. If you are a parent with a passion for dance and would be keen to be part of training a team, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [marcus.norrish@beth.school.nz](mailto:marcus.norrish@beth.school.nz)

## OCEAN SWIMMING

Well done to Dulcie who took part in the recent Ocean Swim Series at Mount Maunganui. It was a really tough swim for kids - so much so they even had to move the boundaries. Dulcie did very well and took on the challenges that she was presented with - Congratulations!





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## DEVELOPING THE BC LEARNER

One of our BC Learner qualities is the 'Active Learner'. It is both evident in research and understood through our own experiences, that if you have a sense of ownership and agency in what you are learning, it is more likely to stick. If you are an 'Active Learner' you will have the skills, characteristics and mindset to take ownership of the learning process. As a school we are looking to support students in developing those attributes - so that children know how to learn. Active learners are reflective and

able to talk about what they are learning. They know what steps to take and what it will look like when they get there. Another aspect of the 'Active Learner' is recognising that learning needs to be practical, hands-on and in a context that is meaningful to the learner.



## BC COUNSELLORS

We are truly blessed to have a counselling team at BC Primary that supports our younger children and their families. This year we have a new face in the team, so thought we'd introduce the 2019 team to you.

*Wendy Bowen-Graham*

Wendy has been part of the counselling team at Bethlehem College for 5 years and works in both primary and secondary.

*Cherie Whitwell*

Cherie is new to Bethlehem College this year and will be spending her time the Primary School. She works Tuesdays and Thursday and has extensive experience working as a counsellor in many parts of the wider community. We are excited to have Cherie joining the team and know she will be a fantastic addition.



## NEW STAFF

*Mrs Brittany Wong*

Brittany Wong has joined us from Auckland where she has been teaching at Kohimarama School.

Brittany is a passionate musician and dancer who has been involved in many groups throughout the years. Mrs Wong is teacher in a Year 6 class in Year C3.



*Mrs Jenny Hodgkinson*

Jenny has also come to us from Auckland and has taken on ESOL classes (English as a second language). This part time role has her working with children from throughout primary who need support in this area. Jenny has many years experience in this specialist role.



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