

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

**FRIDAY 12 APRIL, 2019**

**Kia ora Parents & Caregivers,**

Thank you to all those parents and families that made it along to our Easter Event. We started out with a picnic lunch under the trees, along with the opportunity to check out the Bookfair. This was followed by our Primary Easter Service where we enjoyed performance from the school choir and a senior dance group. We were also blessed to hear from Gemma Tong, the Children's Pastor at Tauranga Elim Church.

It was wonderful to stop and give thanks for the sacrifice that Christ made for us all at Easter. We trust that as you head into the school holidays and Easter season, you will retell this story with your children and share time together at your local church during the Easter weekend. This time is certainly a valuable investment in the development of their faith.

Well done to all of our students that have been playing sport this term. There are lots of children out there getting involved in a range of sports including swimming, badminton, futsal, flippaball, cricket, and rippa rugby. This week I received an email from our Year 1/2 Rippa Rugby Team - 'The BC Rippas'. It was exciting to hear about the energy and enthusiasm there was from students and families as they enjoyed the summer season together. Getting involved in teams is a wonderful way for children to connect socially, build team skills and develop physically.

It's also a great way for families to get connected in our community.

Have a wonderful and blessed Easter,

**Marcus Norrish**  
Head of Primary



## **TERM 2 KEY DATES**

**First Day of School**  
Monday 29th April

**ANZAC Assembly**  
Thursday 2nd May  
10:55am  
Events Centre

**Cross Country**  
Friday 24th May

**Queen's Birthday**  
Monday 3rd June

### **Student-Parent-Teacher CONFERENCES**

Wednesday 3rd July

Note: The Primary School will be closed for the full day to allow Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences to take place.

**Thursday 4th July**  
Staff Only Day

**Friday 5th July**  
Staff Only Day

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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

## BACKING BRUNO!

As highlighted in previous newsletters, Bruno has recently achieved a ranking of 2nd in Oceania for his age in BMX racing. This is a fantastic achievement and as a result he has the opportunity to compete in the World Champs in Europe. We would love to support Bruno in getting to the event.

A 'Givealittle' page has been set up to support, so if you would like to help out please follow the link below to donate today.

**CLICK HERE  
TO SUPPORT BRUNO**



## HOUSE CHALLENGE DAY

Congratulations to Carmichael House for winning House Challenge Day 2019. We were blessed with beautiful weather for a fun day of competition. Teams competed for competition points by winning challenges, demonstrating teamwork and displaying BC Learner characteristics! Well done to all involved.



## LOST PROPERTY

We have a growing amount of lost property collecting in the school. With the building in B Block now underway the lost property cupboard has been relocated to the side of C1.

## VEGE CAR RACERS

This week Team Aka have been designing Vege Car Racers as a lead into our technology focus in Term 2. Armed with a conservative budget and a range of vegetables available, groups of students designed the 'Vege Racer' they thought would be the fastest. Everyone particularly enjoyed the race off to finish!



## TEACHER ONLY DAYS ADVANCED NOTICE

Next term we have a different pattern to our Staff Only Days than usual. School will start on the Monday 29th April. Our end of term will be a little different to usual. Please note this in your calendars. Bethlehem College is hosting the National Christian Schools Conference. For this reason the school will be closed on the 4th and 5th of July - the last two days of the usual term. In addition to this we have the school closed for normal teaching for our Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 3rd July. Meetings with your teachers will be bookable next term. On this day children will only come to school with parents for the meetings with teachers. Thank you for your understanding with this different structure this year.



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Every three years BoT Elections take place. This process will be happening again in Term 2 (May/June). Parents, legal guardians and caregivers of students enrolled at BC (on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May) are entitled to be on the Roll.

However, we **urgently need your help to update your contact details** in our database, so that those who are eligible to nominate, stand and vote, receive the correct documentation. Please take the time to log in to your Kamar Portal to update, or email the school office on [office@beth.school.nz](mailto:office@beth.school.nz) . If you don't know your KAMAR Login, feel free to contact Victoria in the Primary Office on 579 1824.

To find out more about the upcoming elections, click here: [BOT Elections](#)



## WHO

Bethlehem College students  
in years 4 to 13.

## WHAT

Fun and interactive high level  
coding course learning how to  
create program technology.

## WHEN & WHERE

Term 2, 2019  
Primary: Classroom C4  
Mondays 12.30 PM (lunchtime)  
Int. & Coll.: Library  
Fridays 3.20 PM to 4.20 PM

## THE WAY TO SUCCESS

Our classes will help develop your young person's brain by teaching them advanced coding skills like how to make a computer/mobile/tablet website or application. We also include robots! Young people have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to technology coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era.

## APPLY NOW ( Limited Spaces Available )

To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program  
technology apply now at [codingnz.com/signup](http://codingnz.com/signup)