

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

**FRIDAY 24 MAY, 2019**

**Kia ora Parents & Caregivers,**



If you have walked through BC Primary recently, you will have spotted the construction work happening in and around B Block. Although we had significant delays getting through council, our contractors have been able to get started quickly and have made great progress. One of the significant aspects of this project is the laying of a concrete floor. This is no minor undertaking within an existing building, however the CET and BoT

have been committed to developing new learning spaces that are truly fit for purpose. Having a concrete floor is a real benefit when it comes to achieving the kind of acoustic results we are looking for. We are expecting the building to open in the middle of Term 3.

## **Strike Action - School Closed: Wednesday 29th May**

You will be aware that teachers are due to strike on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May because of the lack of progress in their contract negotiations. While not all staff across Bethlehem College are members of the unions, a significant majority are.

Accordingly, **The Board of Trustees has decided to close the College for instruction for this day – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.** This means that no supervision will be available, and all students must remain away from school on this day.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and disruption, as we know it will significantly impact some families. It is however, beyond the Board's control. Teachers haven't taken such action for many years and do it very reluctantly. Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

**Marcus Norrish**  
Head of Primary



## **TERM 2 KEY DATES**

### **Cross Country**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - 10:30am  
(PPD 30<sup>th</sup> May)

### **North Cluster Cross Country**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### **Queen's Birthday**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### **Talent Quest (Year 5/6)**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
6:30pm (PAC)

### **Market Day**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
1:30pm till 2:45pm

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

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Note: The Primary School will be closed on this day

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Staff Only Days

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### **Our Vision**

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

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THE INTELLECTUAL**

 **DEVELOPING  
THE CULTURAL**

 **EXERCISING  
THE PHYSICAL**

 **SHAPING  
THE MORAL**

# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

Bethlehem College will be carrying out a lockdown practice on Friday 31st May. This practice has been planned with the advice of Police and the Ministry of Education. As a primary school the practice will be carried out in a low key way, that allows staff to ensure systems are in place for a real event. Primary children will be taught to move to the closest classroom and follow the teacher's instructions, when the lockdown bell rings.

If you have any questions regarding this practice, please don't hesitate to email:  
[marcus.norrish@beth.school.nz](mailto:marcus.norrish@beth.school.nz)

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book is a great option as a gift or just for the family.  
Click on [THIS LINK](#) to purchase your copy!



## WILLIAM PIKE INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

We warmly invite parents to hear an amazing speaker who is coming to BC on **Thursday 30th May**. Be prepared to be inspired, motivated and impressed by William's tale of survival following his accident on top of Mount Ruapehu where he lost part of his leg.

Please follow [THIS LINK](#) to purchase your ticket.

Cost - \$6  
Venue - PAC  
Time - 7:00pm



## GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

This term our learning focus is centred around a Technology and financial literacy theme. Children in classes are forming small businesses. These groups are working together to design and produce products to sell at Market Day, happening at the end of term.

**IMPORTANT**  
Please note **CHANGE** of  
**Date and Time**

Key Event

**MARKET DAY**  
**Tuesday 25th June 2019**

Time: 1:30pm - 2:45pm  
Venue: Primary Hall

During this time, children will be running stalls and selling their products. The event itself will be an important culmination to the children's learning - we'd love to see you there to support this event.

You are invited to join us and take part in what should be a fun afternoon.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

We are looking forward to Cross Country on Monday. It's always a fun community event - so get your House colour bling on and represent your team on this Cross Country day. We would love to see lots of parents and whanau on the day.

*Please note that the Year 3 and Year 4 race times have been swapped from previous publications.*

| Event           | Time    |
|-----------------|---------|
| Welcome         | 10:40am |
| Pre-school race | 10:50am |
| Year 4 Boys     | 11:00am |
| Year 4 Girls    | 11:05am |
| Year 3 Boys     | 11:10am |
| Year 3 Girls    | 11:15am |
| Year 0/1 Boys   | 11:25am |
| Year 0/1 Girls  | 11:30am |
| Year 2 Boys     | 11:35am |
| Year 2 Girls    | 11:40am |
| Year 5 Boys     | 11:45am |
| Year 5 Girls    | 11:50am |
| Year 6 Boys     | 11:55am |
| Year 6 Girls    | 12:00pm |
| Lunchtime       | 12:30pm |

## SAUSAGES, ICE-BLOCKS AND COFFEE!

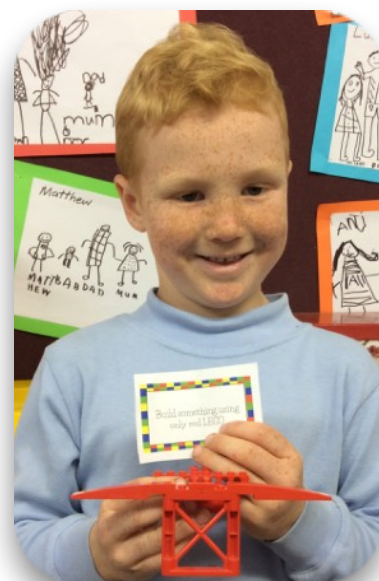
Towards the end of Cross Country children will be able to buy sausages and ice-blocks. Funds raised from this will go towards supporting Bruno to go the BMX World Champs in Europe. We will also have a coffee cart on site for parents!

**Sausages \$2. Lemonade ice-blocks \$1**

*Note: Sausages and ice-blocks do sell out, so please make sure children also have lunch.*

## LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is happening regularly around the school and is offering opportunities to children of all ages. From our youngest students creating with lego through to older primary children exploring robotics and coding - there are lots of fun activities engaging children.



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# STUDENT LEADERS PROMOTION



A big thanks  
from the  
student  
leaders



POPSICLE  
\$ FOR \$1



3 Veggie Packed Popsicle Recipes  
by @gardenofeatin'



SUPPORTING  
BRUNO  
NEMEDI  
WORLD BMX  
CHAMPS

SUSAGE SIZZLE



\$2 Sausages

ON CROSS  
COUNTRY  
BRING \$3



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