

# BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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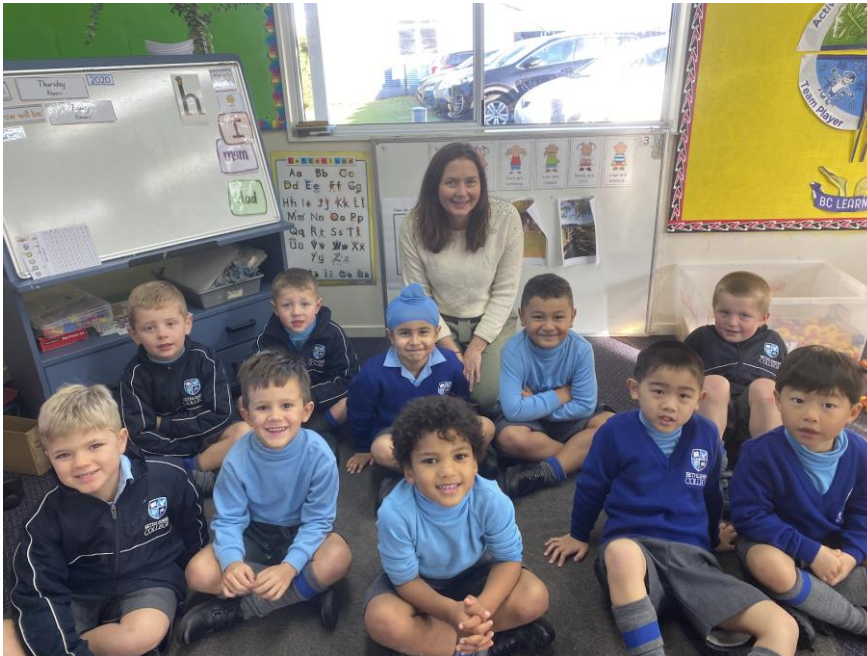
FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2020

## TERM 2 WEEK 8

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

We have continued to enjoy all being back in school having time to re-establish relationships and dive into some good learning together. The teachers have been thankful for the way the children have continued to be settled with positive attitudes to learning.

I have enjoyed meeting new students who are joining our BC Primary family either this term or next. Our new entrants class in A5 is currently made up of a great group of boys under the wonderful care of Mrs Michelle Booth who joined us this term.



### TERM 2 KEY DATES

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June

#### STUDENT-PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Day 1: Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June  
(3:45pm-5:30pm)

Day 2: Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
(8:30am-5.45pm)

#### MUFTI DAY

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Donation to Noh Boh  
Theme: tbc

#### LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July

#### OUR VISION

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



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## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Last Friday D1 & D2 did a wonderful job hosting Primary in the PAC for their first assembly since before lockdown.



There was opportunity for praise and worship as well as time for students to be recognised for their efforts in swimming and as leaders for Jump Jam.



Teachers shared their mufti day space dressing up 😊



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## MUFTI DAY - CAN OR COIN

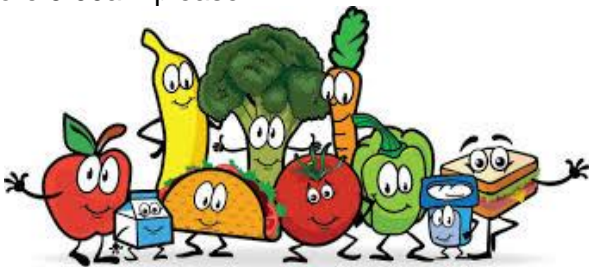
Tauranga Foodbank and Good Neighbour have had help with filling their shelves thanks to the generous donations both in terms of food and money. Thank you all for helping your children see the value of collaboratively joining together to help others in need.



As a college, we raised over \$1800 in coins. Well done everyone!

## LUNCH ORDERS

A gentle reminder these need to be ordered online before 9:00am please.



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We have missed you! Your help with so many things is so appreciated, so once we are able to have you back, do let your child's teacher know your availability. Please remember that, as with anyone coming onto campus, to check in at the office on arrival and check out as you leave. This is a safety requirement as we need to know who is on campus, thank you.



## LOST PROPERTY

With the change to winter uniform there are more clothing items that have the potential to be lost. Can we please ask you to make sure each item, especially socks, are clearly named? Thanks for helping us so we can help you get your child's lost clothing returned promptly.

## REMEMBER DEMI?

We met Demi from C3 back in March as she began the journey to support her cousin who was undergoing chemotherapy. Here is her [givealittle](#) web page.

Well done Demi and dad Bernie for completing the 38 Mount climbs in 50 days - you did it!



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## STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Tuesday 30 June after school 3:45 - 5:30 pm, or
- Thursday 2 July from 8:30 am - 5:45 pm.

On Thursday 2 July, school will be closed for instruction in the Primary, however students will be expected to attend their conference.



## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

As we look ahead to the move from alert level 2 to 1 in the coming weeks I would like to encourage families to celebrate the gains made in helping develop resilience and independence as your child has come into school, you've done a tremendous job. The benefits for your children have been them being able to manage themselves, mix with their friends and connect directly with their teachers all before the bell rings to start the day formally. The concept of a "kiss and go" drop zone is used widely among many schools and is a practice that we endorse moving forward. If your child has been managing to make their way to class please do let them know you trust them to be able to continue and let them do so 😊.

Conversely at the end of the day having your child meet you at an assigned place has worked very well and is something we would encourage you to continue. Once current restrictions have eased however, there will be opportunity to join up with others for some socialising and play, and the A block playground is the best meeting place for this. We do ask that parents please wait by the Chapel or playground rather than at or around the classrooms before the end of school bell (3pm). This really is helpful as the children and teachers can finish up the day without being distracted from their jobs, thanks so much for helping with this.

## SEESAW



Just prior to the lockdown we upgraded to the full version of Seesaw to allow for the learning platform to be used fully for home learning. We are continuing to use Seesaw for activities and sharing your child's learning, as well as exploring further ways to enhance this great digital portfolio that you have access to. There is an annual cost of \$7.80 per student which will be debited to your account next month. The reason for the mid year cost is due to us being able to have 4 months free before paying for a 12 month subscription. If you have any questions or concerns about this please let me know.

## CROSS COUNTRY



We're looking forward to our **Friday 19 June** (p.p date 26 June) Cross country.

We will have a special area for parents to be able to see the beginning and end of the race on the field. We have made some changes to our programme (see next page) due to the event being now well into winter. The younger classes Y1-2 will go back to class during the focus break and come back at the end to cheer the last race.

Our Sports department are organising a coffee cart for you to purchase coffee.



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This year's Cross Country programme is planned as follows:

EVENT SCHEDULE	WARM UP	TIME	
Morning Tea		10:00 – 10:30am	
Welcome / prayer / instructions		10:40 – 10:45am	
Pre-school Warm up	10.45am	10.50am Boys	10:55am Girls
Year 1 Boys then Girls Warm up	10.55am	11.00am Boys	11:05am Girls
Year 2 Boys then Girls Warm up	11.05am	11.10am Boys	11:15am Girls
Focus Break		11:15 – 11:20am	
Year 3 Boys then Girls Warm up	11.20am	11.25am Boys	11:30am Girls
Year 4 Boys then Girls Warm up	11.30am	11.35am Boys	11:40am Girls
Year 5 Boys then Girls Warm up	11.40am	11.45pm Boys	11:50am Girls
Year 6 Boys then Girls Warm up	11.50am	11.55pm Boys	12:00pm Girls
Community Picnic Lunch on the field		12:30 – 1.25pm	

Encouraging resilience is an ongoing journey as our children meet different challenges. As I reflect on this I am reminded of the power of God's promises in His Word. A well-known promise here reminds us who helps us in every situation.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* Phil 4:13.

Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi  
Karen Whenuarua



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