



# BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## TERM 2 WEEK 10

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The teachers and children were disappointed that we weren't able to have our Cross Country today, particularly after all their practice. Please mark your calendars for next Friday 26 June, hopefully we'll see better weather.

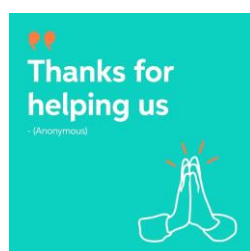


### What's been happening?



We have continued to see most children arriving and independently getting organised for their day and interacting with their friends and teachers before school. Interestingly this has in fact become a nationwide norm as many schools have indeed been encouraging the same. This week on Seven Sharp there was an interesting story about this. Talking with other local Tauranga Primary principals, they too have noticed the benefits for their students having the children come into school independently and being able to self-manage and interact with others. Thank you for encouraging your children in this area.

The end of day routine of waiting by the playground and not outside classrooms is also something we encourage you to continue helping us with. It has been wonderful to see gatherings at the playground after school where parents are chatting and enjoying a catch up.



Thank you too, parents who have been coming in and signing in at the office before going to classrooms to assist teachers in numerous ways as parent helpers. Your help is so appreciated as it gives back time for teachers to focus on teaching your children.



## Assembly

Our second assembly since returning was led by C3 and C4 and our first where we were able to welcome parents back. A wonderful NZ focus with songs, haka and reflecting on their camp experience, our C3 & C4 friends did a great job.



Next week we will have assembly back in the **Primary Hall**.



This week we celebrated being able to resume our Monday morning Praise and Worship time. Mrs Brittany Wong led the children wonderfully and we had a word about having "A.o.G's (Attitude of Gratitude) as we give thanks.

## Team Players

Team sports has kicked off for our students with teams playing in local football, hockey and basketball competitions, and netball will be next term. A big thanks to our Sports department for all their organisation and to you the parents for your support with coaching, managing and cheering the children along.

BC families have a wonderful opportunity to be "Salt and Light" out in the community as you interact with students and families from other schools.



## Some things to note



## ! INTERNET SAFETY

As we went into lockdown you may recall we shared information about keeping your children safe while being online ([NetSafe](#)). We would encourage that staying vigilant with your child's use of computers or devices at home is very good practice. If you are looking for a good resource for reviews and ratings about appropriateness of material [common sense media](#) may be useful for you.

## Health

Students are being encouraged to keep being thoughtful about hygiene and staying healthy. While generally speaking there have been less illnesses keeping children home we would encourage you please to keep your child home if they have excessive sneezing, coughing and runny noses. If you're not sure we recommend checking in with your family doctor.



## Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

You will receive an email on Monday with instructions for booking an appointment for your conference. The conferences are for 15 minutes and there will be a choice of Tuesday 30 June 3:45 - 5:30pm or Thursday 2 July 8:30 am - 5:30 pm.

Please remember these conferences are for you and your child to attend and there will be no classes on Thursday 2 July.



## Calendar

Please do note the email from Mr Edmeades about the updates to the school calendar.



As we draw nearer to the conference time I am mindful of what we take from the past, and that we don't miss what God has for each child in the present and fail to see the connection to their future.

The promise in **Jeremiah 29:11** affirms that God is in control, and moreover, He has good things in store: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

Have a blessed weekend.

Nga mihi



**Karen Whenuarua**  
**Head of Primary**

**E** [karen.whenuarua@beth.school.nz](mailto:karen.whenuarua@beth.school.nz)  
**P** 07 579 1824 (Primary Office)  
[www.beth.school.nz](http://www.beth.school.nz)



# 2020 TERM DATES

## FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

		TERM START	TERM FINISH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
<b>TERM 1</b>	11 wks	<b>Wednesday 29 January</b> <i>NB: Y9 classes only, Y13 course confirmation and camp - see below for staggered start for other year groups</i>	<b>Amended to Friday 27 March</b> (School closed 24 & 25 March Off-site learning 26 & 27 March)	Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	2 wks off-site 10 wks on-site	Wednesday 15 April off-site learning recommences Tuesday 28 April on-site learning recommences	<b>Friday 3 July</b>	Monday 6 July to Monday 20 July
<b>TERM 3</b>	10 wks	<b>Tuesday 21 July</b> <i>20 July Staff Only Day</i>	<b>Friday 25 September</b>	Monday 28 September to Monday 12 October
<b>TERM 4</b>	9 wks	<b>Tuesday 13 October</b> <i>12 October Staff Only Day 23 November MOE/Accord Staff Only Day*</i>	<b>Friday 11 December</b>	Monday 14 December

These term dates comply with Ministry of Education requirements for the number of half days we are required to be open for instruction in 2020.

\*This staff only day is a national date dictated by the MOE/NZEI/PPTA Accord to support the implementation of changes to NCEA, and wider strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practice.

2020 Statutory Holidays	
Monday 27 January	Auckland Anniversary
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 10 April	Good Friday (start of holidays)
Monday 13 April	Easter Monday (during holidays)
Tuesday 14 April	Easter Tuesday (during holidays)
Saturday 25 April Mondayised 27 April	ANZAC Day (during off-site learning period)
Monday 1 June	Queen's Birthday
Monday 26 October	Labour Day



BC Primary

## Cross Country Organisation

Term 2, 2020

Event Date: **Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

PPD: **Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>**



Our cross country is an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the effort that children have been putting into their running and fitness during the term. Our goal is to have an atmosphere that sees children supporting all runners, connecting with their parents and enjoying being part of an event.

EVENT SCHEDULE	Warm Up	Time
Morning Tea		10:00 – 10:30am
Welcome / prayer / instructions		10:40am
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 (5 min)
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
Lunchtime		12:30pm

During the event we will be aiming to have children free to mingle with their parents and support the runners as they finish. We have deliberately included a 'focus break' to provide an opportunity to pull the group back together and reset, which will support behaviour management as required.

Our intention is to have a coffee cart for **parents** to purchase hot drinks from during the cross country.





# AIR TRACK TUMBLE CLASS

## Bethlehem College

*Beginner and advanced classes for all school years*



**Term  
2**

**Have a go day on  
Thursday 25th June  
Come to the PAC at lunch time**

*for 9 weeks with a graded certificate*

**FREE**

*Book online at*

**[www.thegymnasticacademy.com](http://www.thegymnasticacademy.com)**

**Call Marie 0211705426**  
for more information

