



# BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2020

### TERM 2 WEEK 12

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have made it through what has been a very different 12-week term!

Well done everyone for all your efforts with home learning then navigating life in the various alert levels. We are extremely thankful for God's provision as here at school children have been able to get some "normal" back in terms of their friendships and learning.

Thank you for the wonderful parent/student/teacher conferences that you have engaged in this past week. The partnership between home and school is so valuable as we work together for the best for your child. Teachers have so appreciated the opportunity to have had Tuesday after school, and the day on Thursday especially, to be very focused on your child with you and be able to establish next steps in learning.

### What's been happening?

Navigating the rainy weather last week was tricky, however this didn't deter us from enjoying our final assembly for this term led by Mrs Amy Borrows in the PAC. Thank you to the many parents who braved the weather and were able to join us.



The hall became our cloak bay 😊.



### TERM 3 KEY DATES

**STUDENT FIRST DAY**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**FOUNDERS DAY**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**WINTER SPORTS  
PHOTO DAY**  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

**CROSS COUNTRY  
POSTPONEMENT DAY**  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

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



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Our wonderful Y4 - 6 choir led by Miss Sally Haywood.



Our Travel Safe team reminded us of how we can keep safe through the holiday.

Hello everyone, we are the **Travel Safe** student group for this year.

We hope everyone has enjoyed being back at school this term. We have liked seeing our friends and teachers again.

Now we are back at school we need to remember to stop and watch out for cars when crossing the road during play times.

Even though we've only been back at school a few weeks the school holidays are almost here!

Hands up if you are going to go for walks or ride your bikes in the holidays? Us too!

There will be a lot more cars on the roads than there was during lockdown so please remember to keep yourselves safe when you're out having fun.

That's all from us, travel safe everyone!



Team Te Aka in B block have been learning lots about Matariki. Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster also known as the Pleiades. Towards the end of June through to the end of July, we can observe **Matariki** rise in the north-eastern horizon just before dawn.



As part of celebrating Matariki there was an opportunity for parents to join children for games and activities this week.

Click here for [Matariki information](#) that may be of interest to you.



The Fuse Drummers entertained our Primary children at lunchtime on Wednesday sharing their talents with us.



Our ESOL children have been working with Mrs Jenny Hodgkinson and Miss Demi Thorne in the garden and enjoying the fruits of their labour.



## Some things to note

### Term 3

Term 3 resumes on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July for students.



Following our holiday break the Primary will be embarking on a school wide unit called **Tauranga: Our Place Our Land.**

The underlying main idea will be focusing on how God has made us to live and support one another in communities. Each team will spend the term inquiring into different features of the Tauranga area through a biblical lens, and in doing so discover much about the wonderful resource we have that can teach us so much about serving others.

### Cross Country

We are hopeful for more settled weather when we return next term and plan to have the 2 times postponed race day on the morning of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

### Speeches

Our Year 5 & 6 children have begun the process of preparing for the annual speeches which will culminate in the final competition on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August in the PAC at 11:15 am.

### Staff changes for Term 3

Mrs Stef Hendra has been busy for the past 2 terms working on the Science Leadership Programme. She will return to resume the care of Te Awa students in C2.



We are very thankful for Mrs Katesha Allis and Mrs Ruth Sutcliffe for their wonderful teaching for the time Mrs Hendra has been away.

We are thankful for the healing Mrs Maureen Giles has experienced over the past weeks and welcome her return to D4. Mrs Sarah Vukona has provided wonderful care and learning experiences for D4 during Mrs Giles absence.



Beginning week 4 we will be starting our final Year 0 class in A5 and are pleased to have Mrs Sarah Vukona guide the children coming in for the remainder of the year. Mrs Vukona has served in several roles and is particularly passionate about helping young learners have a positive start to school.



We are delighted for Mrs Charlotte Bayliss in team Te Aka to be expecting a baby at the end of term 3. Mrs Bayliss will take her maternity leave from the end of week 5. We are thankful that Mrs Katesha Allis will be coming to join the Te Aka team and be looking after the B2 children for the remainder of the school year. Her experience and knowledge of BC learning will help provide continuity for our Year 2 learners.



Sadly for our Primary we will be farewelling the lovely Mrs Victoria Han as she has decided to finish working for family and personal reasons. Victoria has exemplified a beautiful Christian servant heart and wonderful expertise while serving our BC whanau over the past 4 years. I know you will all be wanting to share your thanks with her in the coming weeks before she finishes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.



Thank you for the kind words of encouragement many have shared over this “different” term. I understand that for some life has been difficult due to a variety of circumstances. The holidays will be a welcome time of rest and relaxation where I pray especially that health for those who have been struggling will be restored.

God’s Word never fails to be a source of encouragement - I pray these verses will encourage you as you enter this holiday time.

*“You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.”*

- Psalms 59:17 NIV

*“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”*

- Isaiah 40:29

Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

Nga mihi  
Karen



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