

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2020

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER #1

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had a busy first few weeks with lots of great things happening. The children have settled back well into routines and learning.

What's been happening?

FAREWELL FOR OUR LOVELY MRS HAN

Team Te Aka led our Friday assembly last week where all the children and staff honoured Mrs Han for her wonderful service to BC Primary over the past 4 years.



SPEECH COMPETITION

Year 5 & 6
Friday 14th August 11.15am

LIBRARY WEEK

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August

FUNKY FUN DAY

Year 1 & 2 Monday 17th August
Year 3 & 4 Monday 24th August

JUNIOR SHOWCASE AUDITIONS

Wednesday 26th August
12pm – 3pm in the PAC

MUFTI DAY

Friday 28th August

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Year 3 & 4
Friday 11th September
11.15am in the PAC

WHANAU DAY

Friday 18th September
11.15am – 12.30pm

JUNIOR SHOWCASE

Friday 18th September
1:30 - 3:00 pm in the PAC

Our Vision

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



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Members of our Kapa haka group

Mrs Han giving the Principals awards



Lots of great learning around technology in C3 and C4 led to a wonderful sharing time for our Primary classes to visit.



CROSS COUNTRY

We were all very thankful to finally be able to have our cross country last Friday. It was a great time seeing so many families out supporting our runners - thank you all for making the event.

Our BC Kindergarten didn't run this year but did come and support and provided oranges for our Year 1 & 2's. Thank you!



Mrs T-Rex aka Rachel McGill BC Sports Director did a great job preparing the children to run.





BIKE READY / KIDS CAN RIDE

The team from Tauranga Council Bike Ready have been working with our Team Te Maunga students guiding them through road safety on bikes. Teachers have noticed not only the growth in knowledge but also their confidence in riding.





Coming up

We do have a variety of events coming up between now and the end of term that you need to be aware of so you can mark your calendars. More information will be shared nearer the time for these events.

- Year 5 & 6 Speeches will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at 11:15 on Friday 14th August.
- Library week begins Monday 17th August.
- Funky Fun days will be held for Year 1 & 2 on Monday 17th August and Year 3 & 4 on Monday 24th August at the TECT Arena Bay Park.
- Friday 28th August Mufti Day - donations will be going to the Riding for the Disabled [RDA](#)
- Year 3 & 4 Oral presentations will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at 11:15 on Friday 11th September.
- Whanau Day 11:15 - 12:30 in our Primary classes along with our Junior Showcase 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Performing
- Arts Centre will be on Friday 18th September.

We look forward to lots of great learning and opportunities to share together over the coming weeks. As the children are involved in we continue to encourage them to *"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."* Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi
Karen



A solid foundation in oral language will help children become strong readers and communicators.



Parents/Whānau of

Otumoetai Kahui Ako Schools (Yr 0-3) and Early Childhood Centres

are invited to attend a workshop on

“The importance of oral language in relation to student learning”

with **Jane van der Zeyden**



Jane, an oral language educator and presenter, has been providing professional learning to teachers in our Otumoetai cluster of schools for the last three years.

When: Wednesday 12 August 9.15 - 10.15 am or 1.40 - 2.40 pm (content is repeated)

Where: Bethlehem School Hall

Parent, Family, Whānau Learning Opportunity:

“What’s the most important thing parents can do to make their kids super learners? Talk to them. Language. Language is the key” Professor John Hattie.

A chance for parents to consider how important oral language development and competence is for children to become “super learners,” and to gain effective literacy skills in reading and writing.

Talking is our primary thinking tool. Children need a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and to be able to participate in conversations. - *Jane Van de Zeyden*

This workshop will give you some ideas of the important things that both preschool and school-aged children need to know about oral language and how you can support them at home. This will include:

- Reading to your children
- Using nursery rhymes
- What to do when you hear grammatical errors
- How to use everyday events to start a rich conversation with your child.

Parents are welcome to stay and chat at the end of the presentation.

*Jane will be available to answer any questions. **Tea and coffee will be provided.***





Don't miss this incredible opportunity - A Family Life event in Tauranga called ,“A Day Together” is on **Saturday, 15th August 2020** at the **Tauranga Yacht Club**. You are invited to take this opportunity to attend this event and have a day together, as husband and wife. As part of their commitment to parents with children who attend Bethlehem College, the CET will fully subsidise this event for the first 50 couples who register. Simply log on to [FamilyLife 'A Day Together' - Tauranga Tickets, Sat 15/08/2020 at 9:30 AM](#) and click through to tickets. Then enter the promo code **BethlehemCollegeParents** which will reduce the \$100 cost back down to zero.



Speech and Drama lessons are available throughout the year. Lee Watkins BSc, BEd, LSB (SpeechNZ) and Katy Lietze BBc, ATCL (Teaching) will be teaching in D6 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please contact these teachers directly to enquire about lessons. Lee: leemargaretwatkins@gmail.com. Katy: a.k.lietze@gmail.com.

Speech and Drama lessons aim to develop versatility in the use of language and oral presentation and performance skills. Through the use of drama, poetry and public speaking children:

- Gain confidence in expressing themselves with clarity;
- Enjoy what they read and develop an appreciation of literature;
- Develop listening skills;
- Develop a rich vocabulary with which to express themselves; and,
- Develop a flexible, resonant and well-projected voice..

Students will be able to sit Speech NZ or Trinity College exams. These exams are held in a supportive environment and give candidates a clear sense of progress and achievement.

