



# BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



**FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**TERM 3 NEWSLETTER #3**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Isn't it wonderful to have the arrival of Spring? There have been many great learning opportunities happening with classes involved in their Tauranga inquiries.

Thank you to the parents who have been able to make themselves available as helpers in and around the school. Thank you for checking in and serving so willingly.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

### BEFORE SCHOOL FUN

It has been so encouraging to see the children interacting with one another in a variety of ways when they arrive at school. Arriving at school in good time helps the children manage themselves in preparing for their day as well as having time to play.



## TERM 3 KEY DATES

### LEVEL 3 & 4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 11.15am  
Performing Arts Centre  
(This will be videoed and emailed to parents)

### WHANAU DAY

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
11.15am – 12.30pm  
(TBC due to current level 2 restrictions)

### JUNIOR SHOWCASE

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
1.30pm – 3.00pm  
Performing Arts Centre  
(TBC if whanau can attend due to current level 2 restrictions)

### PTA MEETING

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6pm  
Boardroom RSVP [pta@beth.school.nz](mailto:pta@beth.school.nz)

#### Our Vision

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



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## **LEGO CLUB**

Each week on Wednesday and Thursday Mr Martin runs a Lego club for individual classes. Currently classes from Years 3 & 4 are involved and as you would expect this is very popular with the children.

## **JUMP JAM CELEBRATION**

We are celebrating with our wonderful Jump Jam team who have recently been involved in the nationwide Jump Jam Challenge. They have successfully made it through to the regionals which is fabulous news. Big thanks to Mrs Vicky Nelson (coach) and those supporting our team.



# **JUMP JAM™**



## ***WORSHIP ASSEMBLY***

We are continuing to have our modified worship assembly with a mix of children in the hall or in classes live streaming through the school network. This is a big part of who we are and such a great way to begin our week.

Last week we had one of our student counsellors, Gurmehar (Mehtar) Deol from E4 share with us about the importance of friendship, well done Mehtar.



This week Mrs Barnard shared about being a BC team player following the example of how geese support one another in the way they move and interact with each another.

## ***MUFTI DAY***

Thank you for the wonderful support for Riding for Disabled last week, we managed to raise **\$900.00** to help support this great organization!



## ***LEVEL 2 INFORMATION ABOUT MASKS IN SCHOOLS***

From Dr Caroline McElnay – Director of Public Health:

*“With the other public health measures we have put in place in schools and early learning services, coupled with the reduced risk of transmission at Alert Level 2, we consider the risk of infection is low.”*

- Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering will be supported to do so (students cannot be required to wear face coverings in schools).
- **Students aged 12 and above** are required to wear a face covering when on **public** transport (there are some exemptions including for health reasons).
- **For school transport, bus drivers are wearing face coverings, but children and young people are not required to wear face coverings.**
- Face coverings are an **extra protective physical barrier** to help keep people safe. Hand washing, good cough and sneeze etiquette, cleaning surfaces regularly, staying away if unwell and physical distancing from people you don't know all contribute to minimising spread of illness.

## ***UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL ITEMS***

The care of uniforms and personal items is an ongoing part of children being personally responsible and continues to be an area we are all working towards. Thank you for naming items and encouraging your child(ren) to keep tabs on their belongings.

## ***LIBRARY HELP NEEDED***

Stock-taking is taking place between 10th and 17th September.

If you have some free time that you would be happy to offer to help please contact our librarian [Sheila.Little@beth.school.nz](mailto:Sheila.Little@beth.school.nz)

Please remember if you do come in to ensure that you check in at the Primary office first, thank you.



## **SMART WATCHES**

A gentle reminder about devices in Primary due to there being a growing number of incidents where children are using these outside the times that the school has set.

In Primary **fit bits** and **disabled smart watches** (in school hours 8:45 am - 3:00pm) may be worn, however, if they do cause a distraction during learning or are used inappropriately the child's teacher may have them remove the watch until the end of the school day. As with any such item, please note that while the school encourages careful stewardship, they cannot take responsibility for loss or damage.

## **COMING UP**

- **Year 3 & 4 Oral presentations** - Friday 11th September 11:15am  
Oral presentations will be videoed and emailed to parents.
- **Whanau Day** - Friday 18th September 11:15am - 12:30pm is still to be confirmed due to current level 2 restrictions.
- **Junior Showcase** - Friday 18th September 1:30pm - 3:00pm is still to be confirmed due to current level 2 restrictions for parents and whanau to attend. If we are in Level 2 we will video and share with whanau.
- **PTA** - PTA AGM meeting is on the 23rd of September 2020 in the Boardroom (top floor of the office). Everyone is welcome, it officially starts at 6pm but feel free to come early if you would like to join us for refreshments 😊  
This is an excellent opportunity to see what the PTA is all about or express your interest in being a part of the PTA on a more permanent basis. All positions will be vacant and open for a vote on the night.  
Please RSVP by Wednesday 16th September if you are planning on joining us (this is required so we can make sure there is enough space and refreshments). To RSVP simply email [pta@beth.school.nz](mailto:pta@beth.school.nz) or message our Facebook page.
- **BC Flippa Ball Years 3-6** – Memorial Pools 27<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Further information and link to register <https://form.jotform.co/202458540709861>



## **PARENTING COURSE OPPORTUNITY**

On Thursday 15th October we invite expressions of interest to attend a dual - workshop on the following topics:

1. **ANXIETY** (Y7-Y13) "Planning to flourish (Pāhoutea)? - **Understanding Anxiety in our Young People.**" Are you anxious about your adolescent's anxiety? Discover a more balanced perspective in identifying and managing anxiety in your home?
2. **BLENDED FAMILIES** "Planning to flourish (Pāhoutea)? - **The Blended Family.**" Come and join us: If you are becoming, or are, a blended family and would like to explore the: mixing, mingling, scrambling, and sometimes muddling your way through delicate family issues, complicated relationships and individual differences, hurts and fears, but through all of this, learning to love like a family. (adapted from Tom Frydenger)

**Venue:** Bethlehem College

**Time:** To be confirmed

**Place:** To be confirmed depending on the number of expressions of interest.

Please email [andrew.allen@beth.school.nz](mailto:andrew.allen@beth.school.nz) with your name and the number of anticipated participants. The workshops will be interactive. Further details will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Have a great weekend  
Ngā mihi nui

Karen





<https://tryathlon.co.nz/eventscalendar/>

