



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER #1

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome again to a new year with BC Primary. A very special extra welcome to our new whanau who have joined us.

What an absolute delight it has been to see the children joining their new classes with such enthusiasm and joy. Thank you for helping us with this smooth start. The children have been managing themselves as they enter the school which is a credit to both our wonderful teachers and your encouragement from home - thank you.

Coming in next week we expect that there may be a few new entrant parents perhaps still supporting their child(ren), however the remaining we expect can manage themselves. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns and we will support you. The welcoming team will continue to be at the Chapel each morning from 8:15 am.

At the end of each day for those who are walkers/picked up please have your meeting place down by or on the field established. Our teachers will continue to bring the younger children down to meet parents.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

PHOTOLIFE CLASS PHOTOS
Tuesday 22nd Feb

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
Wed 9th Mar & Thurs 10th Mar
Details to be confirmed

Y6 CAMP – TOTARA SPRINGS TBC
Wed 23rd Mar – Fri 25th Mar

EASTER SERVICE
Thurs 14th Apr 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Details to be confirmed

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

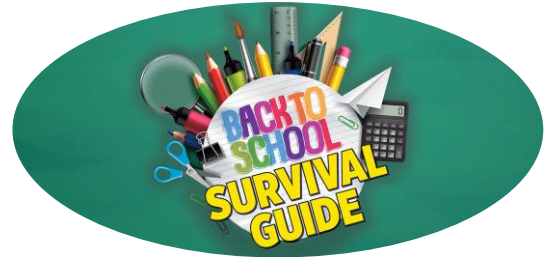


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BACK TO SCHOOL SURVIVAL GUIDE

Please check the guide for helpful information as you navigate through the year. If you have any questions you are encouraged to phone the Primary office and we will be happy to assist you.



You can access the guide by clicking on this link:

[Parent Handbook 2022](#)

If you want to access the guide in the future it can be saved by following these steps:

1. Click on centre of booklet
2. Go to the right bottom to the 3 dots ... and click on save.
3. Move the zipped file to a folder of your choice.

Uniform information in the guide is very helpful when discussing with your child(ren) what is required. Please note the limits we have for jewellery and hair accessories.

Smartwatches and Fitbit watches

As per the Bethlehem College rules please remember "Fit bits and smart watches, if worn in Primary, must be disabled during school hours."



LOOKING AHEAD

Meet the teacher / Goal setting interviews

We are currently looking at alternative ways to connect you with your child's teacher. Our usual picnic/back to school night meet won't be able to proceed so we are looking at a virtual means.

Our goal setting interviews with students, parents and teachers we are hopeful will go ahead in week 6. As we get closer to the afternoons of Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March (including evening) we will provide more information.

Bus Notice

We have recently changed bus providers from Go Bus to Uzabus for some of the Ministry funded buses. The bus timetables are largely the same as previously with a few minor changes to some routes. You will find all the details for buses on the Bethlehem College Webpage under Key Information/Buses. Please be gracious with the new drivers as they get used to the new routes and students. It is recommended that you be at the pick-up points earlier than usual initially.



Happy Parenting

One of my goals this year is to see how as a community we can be supporting each other in the hugely important role you have as parents. Children are a wonderful gift from God but don't come with an instruction manual! In an age when there are so many things vying for your attention as parents it can be difficult sometimes navigating the various stages your child moves through. This space will be a place where helpful resources and ideas will be shared.



This week I am sharing an article about a common challenge for children - negative self talk. While firstly we encourage prayer and seeking the Lord's guidance, having some strategies and ideas that align with our faith can be useful in helping children. This article [negative self talk](#) has some helpful strategies and ideas that may be helpful.

If you have any great parenting resources that you would like to share please do email me.

Thank you again for supporting us as we have begun our 2022 school year. We look forward to continuing a great partnership with you.

Ngā mihi,
Karen

