



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 2022 – NEWSLETTER #3

Kia ora Parents/caregivers,

We certainly have stepped into an ever-changing environment this past week. Thank you for your patience and graciousness as we have worked together to ensure all our families are safe.

The news of moving to phase 3 means we can now look forward to more stability in terms of classes being in school. To ensure we have the safest learning environment we will continue to encourage safe practices such as masks, good hygiene, distancing and small gatherings.

We do expect that there will be some coming and going of children and staff as Omicron continues to be in our community, however we are determined to keep our learning programmes moving forward and providing the best environment we can for the children.

WELCOME

We have been blessed with many new faces as we have begun the year. This week I want to highlight our Year 3 - 6 students, many of them checked in for a chat under the tree outside L block on Thursday. The question – “What have you enjoyed so far about being in BCP?”



TERM 1 KEY DATES

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
Wed 9th Mar & Thurs 10th Mar
Link for bookings now available

MUFTI DAY
Friday 25th Mar
Theme & Charity TBC

EASTER SERVICE
Thurs 14th Apr
Details to be confirmed

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



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Our children and teachers have continued with some great times of learning - look what's been happening!



Last week our Year 3 classes had a fabulous day being bucket fillers!



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Jasper Zhang from D1 auditioned for the Secondary school orchestra last week, playing his violin. He had to go up against students aged 12 – 15 years old, and even though he is only 8 years old - he was accepted into the Secondary orchestra.



HOME LEARNING

Under phase 3 we are adjusting our provision for home learning. Teachers will provide online home learning for children who are:

- isolating due to a home case or are positive themselves and are feeling well.
- home due to having a medical certificate advising that they not be in school.



Home learning will:

- Include activities from the teacher that align with the in-school learning, where appropriate, to maintain some consistency.
- Include must do and may do activities across the curriculum that children can work on independently.
- Have limited interaction during the day as the teacher will be teaching in class, however the teacher will endeavour to check in each afternoon with children at home learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do reach out to us here at school.

ABSENCES

It is important we keep track of when children are off school so please do ensure you have contacted us via email, absences@beth.school.nz or ring the office at (07) 576 6769 and leave a message.

If your child is absent due to being a positive Covid case, please complete the form on the school website <https://www.beth.school.nz/>

Please also note the helpful information in the FAQ's on the website especially with regards to what you need to do in the event of having a case in your home.

Reporting Absences





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you have booked your online google conference meeting through PTO, you will be all set to go with your meeting link. You will receive ahead of the meeting the goals that your child is moving toward so these can be discussed at home first. If you have any other questions, please do let your teacher know

ahead of time so they can be ready for you. Thank you again for your grace and understanding as we find alternative ways to connect home and school.

LUNCH ORDER UPDATE

Lunches by Libelle has taken over the operation of the Bethlehem College Tuckshop/Canteen on the BC Tauranga campus and we are very pleased to let you know that the canteen will be **operational from Monday, 7th March**. Further information around lunch ordering will be communicated over the next two weeks.

LUNCH BY LIBELLE 

PRIMARY SPORTS



Winter sports registrations for Term 2 and 3, 2022 are now open for Y3-6 and will close **Friday, 4th March 2022**. No registrations will be accepted after this date. Teams for Y3-6 are put together by the Sports Office. Sports for primary include Basketball (Y3-Y6), Football (Y3-6), Hockey (Y3-6) and Netball (Y3-6).

To register, please see the sports pages on the BC Sports website for information and registration.

For Y3-6 [click here](#) to go to the Primary Sports webpage.

Summer sports photos are on Thursday 10th March 2022. The schedule for team photos will be advised and will be posted on the sports website.

Orienteering Bay of Plenty have a Summer Nav Series of orienteering rogaine events happening in Tauranga and Rotorua each Wednesday night through February and most of March. This caters for all ages and abilities. Events can be attended on the night or in your own time over the following week using MapRun. It's a great individual or family activity. For more information refer to obop.org.nz



HAPPY PARENTING

Dinnertime conversations are oftentimes a very good opportunity to unpack your child's day.

This article here has some useful tips - enjoy 😊

[Dinner conversations](#)



As we journey through the term I hope and pray that you will be encouraged in The Lord. His Word is a great source of encouragement.

2 Cor 12:9 says *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

This reminds me of a quote I found in a book called "The Discipline of Grace" by Jerry Bridges. "Your worst days are never so bad that you are *beyond the reach of God's grace*. And your best days are never so good that you are *beyond the need of God's grace*."

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Karen.



AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

On site @ BC with Mrs E-P

Thursdays

3:15 - 5:30

\$35 a session

027 657 1026

Maths & Literacy
tutoring available

