



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 – NEWSLETTER #4

Kia ora Parent/Caregivers,

We have made it through a week of students and staff coming and going as covid continues to impact our community. Thank you all for helping us with completing the online form and providing details when contacting absences. We appreciate that it hasn't been ideal having some children at home, thank you for your patience and understanding as we have worked to ensure classes have teachers.

Last week I did alert you to the possibility of needing to ask classes or year groups to be home so that we can ensure we have teachers in front of classes. We have on average had around a third of the children away each day across the Primary. With a number of staff returning next week along with the reduction in isolation requirements to 7 days we are hopeful that we will have minimal disruption to classes. We will however keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible in response to further absences, again thank you for your patience and understanding.



PTC'S

We understand that in an ideal world we would want these to be in person so thank you for making the connections with your child's teacher, I know they will have found the time very helpful as well. We know there are families who were not able to, for various reasons, have their conference, if this was you please do contact your child's teacher to organize another time.

We are really looking forward to actual face to face interactions in the hopefully not too distant future.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

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.



@BCPrimary



SEESAW

Seesaw as you know is our main form of communication between home and school. We are aware that when home learning especially is being engaged and we are needing to send important information more than usual there can be a lot of notifications.

The following may be useful to you if you want to make notifications arrive once per day.

From Seesaw Helpdesk:

You're in control of how often you're notified about new information in Seesaw. Here are your options in the Seesaw Family account:



1. Tap your profile icon in the upper left corner.
2. Tap 'Account Settings.'
3. Turn email and/or push notifications ON/ONCE A DAY/OFF.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL?





Bella came and shared her fabulous community acrostic poem!



HAPPY PARENTING

There are numerous resources, articles, books and the like that are out there for us to tap into to help us on our journey as parents. Finding good Christian parenting advice is something that is always a great find. Focus on the Family has some great resources - [7 traits of effective parenting](#) has some thoughtful advice that may be of interest.



The Triple P site offers really useful parenting tips for most ages and covers a wide range of issues many parents could use support with. The modules are short, have practical examples and resources to help it work.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.nz/nz-uken/find-help/triple-p-online/>

COVID UPDATE

CHANGES TO NOTE FROM SATURDAY 12/3/2022:

- Isolation period for positive cases and their household contacts has been **reduced from 10 to seven days**.
- Household contacts are now required to take a RA Test on **Day 3 and Day 7** of the case's isolation period.
- **Students can now return to school on day 8** as long as they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. Students should not return to school if they are still feeling unwell. Please notify [Absences](#) if this is the case.
- Those currently in insolation will not have to complete their days 8, 9 and 10 days of isolation and we will update our records to reflect this.
- **Recovered** cases **no longer** need to isolate again if they become a household contact within 90 days.

REMINDERS:

- For students who are a positive case, please complete the notification form on our website via [this link](#).
- If your child is isolating due to being a household contact, please contact the school by emailing bccovidinfo@beth.school.nz
- Count Day Zero from your first day of symptoms or positive test date – whichever is earliest.
- All COVID-19 requirements remain in place including, mask wearing, distancing, hygiene measures, gathering restrictions etc
- Please check the FAQs on our website for further details www.beth.school.nz



LUNCH ORDERS

We are hopeful that the Canteen will be open for Primary online orders from Monday 21st March. As soon as the details are finalised we will notify you on how you can make online orders and view the menu.



UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE 11TH - 18TH MARCH 2022

From 11th-18th March the Uniform shop will be open by appointment only, appointments may be made via the booking system www.beth.school.nz/key-information/uniform

Contactless sales can be made online via the link above, Orders placed on a Wednesday or Thursday will be processed Friday.

PRIMARY SPORTS

Year 1 and 2 Sports

Bethlehem College offers various sporting opportunities for Year 1 and 2 boys and girls. We have Netball Future Ferns in Term 2 during lunchtime, Football Little Kickers in Term 3 after school, and Hockey with Happy Hockey in Term 4 during lunchtime. Please sign up for each individual sport in the term prior to it being held, via the BC Primary Sports [webpage](#).

Netball Future Ferns Years 1 and 2

Registrations are now open for Y1 and Y2 Netball Future Ferns for boys and girls. Please go to the BC Primary Netball [webpage](#) to register. Registrations close **Friday, 8th April 2022**.

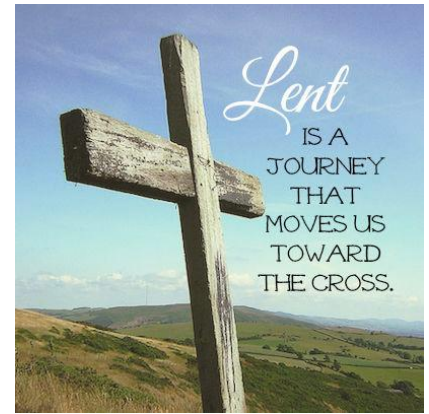


Primary School Winter Sport

We are looking for more Y3 & Y5 netballers and Y3 & Y4 hockey players for our BC teams. If your child is interested please email the BC Sports Co-Ordinator at naomi.potter@beth.school.nz



In our Christian calendar we are now in the season of Lent. Our memory verses this term you have seen focuses on “love” with this week’s being “Love never fails ...” 1 Cor 13:8a, so fitting as we contemplate the upcoming time celebrating Easter. I hope and pray as we journey through the remainder of the term toward Easter that your family will know and respond to the message of God’s love.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Karen.

Make the story of Easter come alive starting from your backyard!

Explore and have fun this Easter through *Wonder Walks* which is a series of 8 free, interactive walking maps, designed to help under-10s connect with the story of Easter while out enjoying a walk as a family.

On each map is a reading from the Gospel of Mark, activities, games, and reflections. There's a Wonder Walk for the 7 weeks leading up to Easter, concluding with a Good Friday and Easter Walk, but you can use these walks anytime you go out!

Go to www.wonderwalks.nz to get your free weekly Wonder Walk!

BIBLE SOCIETY
MANNA CHRISTIAN STORES

Wonder Walks

WEEK 1

1. Mark 1:9-11 NIV

'At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptised Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove. A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, 'You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you.'

2.

In the Bible being baptised is a sign that someone belongs to God and wants to follow him. Do something with water on your walk...

Have a drink of water
Jump in a puddle
Throw a stick or a stone into a river

Chat or think about what it means to follow God.

3.

Jesus saw a dove and knew it was the Holy Spirit coming to be with him.

Try and spot some birds on your walk. When you see one ask the Holy Spirit to help you with something. It says in the Bible that the Holy Spirit is our helper.

4.

Jesus is God's Son. God loves him and is pleased with him.

Make the shape of a love heart with stuff you find on your walk e.g. leaves, sticks, stones or draw one with your finger in some sand, gravel or dust.

As you draw try and remember the words that God the Father said to Jesus.

www.wonderwalks.nz

You can walk anywhere! Just pick a local route, and follow activities 1-4

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