



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 2022 – NEWSLETTER #5

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

We have seen a steady increase in the number of children attending school after the past few weeks of having a good number home, this is encouraging as we seek to finish the latter part of the term with as many learners on site as possible!

We are excited at the prospect of having our focus on the wonderful Easter narrative in the coming weeks. Classes have been learning about God’s love through the Bible verses they have been learning, and of course the message of Easter is a culmination of God’s love.



We will be having a special Easter walk up “The Way” with stations depicting Jesus’s journey to the cross. As part of this our classes will be creating a variety of different window displays to highlight each station. We look forward to during the week leading up to Good Friday having whanau come and visit the stations together and the window displays. More details will be forthcoming. Our Easter service for Primary will be Thursday 13 April. We are still working on the details and again will provide details along with the station visiting soon.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

EASTER SERVICE
Thurs 14th Apr – details TBC

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Thursday 14th April

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Tuesday 3rd May

Our Vision

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



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Wet day play days - B block children enjoying time together during a wet morning tea!



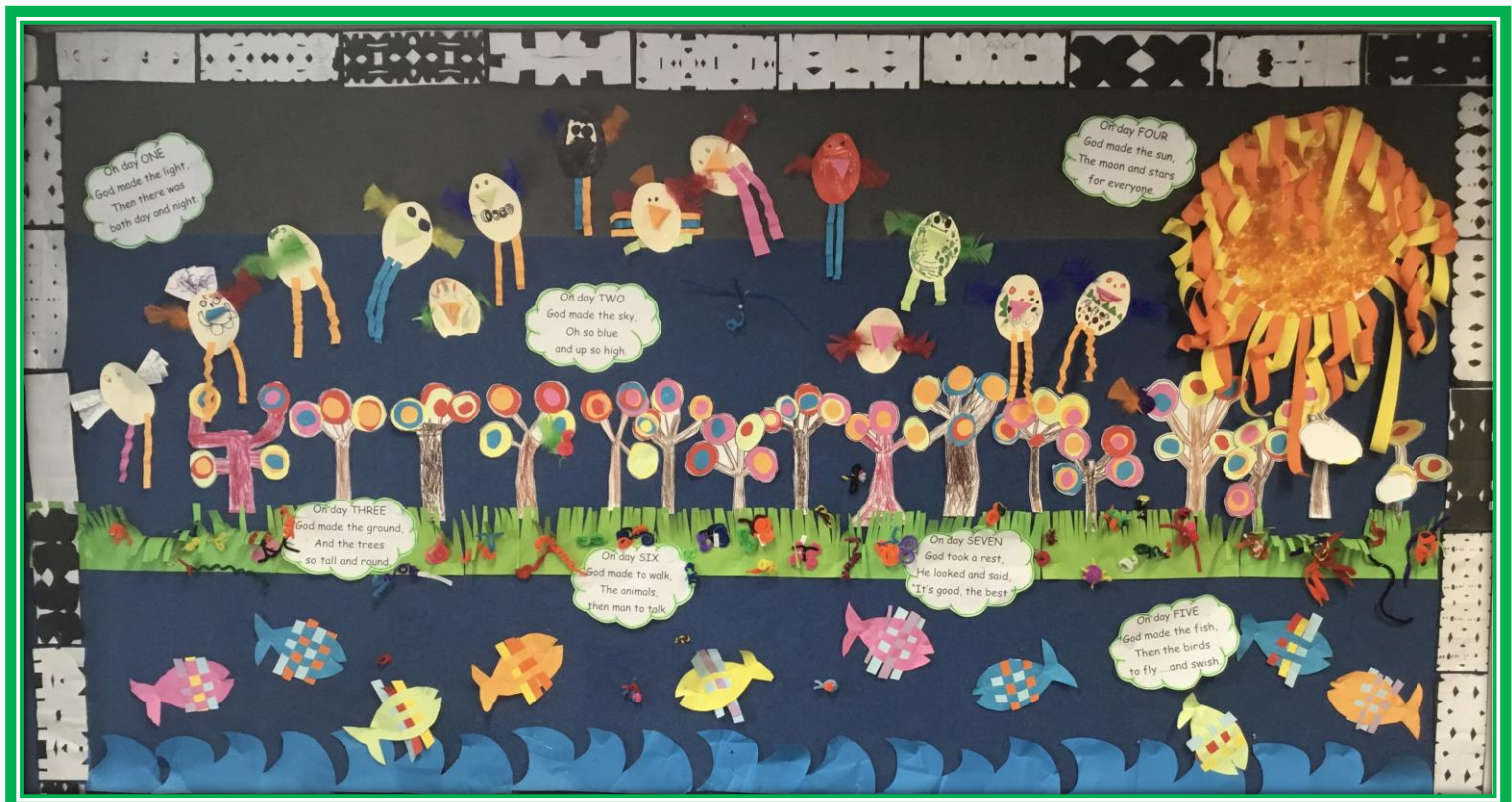
The children make the most of being back together playing a variety of games and or creating things.



A block children learned Rakau with Mr Martin for music this week!



We are learning about creation and how it is a miraculous display of His love for us.
By A1 and A2 kids



SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

A huge thank you for generously supporting our mufti day today. The children have been learning how blessed we are here with even the simple things in life. We are pleased that we can share God's love by sending our donations through International Needs based here in Tauranga to help Ukrainian children. International Needs Information link: <https://www.innz.org.nz/appeals/ukraine>

Latest video update: <https://fb.watch/bLB-lyZ9PQ/>

We encourage families to continue to pray for the Ukrainians in this difficult time.





PRIMARY SPORT



On Friday 18 March we took a group of Year 5/6 students keen to give football a go to the 1st annual Primary Football Festival at Waipuna Park. It was a great day to learn about football and give a new sport a try. We kept improving from game to game and showed a lot of sportsmanship.



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



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Unfortunately, there have been a few glitches with the setting up of online ordering with our new lunch providers. To ensure everything is set to go and accessible for our BCP whanau the new lunch order system will begin at the start of next term. We apologise for any inconvenience this may or has caused.



WHATSAPP ETIQUETTE

Using Whatsapp groups can be really helpful for sharing essential information quickly. They can also be a source of concern if used inappropriately. How we as adults set up and use these groups is a good opportunity to model to the young people in our lives what healthy helpful social media looks like.

I would really encourage those of you who are in these groups to consider some basic etiquette that allows those in the group to share comfortably.

Apart from the obvious of not using groups to air grievances or political opinions the following 4 questions are a great way to stay on track when sharing.

1. Is this relevant?
2. Is this helpful?
3. Is this necessary?
4. Is this a good time to post?



HAPPY PARENTING

Praying for and with our children is always a good thing, and even more so when our children are having challenging times. Anxiety is one of those areas that can be hard to navigate as parents, especially when we are trying to figure out what might be the cause. The power of prayer using Scripture is shared here:

<https://www.christiethomaswriter.com/kids-ideas-blog/prayers-to-help-a-child-with-anxiety/>



As we soon move into the next stage of changes to the red traffic lights we are looking forward to "opening up" some. Your patience, grace and understanding over these past months is so appreciated as we have sought to make sure there is an environment here in school where children are safe and happy to be learning. It has, and continues to be, a wonderful example of a community putting into practice the words of Paul in Phil 2:3-4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Thank you all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Karen

