



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

We are now past halfway and the weeks are continuing to be filled with great learning opportunities. The fine weather has meant the children have had lots more opportunity to engage in games outside which are great to see.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

MONDAY WORSHIP

Connor Barnes, one of our student leaders shared with us last week by way of an interview with Mrs West. He shared very well about why he enjoys being at Bethlehem College. For Connor, having lots of people he likes, friends and teachers and connecting with God makes BC special. He is very grateful for the many wonderful opportunities being at BC affords. One of his favourite Bible verses is *Phil 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

He likes this verse for the reminder that we don't need to worry when we hand things to God.

Connor encouraged us to remember to use the prayer box when we have things we want some extra prayer for. His advice for everyone was to always respect others and their ideas. Well done Connor!



TERM 3 KEY DATES

Y1 - VISIT TO BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY GARDENS
Wed 7 Sept - A1/A2

BOT ELECTIONS
Wed 7 Sept

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK
Mon 12th Sept - Fri 16th Sept

Y3&4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS
Friday 23rd Sept - Primary Hall

MUFTI DAY
Thursday 29th Sept - Theme/Charity TBC

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Friday 30th Sept 9.30am - 12.30pm

Y4-Y6 TALENT QUEST
Friday 30th Sept - PAC - 11am - 12.30pm

LAST DAY TERM 3
Friday 30th Sept

FIRST DAY TERM 4
Tuesday 18th Oct

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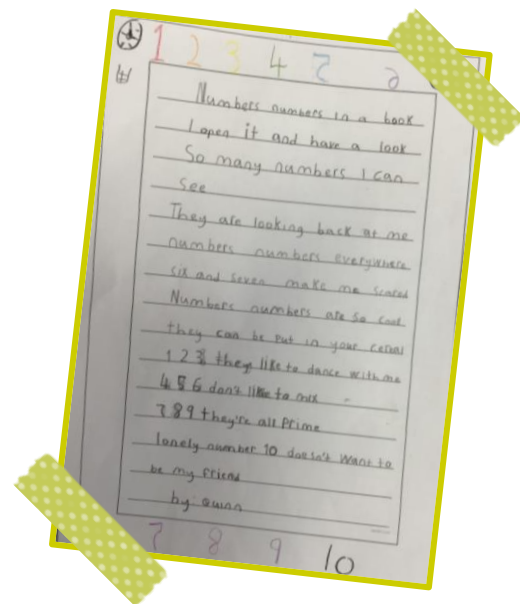
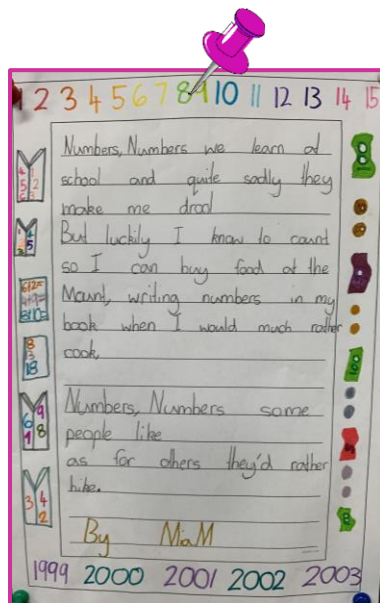
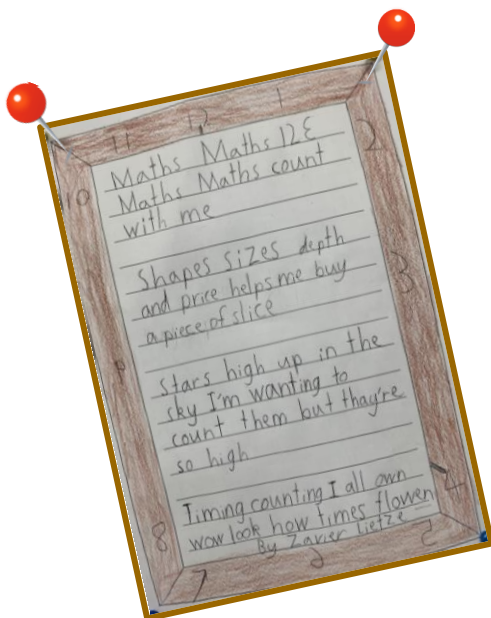


This week we were so excited to have our first full Primary worship time in the hall. With the Spring temperatures we had all the windows and doors open and enjoyed praising The Lord together and hearing from Mr Edmeades.

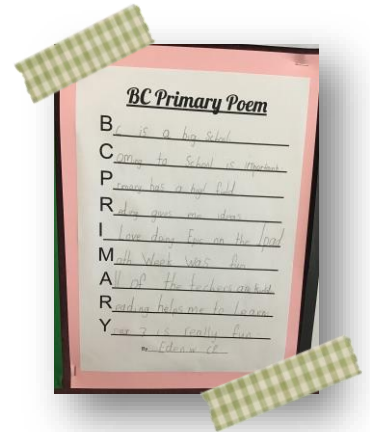
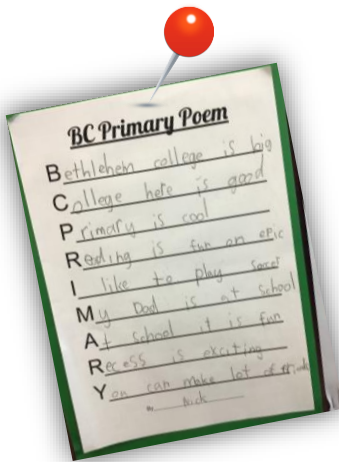
He talked to the children about storing God's word up in their hearts and reminded them about the Bible and money - money is like treasure and is important but not to be loved ahead of God.



WRITING SAMPLES FROM D1



WRITING SAMPLES FROM C2



PRIMARY CHOIR FESTIVAL

It has been three years since the last festival event, the Tauranga Primary Schools Music Festival Society presented 'Songs from Aotearoa'. Our primary choir consisted of 46 strong members, all who gave up lunchtimes to learn and practise 9 songs, each written by Kiwi artists. In addition to these songs, the choir beautifully performed their individual item Tuhia. Chloe Mathfield sounded fantastic and was confident as the soloist for Life in Sunshine. All in all, the children looked like they were having fun and took full advantage of the opportunity to perform on the big Baycourt stage. Thank you to all the families who came out to support the event and a huge congratulations to all the children.



YEAR 5-6 SPEECH FINALS

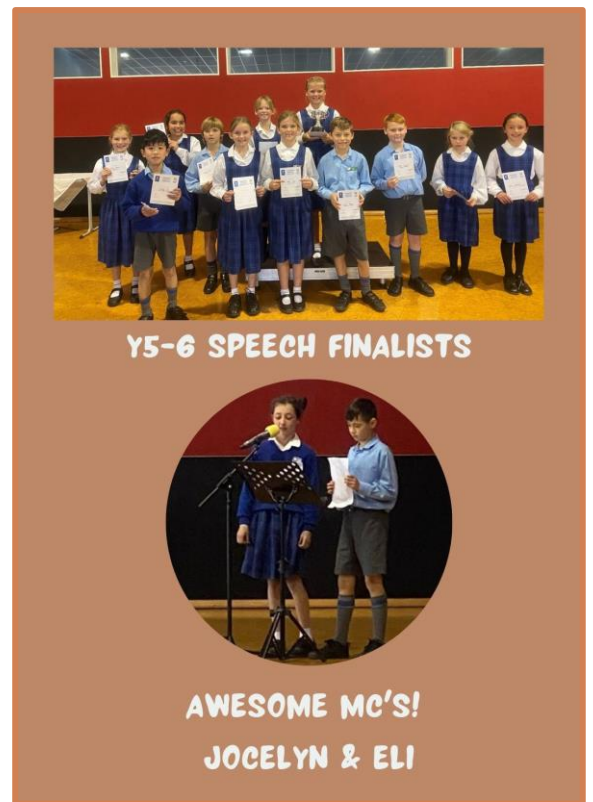
The Year 5/6 speech finals were on Friday 12th August and we had a strong group of finalists who all spoke confidently.

From Year 5; Timothy Ye, Juliet Ball, Orlando Lietze, Benna Simons, Alexia Bezuidenhout, and Kate Balmer.

From Year 6; Connor Barnes, Aria Tapsell, Chloe Mathfield, Arabella Goodson, Cooper Lawrence, Sophie Young.

Our winner of our speech cup this year, with the highest marks, was Arabella Goodson from Year 6. Her speech was titled 'Why We Should All Dance'. Orlando Lietze was the year 5 winner and his speech was about 'Plastic'. Aria Tapsell was the runner up for Year 6 and Kate Balmer, the runner up for Year 5.

Orlando and Arabella will both represent the college at the North Cluster speech competition in two weeks time.



TE KARI BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY GARDEN VISITS

We had a wonderful trip to the Bethlehem Community Garden with the most beautiful Spring weather. The children were able to be hands on in four different gardening activities – worm farm, planting seeds, compost and preparing vegetable bags for the community stall. This was a great way to finish our Unit where we looked at using the talents God has given us to help others. Thank you to all the Community Garden volunteers who used their knowledge and talents to teach our children. If you find you have an abundance of fruit or vegetables from your gardens, don't forget you can drop it off at the community stall by the garden on Moffat Road to bless others.



A5 & A6



A3 & A4

We got into 4 groups!

Ready to go!

Planting a bean seed

Learning how to plant a seed



Choosing vegetables

Chopping carrots for compost

Worm Farm!!

Planting beans!



JUMP JAM

We are thankful for the servant hearts of our wonderful Jump Jam leaders who received their badges today. Each alternate Friday morning week classes are out having fun enjoying doing Jump Jam together.



PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the many parents who come in, some quite regularly, to help in and around the classrooms. Your help is very much appreciated and adds so much value to our learning programmes!

Parent Helpers



From time to time we have some special projects that we need help with. We have one such project at the moment where we need some special prayer books prepared. If you are able to help with this please let Karryn Greenway Karryn.Greenway@beth.school.nz know, thanks so much.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS



Lunchtime Clubs are a great opportunity for everyone to have some fun and interact with others, from all year levels, who have similar interests and passions!

Currently we have a number of staff running different clubs at lunchtime - chess, lego, robotics to name a few. We would love to be able to offer other activities for our children.

Some ideas could be a club for: board games, a specific craft, comic books, puppet making, knitting or cross stitch ... If you, either on your own, or with another parent, are interested and able to come along to run a club for approximately 6-8 weeks, we would love to hear from you.



LIBRARY CLOSED - 8TH- 15TH SEPTEMBER



From Thursday 8th to Thursday 15th September, the library will only be open to senior students for practice exams. **Parent help would be most appreciated over this week to assist with library stocktake.** If you have any spare time please contact [Megan Zingel](mailto:Megan.Zingel) (Librarian) with your availability. Thank you!

PARKING!



Disabled parks - please ensure these are left for those in our community who these parks are set up for.

Drop off/Pick up zone - a friendly reminder this is not a parking space, if you are needing to leave your car please use the BTI car park, thank you for your cooperation.



REMINDERS...

Summer Sports Registrations for Term 4 NOW OPEN



Summer Sports Registrations for Term 4 are now open. Sports include: Futsal (Y3-Y6), Kiwi tag (Y1-Y6), Volleyball (Y3-Y6), and Water Polo (Y3-Y6). Please scroll down on the Primary Sport web page to the relevant sporting code to click through to the registration.

Registrations are due to close on Friday 9th September 2022.

All information regarding Primary sport can be found here: [Physical • Bethlehem College Primary](#)

Calendar Art

Primary children are currently completing calendar art as part of our annual PTA fundraiser. Your child will bring home a personal shoot key in week 8 and this will give you access to the website to view your child's art. **The website will be available to purchase items printed with your child's art from 19th September till 3rd October.** This fundraiser supports the Primary Lego club, as well as initiatives from the primary student leaders.



Grandparent's Morning Tea - Friday 30th September

Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) to join us for a morning to celebrate and honour your treasured role in the life of our children at BC. You are most welcome to attend any part of the morning programme. **Please RSVP [here](#)**

09:30 am	Class with Grandchild (Years 0-6) / Principal tours (Years 7-13)
10:30 am	Morning Tea (Performing Arts Centre Foyer)
11:00 am	Talent Quest - Years 4-6 (Performing Arts Centre)
12:30 pm	Finish



Arotahi Magazine

The Arotahi Magazine is a yearbook produced by the Visual Arts Department and distributed at the end of each year. This year, one magazine will be delivered to the eldest child of each family at BC and Chapman and a pdf version of the magazine will also be available to download for free. For those families wishing to order additional copies of the Magazine, these can be purchased for \$20 per copy (on charged to school account) through filling out the form [here](#) by Monday 31st October.

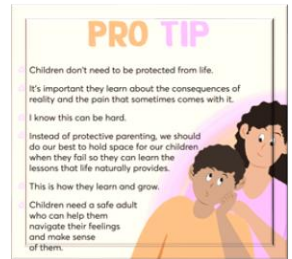


HAPPY PARENTING

In today's instant society it can be a challenge to have our children develop the much needed character trait of perseverance. In my reading I came across this interesting article below that has some good insights in promoting perseverance in children.

As we journey through the rest of the Spring term we have much to be thankful for. The new life popping up, warmer lighter days remind us of God's beautiful creativity. Our classes are moving into their "God is Creator" inquiries and I am sure your children will have much to share with you about their learning.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ngā mihi,
Karen



7 Ways to Teach Your Kids Perseverance

[Amanda Idleman Crosswalk.com](http://AmandaIdlemanCrosswalk.com)

1. Reward Persistence

It's our job to highlight the things our kids do that we admire and desire for them most. It is important to take a moment to praise those instances where our kids keep at something until they master it. It can be hard for us to watch our kids keep trying, only to experience multiple failures as parents. Really though, these are the moments our kids need our glowing praises, not an easy way out.

When our kids are struggling, focus on ways to praise them for their efforts. Show them how admirable it is that they didn't give up even though the task was hard. You want them to walk away feeling proud even if they didn't see the results they were hoping for.

2. Help Your Child Set Proper Goals

Sometimes we struggle to persevere because we are working at a near-impossible goal. Our kids may need some guidance and direction when it comes to their goals and dreams. This can even apply to your persistent toddler. If they repeatedly ask for access to something you can't give them, a good solution is to offer them a more accessible alternative.

Older kids may be tempted to give up on learning something new because it's complex, or they aren't the best at it. Breaking the task up into smaller, more easily mastered pieces can help. Your child doesn't have to be the fastest swimmer on the team in order to learn to be a good swimmer. Help them see that improvement is worth celebrating, especially when always winning is not achievable.

3. Let Them Grieve

When your child faces big emotions after experiencing disappointment, loss, or failure, allow them the space to process these feelings. Being upset is not a reason to give up. When our kids feel like they have the space to process those emotions and then try again, they are less likely to give up. Emotions are important to recognize, but it's good for them to learn that they don't have to be the boss of your decision-making.

4. Model Perseverance

This may be the hardest for us parents! We live in a quick-fix culture. Embracing tough goals and pursuing solutions to hard-to-fix problems is not something we are accustomed to doing. Our kids need to be witnesses to our efforts when life gets challenging. Persevering in our faith, marriages, relationships, or in reaching our goals even in the face of harder life seasons is such an important life lesson for us to teach our kids.

For sure, they will face hard seasons, and your model will be something that gives them strength in these challenging moments.

5. Teach Your Child to Take a Break

We can't make progress when we are exhausted! We need to teach our kids how to step away from something to rest and then come back to it. When they begin to feel overwhelmed, stressed, or emotional, these are good clues that it's time to take a break to recharge before returning to the task.

6. Offer Emotional Support

When our kids come to us wanting to quit something they love, our instant response can be to shoot them down. These moments are an opportunity for us to lean in and offer emotional support. The chances are they want to quit because they are feeling discouraged or upset in some way. We can help our kids process their emotions by asking probing questions to understand why they want to set away from something they once loved.

For younger kids, "playing" that activity can help them process their emotions around that activity. If your child wants to quit dance class, try playing dance at home and observe your child's behaviour. See if this playtime gives you an insight into why they don't want to go to class anymore.

Once you've taken the time to investigate the real "why" behind their insistence of quitting, then you can together decide if their decision is going to serve them well, or maybe after talking it out, they will be ready to return to their activity joyfully.

7. Let Them Choose

Interest leads to effort. When our kids are interested in mastering something, they are so much more motivated to complete the task! Just think of those first rolls, laughs, or steps. Your baby spent all day and night working on these skills until they were joyfully running around the house.

The same is true for our older kids. We can't always only let them do what they want, but getting them interested in the task makes a huge difference if we really want them to show up for something fully. Ask them what goals, sports, activities, or academic achievements appeal most to them, and then help them plan how to pursue learning and growing in these areas.

If you want them to persevere in a task that may feel less exciting, find a way to capture their interest in this activity. Maybe they can listen to their favourite song while cleaning their room. If you want them to read a certain amount of books, allow them to choose some of the titles for their reading list. If you want them to grow in their writing skills, let them pick a topic to research and write about. Kids excel when we give them agency in their learning.

Perseverance is an essential character trait for us to help develop in our children. Life is full of challenges; the only way to find joy in uncertainty, love others well, and find success comes through a learned ability to remain faithful in all circumstances. While we as parents want to be safe arms to run to when our kids fail, we also want to be their cheerleaders when they face hard things and need that extra boost to keep going.

[Galatians 6:9](#) captures the heart of this idea so well. It says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Our kids have to learn how not to let weariness stop us from pursuing good work. They need to learn when to rest and return to a task with fresh, recharged eyes. And while they are under our roof, it's our job to help them develop these skills. The benefits of being a persistent person will follow them for their lifetime.



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