



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 2022 - NEWSLETTER #18

Kia ora Parent/Caregivers,

It has been a busy few weeks with our Junior showcase, Te Awa's Zero Waste learning and Year 6 camp. We have appreciated the wonderful support from whanau for all these and the many other events and activities we have happening.



MONDAY WORSHIP

Last week one of our student leaders, Sonja Copeland shared with our Primary her walk with God. Her appreciation of being in a school where she can learn about who God is and how He has helped her in her Primary journey was very encouraging. She reminded us of the importance of remembering that God never leaves us - we are never alone. The words of Jos 1:9 "...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go", one of Sonya's favourite verses, reminds us of this truth.



This week Jiwoo Shin shared about the special story of Daniel and the lion's den which she first heard when she came to Bethlehem College 3 years ago. Jiwoo did a great job reading to us from the Bible and sharing how it taught her about being brave and believing in God. Her advice for us was to always remember to pray to God if anything unexpected happens because he hears our prayers.

TERM 4 KEY DATES

- Y3&4 FUNKY FUN DAY**
Mon 14th Nov – Trustpower Arena
- Y5&6 ATHLETICS**
Wed 16th Nov - BC
- Y5&6 NORTH CLUSTER**
Tues 22nd Nov
- ACCORD DAYS – STAFF ONLY**
Mon 21st Nov AND Mon 28th Nov
- KAPAHAKA FESTIVAL**
Fri 25th Nov – Carlton Reserve
- Y6 WAIMARINO EOY TRIP**
Fri 25th Nov - Waimarino
- Y0-Y4 ATHLETICS DAY**
Tues 29th Nov - BC
- Y5&6 WBOP ATHLETICS**
Wed 30th Nov – Tauranga domain

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



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TE AKA BIBLE READERS

Last week our Te Aka students were delighted to receive a Bible each. It was wonderful to see all the children reading God's word for themselves and sharing with one another.

ASSEMBLY

We enjoyed our Te Aka students leading our Primary assembly this past week.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

JUNIOR SHOWCASE

Students and parents alike were blessed by a multitude of talents from the Year 1 – 4 students last Friday, as part of the Junior Showcase annual event. The PAC auditorium was full to capacity and students across all levels enjoyed their opportunity to shine on the stage using their God given talents. We saw violinists, pianists, singers, dancers, a magician, and role plays. We were even treated to a home video of the Comer family dog. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged and supported their children to participate. We had record numbers this year! A special thank you to Mrs Borrows for co-ordinating such a wonderful event.



LEAVER'S DAY

Leaver's day is always such a special time as we celebrate and honour our senior students that are leaving BC.

Leaver's Day 2022



A6 WRITING

In A6 we have been talking about how amazing God is and all of His special creations. We have talked about how much God loves us and then we began discussing why we love God. When Jesus was asked to identify God's greatest commandment, He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30).

A6 wrote all of these reasons why they love God in their writing books and we published them to go on our wall.



YEAR 6 CAMP

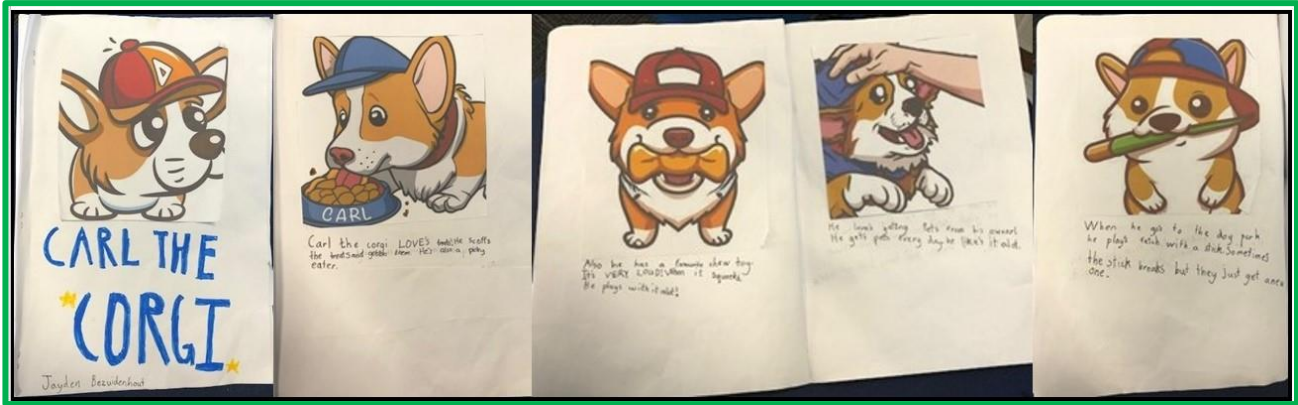
Our Year 6's have spent the past 3 days enjoying camp at Waitawheta and Waihi. This has been a wonderful opportunity to build manaakitanga (community) and allow our year 6 students to grow in outdoor skills and Godly character. A huge thank you to the parents who have supported us both in terms of physically being there and prayers for us all. Here are a few pictures from our first 2 days.



CREATIVE WRITING

Following on from the DALL-E tutorial held in the library during Book Week, Jayden Bezuidenhout took what he had learned about machine learning generating digital images to create 'Carl the Corgi.' Well done Jayden!

DALL-E is - a new AI system that can create realistic images and art from a description in natural language. Find out more about DALL-E at <https://openai.com/dall-e-2/>



SPEECH AND DRAMA COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following BCP Students who sat Speech New Zealand Flexi Speaking and Performing Grade examinations. They all did well, putting in the time and effort required to achieve amazing results.



Initial	Grade 1
Athena Read – Honours	Alexia Bezuidenhout - Honours
Marsha Zhu - Honours	Sungwon Cho - Merit +
Jasper Zhang - Honours	Sanel Schultz - Merit +
	Gabriella Murray - Honours
	Lilly de Bruin - Honours

MUFTI DAY



Thank you for your generous donations towards The Starship Foundation on Mufti day, we raised \$527.70 which enabled us to purchase a set of books to donate to Starship from The Good Book NZ as well as making a cash donation.



IMPORTANT NOTICES!

ACCORD STAFF ONLY DAYS

Monday 21st Nov **and** Monday 28th Nov



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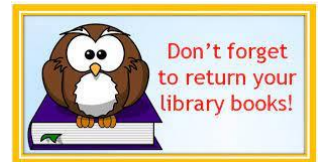
We regularly post photos and updates on our Facebook (facebook.com/bethlehemcollege) and Instagram (@bethlehemcollege_nz) accounts and love hearing from families and past students to share their stories with the wider BC community.

Follow us 😊



LIBRARY DATES

5th Dec: All BC library books due back
12th – 14th Dec: Summer reading books issued



PRIMARY LUNCH ORDERS CANTEN SURVEY

Customer Feedback

We know that many of you take advantage of being able to order lunch for your children from our onsite canteen run by Libelle. Libelle have been running our canteen since the beginning of the year and would love some feedback from parents of our Primary students. If you have been using the Primary Lunch Orders and would like to comment, or haven't used it yet for any particular reason and would like to feedback, we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete a quick and simple survey by clicking this [link](#). The survey will remain open until Sunday, 20th November. Thank you for your time!

PAID UNION MEETING (PUM)

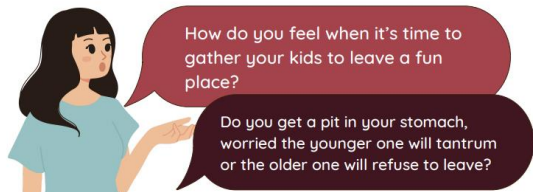
We wanted to bring to your attention that Area School NZEI member primary teachers have been invited to attend PUM meetings on Wednesday 16th November morning. School will remain open for all students, it is possible however, that some classes may spend the first block of the day with a different teacher. The needs of students are our priority and as such we will be seeking to cause the least amount of disruption to learning. The Year 5 & 6 athletics will run as planned.



HAPPY PARENTING

I am sure many parents will relate to the difficulties that come with helping our children when we are moving from one thing to another. I found this infographic with some good advice.


When Warnings Aren't Enough: How to Help Your Kids Through Transitions Without Drama



Common (and good!) advice says to give transition warnings. And you do! But it's not fully solving the problem. What now?

You're not alone! Julie King, best-selling author and veteran parent educator, talked to a parent about this exact problem in our live Q&A call about "Handling Defiance."

She shared 4 steps to help your kids through transitions without drama.



EXAMPLE

The last time you took your son to the park, he ran off towards the street because he didn't want to leave. He wants to go to the park again.

- 1 Evaluate the day.**

Is today a good day to go? Is he tired or hungry? Do I feel prepared to deal with trying to get him to leave?
- 2 Preview the tough feelings first.**

That park sounds fun. Oh, I remember, last time you didn't want to leave and you ran the other way. It's hard to leave the park, isn't? There's so much to do! We only have an hour today. We may have to leave before you're finished playing...
- 3 And then, brainstorm a plan.**

What would make it easier to leave when it's time to go? What are your ideas?
- 4 Agree on a solution.**

Some ideas are:

 - A special snack waiting for them when they leave the park
 - A 5 minute and a 1 minute transition warning
 - Letting them do one last thing before it's time to go
 - Walking like silly animals as you leave
 - Picking a special song to listen in the car on the way back
 - Continuing a favorite audiobook in the car

Okay, we have our plan. I'll give you two warnings and then we leave. We are going to have Cheez-Its and listen to your favorite Wheels on the Bus song in the car on the way back. Sounds good?

No child wants to feel "bassed around" by an adult. When you make a plan together, your kiddo is much more invested in making it work!

REMEMBER! No plan is guaranteed to work in the first attempt! Keep tweaking it with your kids until you have something that works for all of you.

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New Health and Sexuality Education Document

As part of the new Health and Sexuality Education Document, each school is required to consult with their respective community. As a non-denominational Christian school, we are committed to ensuring that we honour and serve you as parents. You are the primary educators of your children, and we are here to support you in this. To help us do this effectively, we would greatly appreciate you completing a BC Primary Survey, which will be sent out next week via email. It is a very quick survey so will not require much time to do. The information we receive from you both informs and supports what we will do in our school context. We look forward to your feedback next week.

We are now almost midway through the term, with athletics days, lots of fun learning activities and preparing for end of year celebrations and the Christmas season, there is a lot happening. I hope and pray as we journey into the last weeks of our 2022 school year our focus will continue to be one where the truth of Rom 8:28 guides us - "And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans."

Ngā mihi,
Karen.



SUMMER READING CLUB

Dear Parents

At the end of this year we will run our popular BC Summer Reading Club again. We want to encourage students to keep on reading during the holidays and all year 3 to 12 students can join and take out up to 30 books of their choice for the summer holidays.

Students will be provided with a list of what they have chosen, as well as a lovely bag to make it easier to keep track of their books.

If you are happy for your child to participate, please sign the permission slip below, with your child, and return it to the library as soon as possible. **Books can be selected on Monday 12, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 December, before school from 7:30, during morning tea and lunch times and after school until 3:45.**

Your child may borrow up to 30 books for the holidays as long as:

- he/she is returning to our school next year
- He/she has no outstanding books when coming to choose Summer Reading books
- you agree to pay for any lost or damaged books.
- Books will have to be returned by 10/02/2023.



I, _____ give permission to _____ (child's name)
in _____ (class) to take out a maximum of 30 books and undertake to ensure that all books will be returned to school by 10 February 2023.
Signed (parent/caregiver) _____

I, _(student)_____ undertake to take good care of my library books and will return all books by 10 February 2023.
Regards

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2023 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

		TERM START	TERM FINISH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
TERM 1	10 wks	<i>See further detail below for staggered student return</i> Tuesday 31 January Staff Only Day Course conf Y11, Y12 & Y13 Y13 camp depart Wednesday 1 February Y1-Y8 classes commence Thursday 2 February Y1-Y12 at school Y13 camp returns Friday 3 February Y1-Y13 at school	Thursday 6 April (94 half-days) <i>Good Friday 7 April</i>	Saturday 8 April to Sunday 23 April
		Wednesday 26 April 24 April Staff Only Day 25 April ANZAC Day	Friday 30 June (94 half-days)	Saturday 1 July to Sunday 16 July
TERM 2	10 wks	Tuesday 18 July 17 July Staff Only Day	Friday 22 September (98 half-days)	Saturday 23 September to Sunday 8 October
TERM 3	10 wks	Tuesday 10 October 9 October Staff Only Day	Thursday 14 December (94 half-days)	Friday 15 December

These term dates comply with Ministry of Education requirements - open for instruction 380 (half) days in 2023. Please refer to the website calendar for any other important dates that will have an impact on the school term for students.

Start of Year - Staggered Commencement Dates for Students

Tuesday 31 January	Y11 & Y12 Course confirmation Y13 Course confirmation and depart for camp No other year groups at school
Wednesday 1 February	All Year 1 – Year 8 classes commence - incl BCC Y9 - Y12 NOT at school Y13 at Camp
Thursday 2 February	All Year 1 – Year 12 at school Y13 return from camp
Friday 3 February	All Primary and Secondary Students Y1-Y13 at school

2023 Statutory Holidays

Monday 30 January	Auckland Anniversary Day
Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 7 April	Good Friday
Monday 10 April	Easter Monday (during holidays)
Tuesday 11 April	Easter Tuesday (during holidays)
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday
Friday 14 July	Matariki (during holidays)
Monday 23 October	Labour Day

