



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 2023 – NEWSLETTER #1

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

Nau mai haere mai.

Welcome to our 2023 school year, and in particular all our new whanau.

What a blessing it is to see the children smiling and enjoying reconnecting and making new friends over this past week. Thank you all for the many ways you are encouraging your children and their teachers - as we all work together as a community with God leading us we know with confidence there is a great year ahead.

To be able to have our start of the year picnic and meet the teacher evening was just wonderful. We had a huge number out - thank you for joining us, we trust it was both a great opportunity to connect with other families and get some insights into the year ahead.

I would encourage you to keep the Parent handbook handy [BCP Parent handbook 2023.pdf](#), particularly as the school year begins and then of course any questions about what is happening for your child contact their teacher.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

Y5&6 SWIMMING SPORTS

Mon 13th Feb – Greerton Pools

Y6 CAMP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wed 15th Feb – 6pm – LBlock staff room

PHOTOLIFE CLASS PHOTOS

Tues 21st Feb

Y5&6 SWIM NORTH CLUSTERS

Thurs 2nd Mar – Katikati

TOP SCHOOL COMPETITION

Thurs 2nd Mar – Gate Pa School

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wed 8th Mar 3.30pm – 5pm

Thurs 9th Mar 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Y6 CAMP

Wed 15th Mar – Fri 17th Mar

EASTER SERVICE

Thurs 6 Apr 11.30am – 12.30am

(Picnic to follow service, students may go home with parents)

ACCORD DAY – NO SCHOOL

Wed 26 Apr

Our Vision

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



@BCPrimary



NEW STAFF

We are so pleased to welcome Mr Joel Devcich in E4 Year 6
Te Maunga team leader, Mr Glen McCullough in D4 Year 6 and Mrs Holly Martin in D1 Year 4.



Joel and his family have just returned from living in Japan, where he taught at an international School. Prior to this, Joel was a year 5/6 syndicate leader at Discovery School in Wellington. Joel and his wife Colleen have two boys Judah and Terry, and another boy arriving very soon. Joel is looking forward to being part of the BCP Christian environment.



Glen trained at BTI in the early 2000's and has been teaching locally since then. Glen and his wife Carla have four adult children who are all past students of BC. They fellowship at Bethlehem Baptist. Glen is pleased to return to BC and looking forward to working in Christian education.



Holly has recently graduated with her bachelor's degree from BTI. Before this she has spent her life in Taupo. Married to Ryan, Holly enjoys outdoor activities and also has a passion for music, tikanga and Te Reo. She is excited to be able to use her passions at Bethlehem College as she begins her teaching vocation and shares her love for Jesus.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING??

Our theme for the first term this year is "God is love". The main idea we are focusing on is that God loves us and wants us to relate harmoniously with one another in community. One of the ways that our Year 3's are looking at this is using the story of bucket filling and bucket dipping.

C4 filling the bucket
with smiles! 😊



Our youngest students in A block have been settling in so well enjoying their learning opportunities and the beautiful A block environment.



SWIMMING

The sound of joyful children enjoying our newly painted pool floats all the way up to L block. We are grateful to our campus groundsman for the work they've done to have our pool up and running. Each class has 2 swimming slots per week as part of the PE programme. Thank you for ensuring your children bring their swimming gear (named) on their swimming days. If for any reason your child is not swimming please communicate this with your child's teacher.



JUMP JAM

We had our first Jump Jam for 2023 today - well done to our leaders for some their very first time!



LIBRARY NEWS!



The Summer Reading Club was a great success!



89
BC Primary students
took out
1727
books



It's great to see students were reading on the couch, up a tree, on safari and in a plane!



If you haven't returned your summer reading books please bring them back this week.
And remember to take part in the Summer Reading Club next summer.



PRIMARY SPORTS

The year 3 & 4 Volleyball team need 2 more players please contact the sports office if your child would like to join!



Winter sports registrations are now open Sign up via the school website do not miss out!
<https://www.beth.school.nz/primary/physical>

	REGISTER FOR TERM 1 ⚽ 😊 ⚽	
	GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO	
	FREE FFF TSHIRT OR BALL 👉 ⚽ 👈	

FUNFIRSTFOOTBALL.CO.NZ

Blue Light would like to invite you and your kids to **a fun filled day of fishing**

WHEN: ... Sunday 12th March 2023
WHERE: ... Tauranga Bridge Marina
TIME: ... 10am—1pm

> Free Sausage Sizzle
> Bait provided
> Spot Prizes
> Bring your Rod—limited number of free handlines available also

Great FREE day out with your Kids
(register on the day from 9am to be in to win spot prizes)

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Speech and Drama lessons have started up again in D6, please contact Lee Watkins leemargaretwatkins@gmail.com if your child is interested.



HAPPY PARENTING

The return to school is such a busy time as whanau navigate their way through all the “new things” - new teacher, new classmates, new uniform, and the list goes on.

Having good routines helps children and adults alike to manage all the “news”.



Committing each day with your children to God is a great place to start. One way to do this is to speak scripture over them. Here is a well known example:

For I know the plans I have for _____,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm _____, plans to give _____ hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

[Why Daily Routines Are Good for Children.pdf](#) – some further reading!

LUNCH ORDERS

There has been some confusion on lunch orders placed through the canteen as some of the orders are showing children’s classes from last year. If you are putting in an order could you please check that the class on the order is your child’s **2023** class – Thank you!

TRAFFIC



I am sure you will have experienced the traffic congestion in and around Bethlehem. Our school drop off/ pickup zone isn’t exempt however if we all ensure the drop off/ pickup zone is kept to its purpose it would make things much easier. **Please do not use this area to park and wait for your child - parking is at the BTI car park.** Thank you for helping us keep this area safe and allowing the traffic to flow.

As we journey through the term together we look forward to the opportunities there will be to celebrate the growth and learning of each child. Thank you for your prayers and support for the year ahead.

Ngā mihi,
Karen



In the **Bay of Plenty** there is an **urgent need:**

**OPEN HOME
FOUNDATION**
TE WHARE KALUPAPA ĀWHINA

Do you have Room in your Home for One More?

- Short breaks care
- Emergency care
- Short and long term care
- Permanency (Home for Life)
- Care for high needs and disability
- Planned short breaks care for a family who has a child with a disability

We invite you to join us on the journey and
look forward to walking together in the days to come.

If you would like to start a conversation about how you could get involved with Open Home Foundation,
please contact Bridgette Munro, Foster Parent Recruiter on 021 486 722 or email Bridgette.Munro@ohf.org.nz

www.ohf.org.nz

A Christian Community Response

