



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 2024 – NEWSLETTER #5

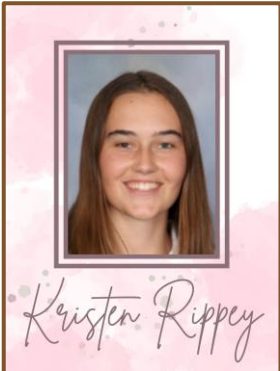


Tena koutou katoa,

Our recent celebration of Easter has continued to be forefront as the children have completed numerous learning activities these past few weeks. A big thank you to those who have been supporting us in school this term, attending our Easter service and in continuing to lift us all in prayer. The love and care is witness to our wonderful BCP community.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

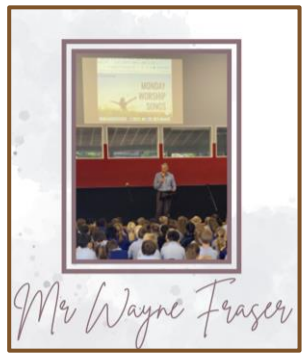
WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



BC Head girl Kristen shared with us just prior to Easter about what she has found helpful when scared. She talked about the way Gideon's trust in God led to him cutting his army down to just 300 men for battle and they won. No matter what the battle or thing that scares us God is always the same - there to help us.



This week Mr Wayne Fraser, our Head of Biblical Foundations, shared further on the story of Easter where we are reminded of who we are as part of God's family. The children have learned this year about the importance of their pepeha and being part of God's family because of His love shown to us.



TERM 2 KEY DATES

FIRST DAY TERM 2
Tues 30th Apr

FLIPPA BALL PRIZEGIVING
Thurs 9th May – PAC – 6pm - 7.30pm

Y5&Y6 TALENTS QUEST AUDITIONS
Fri 10th May – Details TBC

EPRO8 COMPETITION
Thurs 16th May – Tga Int – 9.30am-12.30pm

Y5&Y6 TALENTS QUEST
Fri 17th May – Details TBC

YO-6 CROSS COUNTRY
Fri 24th May – Details TBC

PRIMARY CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed 29th May – Matua School – 12pm – 2.30pm

ACCORD DAY – NO SCHOOL
Fri 31st May

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

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EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The opportunity to respond to our 6 focus words for Easter was taken up by many as children recorded their thoughts on the standing boards in our Kauri grove area.



Our Easter service reflected a wonderful range of responses that we all got to enjoy being part of.



EASTER TILE INSTALLATION

We are excited to be able to start the process of having the tiles made and formed into picture frames to show the Easter narrative. The lasting legacy that results will be enjoyed by many in the years to come. Thank you again to all those who have supported this special project.



EPRO8

After weeks of learning and practising with the EPro8 equipment kits, the Internal Event finally took place. We watched a briefing video, and we had 3 challenges to choose from. We could construct a Queen's Throne, a Puppet Show Theatre, or a Buzzy Bee Toy. Teamwork was required, along with some very clever thinking.

The competition was tight, and the winning margins were slim.

Our congratulations go out to:

First Place: EPro10 - Matthew Nonweiler, Spencer Mockett, Shubh Oza, Xavier Lietze (240pts)

Second Place: Try Hards – Minsung Cha, Smit Shah, Hoony Shin, Xavier Bartrum. (180pts)

Third Place: Goofy Goobers – Izzy Emmett, Hugo Hurley, Samuel Schulz, Austin Dyson (130 pts)



CONGRATULATIONS!!



1ST PLACE - "EPRO10"
SHUBH OZA, MATTHEW NONWEILER,
ZAVIER LIETZE, SPENCER MCKETT



2ND PLACE - "TRY HARDS"
SMIT SHAH, HOONY SHIN,
MINSUNG CHA, XAVIER BARTRUM

The top two teams will now be representing Bethlehem College at the Interschool Event next term. Epro8 will be continuing as a Monday lunchtime club activity for any Year 5 and 6 student's next term.



MARAE VISITS

As part of our Social Science curriculum and as part of a focus on our connections with the local iwi each year we have visits to the Wairoa marae. This year we have had our year 3 and year 6 classes attend to learn about visiting a marae and the history of our whenua (land).



TE NGĀKAU O TE AWA (TEINA)

We have 2 wonderful parents Whaea Kath and Whaea Julia who are going to begin a Friday lunchtime roopu for Year 1- 4 children.

They will be providing a fun programme where they will seek to:

- Grow a greater awareness and use of Te Reo Maori
- Learn waiata (songs), poi and rakau games.
- Have fun.



When: Fridays – starting 3rd May
 Where: Primary Hall
 Time: 12:30 – 1:20 pm – children will bring their lunch
 Who: Year 1-4 children



Friday 3 May will be the first get together for any Year 1-4 children who would like to come along and see what will be happening.



TERM 2 STAFF CHANGES

We farewell Mrs Shelley Barnard today as she takes some leave for family. We are grateful for having the expertise of Mrs Sarah Vukona and Mrs Fay Dickie who will be teaching C3 for the remainder of the school year.

We have our Term 2 new entrants starting and welcome back Mrs Rachel Williams to be teaching them in A5.

Mrs Sarah Vukona



Mrs Fay Dickie



Mrs Rachel Williams



Mrs Shelley Barnard



PRIMARY SPORT

NORTH CLUSTER SWIMMING EVENT + WBOP SWIMMING MEET

Thank you to Mr Glen McCullough, Jared Miller (sports office) and parents who supported our 26 strong team recently at the North cluster swimming meet.

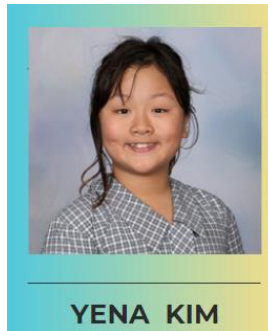


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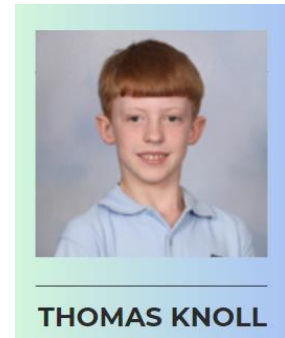


The Y3&Y4 Kiwitag Unleashed team have yet again won the team tournament!

Thank you to our awesome parent coaches Ian & Bianca Bekker!



YENA KIM



THOMAS KNOLL

Congratulations to Yena Kim & Thomas Knoll who both achieved 3rd place overall for their age group at Wednesday's WBOP swimming meet at Baywave!



Thank you!

MUFTI DAY

Thank you for your generous donations received today, the funds we raised were sent to International Needs Fiji.

International Needs Fiji operate a daycare centre called the Oasis Day care. It's primary purpose is to care for the children of single mothers whilst they attend the Solo Moms vocational training centre operated by International Needs Fiji.

The daycare centre provides a nurturing environment for young children ages 1 – 5. The children are fed up with three healthy nutritious meals each day and given a safe learning environment where they can thrive and grow.

In July, BC will be sending a team to Fiji, where they will be helping to expand the daycare's facilities to cater for more children from within the surrounding community. This will enable the Fiji team to expand their reach to more families as they share the good news of Jesus through their programs. The support you give will go to helping purchase more learning resources for the centre, play equipment for the children as well as providing much needed food each day.



NOTICES

- **Report Absence:** NEW! You can now report your student's absence digitally through SchoolBridge (through the BC website sign in or app). Find out [more](#).
- **Follow BC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)**
- **Exciting News!** The new 100m bridge at Cambridge Road (between Bethlehem and Tauriko) will be open to traffic beginning Monday 15th April. This means that the expressway is now able to be built underneath it. As the bridge opens, Cambridge Road East (between Moffat and St Andrews Drive) will be closed to further works. For more information and progress photos check out www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh2-waihi-to-tauranga-corridor/takitimu-north-link/cambridge-road/

Reporting

Absences



WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 and 3 are time for our winter uniforms. A reminder to check the website <https://www.beth.school.nz//studentlife/uniforms> for the winter uniform code. Please note the PE sweatshirt is for PE and sports not in place of the royal blue jersey which is for normal uniform wear. BC jackets are worn outdoors as opposed to in class.



MOBILE DENTAL VAN

Mobile Dental Van

- The mobile dental unit will be onsite seeing Years 0 – 6 children and the most overdue children from Monday 29th April to Friday 14th June 2024.
- The dental team will notify parents and families prior to their child's dental appointment. When you receive this notification, please contact the team to update any contact details, confirm medical details or renew permissions for examination and dental x-rays.

If you have any queries or urgent dental concerns, contact (07 576 6752) or 0800 TALK TEETH for further help and advice.



HAPPY PARENTING

As we head into school holidays it's a great opportunity to step into a different rhythm and enjoy different things for children. Something I've been thinking about lately, as we have more inside time ahead, is the opportunity for family games. This article here has some great reasons to play together, fun being my favourite 😊.

<https://info.scholarschoice.ca/blog/home/5-research-based-reasons-why-family-game-nights-are-important>



We finish the term with some wild weather but are happy and blessed to have enjoyed a term where we have had the children enjoy great learning and time to get outside. Thank you again for the many ways that you support our staff as they partner with you to ensure each child is recognised for who they are as made in God's image. We look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui,
Karen.



Emphasis-Art After School Art Class and Holiday Programme 2024

When: Mondays
Duration: 3:15-5:30pm.
Where: D6 Primary Art Room, BC.
Cost: \$35 per child, per session.
Provided: Expert tuition by Mrs E-P, afternoon tea, fun!!

Holiday Programme: Monday 22nd April & Friday 26th April (Second week of term break).
 9:00am -3:00pm
Cost: \$50 per child, per session.
 Please text if you'd like to book.

Facebook: Emphasis-Art <https://www.facebook.com/emphasis.art.classes>
Contact: Mrs E-P carvs.hong@gmail.com
 027 657 1026



Term 2 2024
Afterschool & Homeschool Programmes

SPECIAL DEAL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES CARD HOLDERS – LIMITED OFFER!!
 We have 5 heavily subsidised spaces for children of Community Services Card holders.
 Contact us for more information on eligibility and how to access one of the below Term 1 programmes for just \$90!
 First in, first served - but limited to 2 CSC discounts per class. E-mail: info@steamed.nz

Monday 6 May – 1 July	Tuesday 13 February – 2 April	Wednesday 14 February – 3 April	Thursday 15 February – 4 April
<p>STEAM of Forests & Fungi 5-8yrs \$205 (8 sessions) Homeschool: Mondays 10am – 11:30am Afterschool: Mondays 3:30pm-5pm Discover the inner workings of the forest and the fungi that live in it. This term, we'll explore the wonders of the forest floor and the mysteries of fungi with hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and maths activities and a foray into the most amazing classroom of all – the forest itself!</p>	<p>ROBOTICS - Homeschool 8-16yrs \$230 (8 sessions) Tuesdays 10am – 12pm Robotics promotes teamwork, design & creative thinking, programming skills and perseverance. Children will work with a teammate, learning to work together to problem solve. Future proof your child!</p> <p>ROBOTICS - Foundation 8-13 yrs \$230 (8 sessions) Tuesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm A class especially for children beginning to work with robots or with limited experience. Children will work in pairs with our VEX IQ kits to problem solve and celebrate successes! Intro to programming.</p>	<p>STEAM of Forests & Fungi 8-13yrs \$230 (8 sessions) Homeschool: Wednesdays 10am – 12pm Afterschool: Wednesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm Discover the inner workings of the forest and the fungi that live in it. This term, we'll explore the wonders of the forest floor and the mysteries of fungi with hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and maths activities and a foray into the most amazing classroom of all – the forest itself!</p>	<p>ROBOTICS - Experienced 8-13 yrs \$230 (8 sessions) Thursdays 3:30pm-5:30pm Robotics promotes teamwork, creative thinking, perseverance & programming skills. Students will work with a teammate to problem solve and create. Using VEX IQ kits, newer students will build from instructions while those who have been with us previously will be more creative in their build. Programming will be incorporated.</p>

BOOK online: <https://enrolmy.com/steam-ed>

STEAM-ED Charitable Trust
671 Cameron Road, Tauranga
Ph 022 377 3209 or 07 571 0711

April 2024
Holiday Programme

at THE ONE AND A HALF ACRE WOOD
 80 Odey Rd, Whakamarama, Tauranga
 ONLY 20 MINUTES FROM BETHLEHEM
 9AM - 3PM
 \$70 PER DAY PER CHILD
 LUNCH PROVIDED

AGE 8-13 YRS:
 MON 15, WED 17 & FRI 19 APRIL

AGE 5-8 YRS:
 TUES 16, THURS 18 & FRI 19 APRIL

- 9AM-12PM HORSES & RIDES, GAMES, CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES & PETTING ZOO
- 12-1PM BUILD CAMPFIRE & COOK SAUSAGES & MARSHMALLOWS
- 1-3PM FARM ANIMAL AND EEL FEEDING

GAMES AND CRAFTS

OUTDOORS NATURE PLAY AND CAMPFIRE

PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES, FARM ANIMALS

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:
 ☎ 021723139 ✉ allaboutanimals80@gmail.com
 📍 The One and a Half Acre Wood 📷 @theoneandahalfacrewood



Safer speeds around our school

Tauranga City Council is seeking feedback on a plan to reduce speed limits to 30km/h in our city centre and near schools and some marae to make it easier for people to move around and stay safe.

Some of these reduced speed limits will be in place 24/7, but most will be variable speed limits, which means they will only apply during peak times such as school drop-off and pick-up times. Sixteen schools in Tauranga already have variable 40km/h speed limits – these are also proposed to change to 30km/h. It may simply be a single road that runs past the school gate, or a slightly wider area that includes high-use areas.

To find out more about the speed management plan and take a survey, visit <https://letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/projects/safer-speeds>. The survey is open from now until 5pm, Friday 3 May. Council staff will also be out and about at local markets over the next few weekends if you have any questions or would prefer to give your feedback on paper, or in person. Details on the web page.

Ngā mihi

Jolene

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