



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 2024 – NEWSLETTER #14

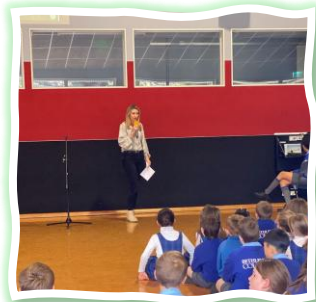
Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

What a fabulous past few weeks we have had with some wonderful sharing of gifts and talents within the area of Arts.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



Last week Mrs Batten from Te Aka shared with us some great reminders about prayer. She reminded us about how prayer is God loving us, us loving him and can be done anywhere. Mrs Batten's 'how to pray' was very helpful too:
Praise – Confess – Thank – Others – Self.

This week Mrs West interviewed one of our student service leaders Miriam Newson. Miriam shared that she loved coming to BCP because she is able to freely worship God. She said how God helps her as she enjoys responsibilities and organises things for others. Miriam's advice for us all was to not be afraid to try new things - like she did at Year 6 camp - God is always with us.



TERM 3/4 KEY DATES

Y5 RESPONSIBLE DEVICE USE MEETING
Thurs 19th Sept – Staffroom 3.10pm – 4pm

LAST DAY TERM 3
Fri 27th Sept – 3pm

FIRST DAY TERM 4
Tues 15th Oct

YO PHOTOLIFE CLASS PHOTO
Wed 16th Oct

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Thurs 24th Oct – 9.30am-11.30am

MUFTI DAY
Fri 25th Oct – Charity – Christmas Shoebox
Theme – Spring

Y5&Y6 ATHLETICS
Thurs 31st Oct – BC

YO-Y4 ATHLETICS
Mon 4th Nov – BC

Y5&Y6 SPEECH AND CHESS COMP
Fri 8th Nov – Rotorua

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ASSEMBLY

D1 and D2 were our hosts at last week's assembly. The sharing of waiata and pepeha artwork was beautifully done.



TE AKA BIBLES

Each year our growing Year 2 readers are blessed with the gift of their own Bible. What a delight to see the children excitedly reading God's word.



PRIMARY CHOIR FESTIVAL

The BCP choir had a wonderful time performing at the Tauranga Primary Schools Music Festival on Friday 30th August. This year's theme was Disney Movie Songs. Everybody Wants to be a Cat was our school item and it was well received. A special congratulations to Charlotte Medwin and Libby Wratten who both performed solos beautifully. The choir represented BCP well and used their God given talents with smiles.



JUMP JAM

Congratulations to the Jump Jam team who competed in the Regional Jump Jam competition on Sunday. They were awarded a 'Merit in Presentation' & 'Merit in Technical Execution' coming 3rd in the Year 5-8 Jump Jam Freshman division receiving a trophy and certificate each. They all competed with enthusiasm and energy, a big thank you to Mrs Leonie Manson who has worked tirelessly with the team.



CLUSTER SPEECH COMPETITION



Congratulations to Janique Wentzel and Jacob White for delivering their excellent speeches at the North Cluster Competition this week. Well done Janique for Year 6 1st place and Jacob for Year 5 2nd place. Janique will now go on to represent the North Cluster at the WBOP inter cluster competition in the last week of this term.

MUFTI DAY

Thank you for your very generous donations last Friday, BC Primary raised \$802.00 for Child Cancer!

Thank you!



Y3 & Y4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

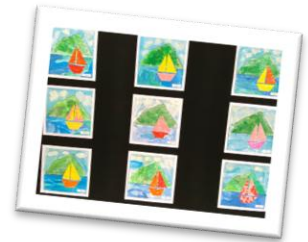
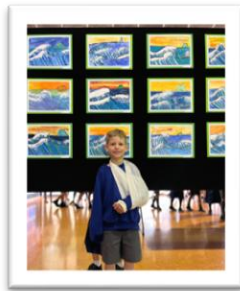
Our class finalists bravely presented their oral presentations today. Mr Wayne Fraser had the difficult challenge of judging our Year 3 Poetry and Year 4 Speech presentations. Well done to all of our speakers for your fabulous sharing.

Our runner ups and winners today were - for Year 3 Poetry runner up was Hendrik Wentzel and our winner was Thenuki Puwakdandawage. For Year 4 speeches runner up was Heidi Comer and our winner was Abydle Sabapathy.



ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to those who were able to come and view our fabulous Art exhibition today. The talents of the children were absolutely wonderful to see. A huge thanks to Mrs Elyse Mockett for helping each child develop and grow in their artistic knowledge and skills and for organising and displaying their artworks.





PRIMARY SPORT

The Sports Office have almost finalised the Term 4 Summer Sports teams but are just after a few more players. Please get in touch on sportsadmin@beth.school.nz if you are interested in any of the following options. (Please note, any options that are NOT listed will be full. If you wish to be on a waitlist, please also get in touch)

<u>Kiwi Tag</u>	<u>Flippa Ball</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>
1x Y3	2x Y4	4x Y3 or Y4
1x Y4		2x Y6
3x Y5		
1x Y6		

Have you considered coaching your child's team? We are in need of a few more parent coaches so please do get in touch if you are interested!

WINTER SPORTS PRIZEGIVING



Our BCP teams will be celebrating their season with awards on Monday 23 October 12:45pm - 1:45pm.

Sports codes and venues are:

Basketball & Netball | PAC Auditorium.

Football & Hockey | PAC Primary Hall.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

Boxes are available from the Primary office and have been distributed to classrooms. **Please return packed boxes to the Primary office by 21st October** to be ready for collection by Samaritans Purse. Donations from our mufti day on Friday 25th October will go to the Christmas Shoebox appeal.

SHARING GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY! FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organisation. This project is a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. We collect the gift-filled shoeboxes and send them to local partners around the world that use them as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving gift-filled shoeboxes, many children accept an invitation to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program and millions of children each year are making decisions to follow Christ.

Since 1993, more than **200 million** children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and over **20.2 million** children have made decisions to follow Christ after participating in The Greatest Journey. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

In 2023, Australia and New Zealand sent 218,215 shoeboxes to Cambodia, Ukraine, Philippines, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea. Globally, there were more than 11,330,126 shoeboxes collected and sent to over 100 countries and territories.

A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world?

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AUSTRALIA - operationchristmaschild.org.au
NEW ZEALAND - operationchristmaschild.org.nz



A FEW REMINDERS

After school play - with teachers being on bus duty or meetings after school, for safety it is important for you or another adult to be supervising children playing, particularly in the playground.

Lost property - most of the time we are able to get named items back to children. Unfortunately, there is a growing amount of clothing in particular that is not named. Please check names have not rubbed or come off. Thank you for helping us help your children get lost items back.

Summer uniform – Children will be wearing their summer uniforms and hats from 15th October. During the holidays the Uniform Shop will only be open by appointment, during term time the shop is open M/W/Th/F.

Online Ordering: If you know your student's size, please use the [online shop](#)

School Holiday Shop Hours: M/W/Th/F by [Appointment](#)



School
Uniforms

HAPPY PARENTING

Coming up next week we are hosting another Digital safety session for parents. If you wish to register for this session on Thursday 19th Sept from 3.10pm – 4pm please complete the online form here - <https://forms.office.com/r/s0sd0CQ5Uq> by Monday 16th Sept.

There are some very helpful resources available, which I encourage parents to check out to help support the online journey with your child that is inevitable in the 21st century. Here is one such resource from Focus on the family [LINK](#)



As we head into the last few weeks before the break, I again want to express heartfelt thanks for the support and prayer each day for teachers and children. The positive partnerships we enjoy with whanau are such a blessing.


Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Karen.



NOTICES

- **Grandparents' Morning Tea:** Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) to join us on Thursday 24th October from 9.30-11.30 am to celebrate and honour your treasured role in the life of our students at BC. The morning includes sign in at the Chapel, Primary Classroom Visit (Y0-6)/Secondary Principal Tour (Y7-13), and morning tea at the Performing Arts Centre Foyer. Sign up [here!](#)
- **Arotahi:** Each year the BC Visual Arts Department puts together the treasured Arotahi Yearbook. One free yearbook will be given either to the departing senior of each family at the Leaver's Dinner or to the youngest child at the end of the year (whichever applies). A pdf version of the yearbook will also be available for parents to download for free. For those families wishing to order additional copies of the Yearbook, these can be purchased for \$20 per copy (on charged to your school account) through filling out the form [here](#) by Wednesday **30th October**. Advertising: If you would like to support BC's yearbook through advertising (based on full colour, A4 sizing), please email shawna.murray@beth.school.nz to reserve your space for a business listing (1 line of text 150 characters) \$100, ¼ Page \$300, ½ Page \$500, Full Page \$800.
- **School Holiday Performing Arts Camp:** Join LovetheOne and Gobsmaeked Productions in China over the upcoming Sep/Oct school holidays. It's a fantastic opportunity to share about Christ in the Performing Arts in Yanhuang school in Kunming. Mr Preston is one of the Trustees in this wonderful organisation. For more information call Shanshan at 021 087 18426 or sign up [here](#).
- **BC Canteen:** Thank you to those parents who completed our Bethlehem College survey giving feedback to us regarding the onsite canteen and lunch orders. The company who run the canteen, Libelle, have their own survey which we will be sending out next week. We would be most appreciative if you would complete this as it allows Libelle to compare the feedback for their BC canteen to their canteen at other schools. There are free lunch vouchers available as spot prizes to show their appreciation!
- **Join us for a Whanau Evening** in Term 4 organised by the Learning Support and Counselling Departments. Any questions, please contact BC's Head of Learning Support Danie Leonard daniel.leonard@beth.school.nz. Find out more about BC's [Learning Support](#) and [Wellbeing](#).



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Whānau Evenings

You're Invited

Join other BC parents at one of the upcoming evening sessions held at Bethlehem College:

NEURODIVERSITY

Facilitated by Educational Psychologist Nadia du Plessis these sessions will focus on ASD, ADHD and Anxiety and will be held from 5.30-6.30 pm in the BC Staffroom. [Register](#)

30 Oct ADHD: Super Powers (about, boys v girls, the brain)
06 Nov ADHD: Functioning & Regulation
13 Nov ADHD: The Good Stuff (staying positive, motivation)

EXPLORING SEASONS OF GRIEF

Facilitated by Growing Through Grief Coordinator Tracey Maris these small group sessions will provide a supportive space for adults to reflect on loss and enhance their overall wellbeing and will be held from 5.00-7.30 pm in the small BC Staffroom. [Register](#)

07 Nov Session 1
14 Nov Session 2
21 Nov Session 3
28 Nov Session 4

[Find out more about BC's Learning Support and Wellbeing](#)



Fundraiser for Maximus

Date: Sunday 13th October
3pm-7:30pm

Location: The Venue, 11 Totara St, Mount Maunganui

Ticketing Options:
Adults \$25
Children \$15
Family of Four \$60

Silent Auction
Live Bands:

- No Reply
- Over Sharin'
- Bridget Morgan
- Guest bands / mates of Max

Good food via the 'Good George' Truck

Ticketing via: totarastreet.co.nz
(max.250 tickets)

(All proceeds to the Matthews Family to assist in the fight against Cancer)

Conversations With Mum

Saturday
14 September
3pm

The Inachord Singers
with guest artists Michael van Lieshout and Jackie McCaughan

Bethlehem Community Church
183 Moffat Rd, Tauranga

\$15

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to Florence Young School in the Solomon Islands. Supported by the Service and Missions Teams of Bethlehem College.

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9AM - 3PM
\$75 PER DAY PER CHILD
LUNCH PROVIDED

AGE 8-13 YRS:
MON 30 SEP, WED 2 & FRI 4 OCT
MON 7, WED 9, FRI 11 OCT

AGE 5-8 YRS:
TUES 1, THURS 3 & FRI 4 OCT
TUES 8, THURS 10, FRI 11 OCT

- 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**

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