



# BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## TERM 4 2024 - NEWSLETTER #18

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

Here we are with the final newsletter for 2024 having enjoyed a great year of learning with your children. Our celebration service next Thursday afternoon in the Events Centre will be a special time as we have our final community gathering to celebrate together our year and our Saviour Jesus Christ. We look forward to you joining us!



### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

#### WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Mr Wayne Fraser shared with us last week with a timely reminder of the mystery of Jesus being born as a baby in Bethlehem. While the world is busy with gifts and stuff it is important to stop and remember Jesus, gift of life, hope and peace to us. Thank you, Mr Fraser!

#### TERM 4 2024 KEY DATES

##### YO&Y1 EOY FUNDAY

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Te Puna Quarry Park

##### CELEBRATION SERVICE

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – EC 1.30pm – 2.30pm

##### LAST DAY TERM 4

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – 12pm finish – Buses leave 12.30pm

#### TERM 1 2025 KEY DATES

##### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

##### FAMILY PICNIC - MEET THE TEACHER

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

##### Y5&Y6 SWIMMING SPORTS

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Details TBC

##### PHOTOLIFE CLASS PHOTOS

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

##### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – 3.15pm – 7.30pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – 3.15pm – 7.30pm

##### Y6 CAMP

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Totara Springs

##### Our Vision

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

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Instagram: [@bethlehemcollege\\_nz](#)

Website: [Enrolled Families](#)



This week we had some of Year 6 students - Hope, Donnie, and Asher play alongside Mr Devcich in a live band to lead our worship - great job team! Our final student service leader to share this year was Mia Mafi. Mia helped us recite and practice Joshua 1:9, a verse she has memorised. Mia encouraged us to take the truth of this verse and speak it into our lives as she does when she has challenges.





# YEAR GROUP FUNDAYS

One of the highlights of each child's year is celebrating their time with friends at the end of year fun day activities. There have been some wonderful opportunities over the past week for this thanks to the super organization of teachers.





## STUFF THE BUS!

A huge thank you to all who were able to support this very worthy cause. Because of our school community's generosity there will be families locally who will be blessed.



## GODLY CHARACTER AWARDS





# YO - Y1 CHRISTMAS PLAY





## YO-Y2 TRIATHLON



## WBOP ATHLETICS

Well done to our athletes who gave of their best in the heat on Wednesday. Huge thank you to Sandri Blom for managing the BC team and the North Cluster shirts and relay teams. We so appreciate your assistance!





# FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS!

What a privilege it has been to journey with our Year 6 students over their time in BCP. We are grateful to God for each one of them and all they have contributed to our Primary.



## SEESAW ARCHIVING



If you would like to keep a copy of your child's Seesaw learning journal for 2024, it is important that you download this prior to the end of the school year. Please follow the instructions in the link here: <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/208754866-How-do-familiesand-students-download-an-archive-of-student-work>

When we start the new school year the children will automatically be put into their new classes.

## BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY

The 2025 Student Stationery Lists are now published on the BC website and there are 2 ways for you to access the lists.

- BC website <https://www.beth.school.nz/contact/enrolled-families> to access the list and purchase stationery at your preferred outlet.
- OfficeMax through the OfficeMax MySchool website: <https://www.myschool.co.nz/bethcollege> If you order through MySchool you will have access to Back to School pricing, free delivery if the spending threshold is reached, Lay-buy and you will earn reward points for BC.



I look forward to you joining us on Thursday afternoon as we celebrate 2024 together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of our wonderful team here for your wonderful support, feedback, and prayer throughout this year. As we head into the holidays, I pray that as you enjoy time with family and friends that a spirit of thankfulness for the gift of Jesus will bring peace and hope to you all.

Ngā mihi nui  
Karen.





# IT IS NEARLY SUMMER READING TIME



Over 200 students have  
joined the Summer  
Reading Club

HAPPY  
*holidays*

Students will be coming to issue their books  
next week on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

As they are able to take up to 30 books each,  
we encourage you to make a plan for how they  
will carry them home.

You are more than welcome to come to the  
library between 7.30 - 4.00 to help choose or  
carry the books. Or, once chosen, we can look  
after the books in the library till home time.





## NOTICES...

**Roadworks Update:** On 11 December there will be stop/go in place on Cambridge Road between 9am-4pm. For more information please click [here](#).

**The Uniform Shop** will close for the year on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm** and reopen on **Mon 13 Jan to Fri 10 Jan**. The shop will be open by [appointment](#) M-F from 9.30am-4 pm beginning Mon 13 to Fri 31 Jan, resuming to normal term days/hours on Mon 3 Feb. More info [here](#).

**Student Canteen:** Annette Dibley has been busy preparing a healthy *and* delicious menu for LunchWise to serve students in 2025! The menu will be shared with families soon; however we have seen items like gourmet steak and mushroom pie, Thai beef salad, apple & boysenberry pie and smoothies. Did we mention that there will even be gluten- and dairy-free items?! Primary lunch orders will still be done online [here](#) with a new link available prior to the start of the 2025 school year.



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A child's heart, at the heart of what we do

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

BBC Central Church  
Cnr of Cameron Rd & 13th Ave

Registration Link:  
[www.icarekids.co.nz](http://www.icarekids.co.nz)

\*Visit [icarekids.co.nz](http://icarekids.co.nz) for details

[manager@icarekids.co.nz](mailto:manager@icarekids.co.nz) 021 078 0036

- OSCAR Accredited
- School Pick Up\*
- WINZ Subsidy Available

TE AO MĀRAMA  
HAWKESBAY CITY LIBRARIES

**Kia Kaha te Pānui**  
Summer Reading Challenge

Read books - complete activities - win prizes!

**16 December 2024 - 28 January 2025**

Earlybird registrations available  
9-15 December, 2.30pm - closing time





# WHOOPING COUGH

## What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough is an infectious disease caused by bacteria and is spread through the community by coughing and sneezing, in the same way as colds and influenza. Young children, especially babies under six months, can become very ill from whooping cough. Older children and adults get whooping cough too, which if not diagnosed and treated, may spread to young children.

## What are the symptoms?

Whooping cough starts with a runny nose and dry cough. The cough gets worse over the next few weeks, often developing into very long coughing attacks. In babies and children these coughing attacks may end with a 'whoop' sound when breathing in, or end with vomiting.

## What should be done to help prevent whooping cough?

- Immunisation is the best prevention - Parents should ensure that their children are up to date with their free routine childhood immunisations which include the immunisations against whooping cough. Children are further protected with booster vaccinations at four years and 11 years of age.
- Whooping cough immunisation is also recommended and free for women during pregnancy as this helps protect their baby from getting whooping cough when they are very young and before they can get their own routine immunisations starting at six weeks of age.
- A free dose of Pertussis vaccine (which also covers Tetanus and Diphtheria) is recommended for adults at age 45 and 65 years.
- Good hand hygiene is always beneficial, and it is important to remember to cover your cough and not to cough on, or near, babies.

If anyone has symptoms of whooping cough they should stay away from school and see their doctor for assessment and advice.

## If a child or staff member is diagnosed with whooping cough by their GP they need to remain away from school until:

- They have completed two days of the antibiotic Azithromycin, or
- Five days of other appropriate antibiotics (including Erythromycin), or
- Three weeks from onset of cough if no antibiotics given.

## Further information on whooping cough and immunisation:

- [Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\) | Toi Te Ora Public Health](#)
- [Whooping cough \(pertussis\) vaccination | NZ immunisations | Te Whatu Ora – Health NZ](#)
- [Whooping Cough | KidsHealth NZ](#)

