

TERM 1 2025 – NEWSLETTER #3

Tena koutou parents/caregivers,

Thank you for taking up the opportunity to have time with your child and their teacher last week. We value this as an important piece to our partnership between home and school and trust you have found it helpful too. As always, if you have any questions about anything relating to your child in school, we encourage you to reach out to us.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Last week Mrs Kelly Sanders, our Te Awa team leader, shared with all of us about the importance of having courage to step out in God's strength and try something new. School is a perfect place to do this knowing it is ok to make mistakes.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"



This week we had our first senior student leader - our Head Boy Ezra Vukona shared wonderfully about how an artist creating a masterpiece begins with an idea - it's seen in their mind. Each of us is a masterpiece of God having first been an idea in the mind of God. How special to know God loves each masterpiece.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

PARENT TOPIC MEETING THE ZONES OF REGULATION

Tues 18th Mar 3.30pm – 4.30pm – Lblock Staffroom
Thurs 3rd April 7pm – 8pm – Lblock Staffroom

Y5 THE ELMS & GATE PA HISTORIC RESERVE

Wed 26th Mar – 8.45am – 2.30pm

Y5&Y6 NORTH CLUSTER SWIMMING

Thurs 27th Mar – Katikati

MUFTI DAY

Fri 28th Mar – Charity: BC Missions Fiji/Solomon Is
Theme - Pacific

Y3 & Y5 MARAE TRIP

Y5 - Wed 2nd April – Wairoa Marae
Y3 - Thurs 3rd April – Wairoa Marae

Y5&Y6 WBOP SWIMMING CHAMPS

Wed 9th Apr – Baywave – 9am – 3pm

EASTER SERVICE

Thurs 10th April – EC – 1.30pm – 2.30pm

TEACHER ONLY DAY – Y1-Y8

Fri 11th April

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ASSEMBLY

Thank you to C3 and C4 for the delightful sharing this last week. They brought bucket filling and pepeha work alive with their words and Artwork.

C3 AND C4



A3 AND A4

Our Year 1's in A3 and A4 have been learning about how God has created our beautiful world.



A3 & A4



YEAR 6 CAMP

The annual trip to Totara Springs for Year 6 children is such a highlight. This week the children will have grown in courage, perseverance and resilience as they have been actively engaged in so many fun activities. Our BC learner profile is on display over the 3 days.



YEAR 5 OUTDOOR EDUCATION FUN



Year 5 spent the day at Preston Park for a one-day camp while Year 6 were away on camp. It was perfect conditions in a fabulous environment. There was a lot of team building and collaborative work to build the best bivouac. The day finished with a quick swim.





PRIMARY SPORT

Waipuna Football Club need more Y3&4 football players for the summer season (until 9th April). The games are 45 min, every Wednesday at 4pm, \$25 per player.

Please contact Rachelle by email admin@waipunafc.co.nz if interested.

LIBRARY NEWS

CHRISTIAN

books

Over the last two weeks we have been showing classes some of the Christian books we have in the library.

We love encouraging our students to read biographies of Christians, or to read the Bible or Bible stories, or to read books with questions about faith or to use one of the daily devotional books.

Come and see us if you want us to help you find a book for your child after school.

Laura Caputo-Wickham
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NUMERACY AND MATHS UPDATE

During our recent **Parent Teacher Student Conferences**, some of you asked if there are things you can do at home to help with your child's mathematical growth and understanding.

While there is a huge list of activities (which encourage development of certain skills) such as counting in 2's, building with blocks/Lego, baking involving measuring, sorting items by size/shape/colour, doing puzzles, completing timed activities, reading clocks, or just playing a card game. Each is applicable to your child's level and their specific learning needs, or next steps so may differ from student to student.

Your child's teacher may send home a task to complete at times, suggest a fun activity to do during the holiday break, or provide some free online websites such as:



(www.topmarks.co.uk) - (Under select subject - choose maths then click GO.)



(www.timestables.co.nz)



(<https://mathbeforebed.com/>) - defend and justify discussions

You are also very able to go online and use resources such as "MathsBuddy" to aid in your child's learning journey. As a parent you are able to have a 'free' trial and then progress from there if you see value in this for your child. This resource has videos to teach concepts (which can be rewatched) and practice activities to aid with mastery.



(www.mathsbuddy.co.nz)



HAPPY PARENTING

Helping our children for those “hard things” is an ongoing courage journey. Courage is about handling the discomfort of anxiety while moving towards “brave”. This article has some encouraging ways to help our children.

[Courage and anxiety](#)



We know that God is the ultimate source of courage, and as I shared this with our Year 6 campers last night, God’s word is the best source to remind us of His presence when we need courage.

Deuteronomy 31:8 “The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

With just 4 weeks left this term we are looking forward to the many ways our children will continue to grow and flourish. Thank you for the thoughtful and prayerful support for us as we work to provide the best learning environment for each child.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Karen




Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

Throughout the year, we are offering a series of **parent topic meetings and group discussions** designed to support you in the important role of raising your children.

Our first session will focus on **helping children with emotional regulation through The Zones of Regulation**. This session is particularly relevant for parents of children aged **5–13 years**. We are pleased to welcome **Adam Turner (RTLB) and his wife, Amy**, as our facilitators for this session.

To accommodate different schedules, we are offering two session times in LBlock Staffroom:

 **Tuesday, 18 March | 3:30 – 4:30 PM** (*Childcare will be available*)

 **Thursday, 3 April | 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Please note that Thursday’s session will be a repeat of the Tuesday session. You therefore only need to attend one of the two sessions.

See the page below for more information about **The Zones of Regulation**.

If you would like to attend, please click the online form [THIS form](#) to register as soon as possible.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it." – Proverbs 22:6

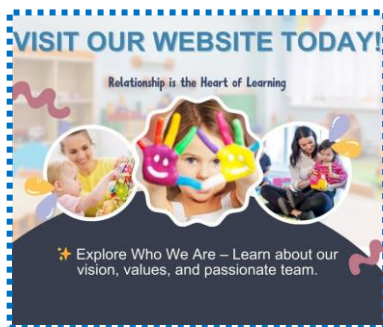
We look forward to seeing you there!



NOTICES

MOVIE FUNDRAISER: Help the Service & Missions team raise money by buying a ticket to watch [Black Bag](#) or [Tina](#) on Friday 21st March at 7 pm at [Luxe Cinema](#). Tickets are \$25 and registration is [here](#) by 19 March.

OPEN DAY Y7-13: An opportunity for new families to Secondary and BC to tour the campus on Thu 20 March. More info and registration [here](#).



OMOKOROA CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: The Christian Education Trust (CET) is excited to announce that the Omokoroa Christian Preschool is almost complete and accepting applications. Click [here](#) for more information.

