

TERM 2 2025 – NEWSLETTER #6

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 and all the excitement we have ahead. We have already begun with our Year 2-6 classes fully engaged in growing their musical, drama and dance skills with our production and on the sporting front cross country running. Thank you to the many parents who came out to support our Year 5 & 6 children this week running on what was a beautiful morning. We are so blessed to have a beautiful campus which provides a range of terrain for our runners.



TERM 2 KEY DATES

PRIMARY PRODUCTION – THE BEETLES

Wed 14th May – PAC - 6.30pm

Thurs 15th May – PAC - 4pm & 6.30pm

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite.

Y4 CROSS COUNTRY

Fri 16th May – BC - 11.15am – 12pm

YO-3 CROSS COUNTRY

Mon 19th May – BC – 11am-12.15pm

PPD Mon 26th May

PHOTOLIFE CULTURAL PHOTOS

Mon 19th & Tues 20th May – PAC

Y5&Y6 NC CROSS COUNTRY

Tues 20th May - Whakamaramara School

BOOK WEEK

Tues 3rd June – 6th June

MUFTI DAY

Fri 6th June – Theme – Dress as a book character
Charity – TBC

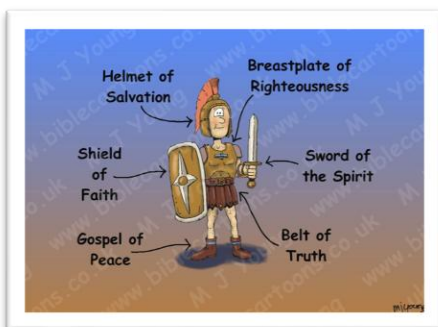
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

ASSEMBLY

Assembly this past week focused on ANZAC, specifically what an Anzac soldier needed to do his job - not just his uniform and weapons but character traits such as courage, resilience and mateship.



This term as I'm sure many of you will already know we are learning about the importance of the Armour of God. We compared this with the Anzac soldier - the spiritual protection the armour of God provides helps every believer stand firm and make right choices.



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WORSHIP

Mr Edmeades shared with us at our Monday morning worship assembly this week about the importance of the armour of God and growing in our understanding of God's promises and our being able to trust Him. We watched a science experiment with mandarins - the skin on floated while the skinless sunk - without the armour of God we're sunk!



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LEGO Colouring Competition



LEGO FUN

Our Lego man Mr Martin has put out an exciting challenge for children and staff.



MATHS CHALLENGE

This term Mrs Kelly Sanders is challenging each year group with a weekly maths challenge. This healthy competition helps the children work collaboratively to solve a maths problem. Who will win this week????



PRIMARY PRODUCTION – THE BEETLES

The Beetles story has captured the hearts of us all as the Year 2-6 children are fully engaged in their practices. The show will be a wonderful experience for those performing and those coming to watch. We encourage you to invite family and friends to come along to one of the shows.

Tickets can be purchased via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/the-beetles-tickets-1298713329529?aff=oddtcreator>

Please don't leave it to the last minute, we don't want anyone to miss out!



Year 2-6 parents please do not forget to complete this online form today!

<https://forms.office.com/r/JwKWeVcdE1>

The poster is a collage of images from the production. At the top left, a group of children in costumes are on stage. In the center, the title 'The Beetles' is written in a large, stylized blue font. Below the title, it says 'A Gobsmacked Production performed by the Bethlehem College Primary School'. The dates and times are listed: 'Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:30pm and Thursday, May 15th, at 4pm & 6:30pm'. The location is 'BC Performing Arts Centre, 24 Elder Lane, Bethlehem'. The ticket information is 'Tickets: www.eventbrite.com'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'BETHLEHEM COLLEGE EXCELLENCE through CHRIST' and 'G.OBSMACKED'. On the right side, there are two more images: one of children in costumes and another of a child in a large, orange, beetle-like costume.





THEME FOR THE TERM

This term our focus is "God has purpose" with a science emphasis. Lots of interesting learning is happening around the area of the physical world as the children learn to appreciate the creativity and intelligent design of our physical world, identifying how all things hold together in Him.



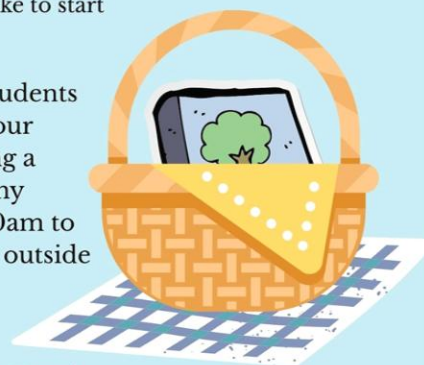
COMING UP...

Book Week is coming...

We are excited to let you know that Book Week is in Week 6 this term. On the Friday, students will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. You might like to start the family discussions now. 😊

We would love to have parents come and read to students during Book Week and we invite you to consider your availability. On Thursday 5th June, we will be having a 'Book Picnic' during morning tea. We would love any available parents to join us between 10:20 and 11:00am to read to small groups of students on picnic blankets outside L Block. Parents will be provided with books. The postponement day will be Friday if it is wet.

If this is something you would like to do please email Mrs Zingel, our head librarian, Megan.Zingel@beth.school.nz or Mrs West, Jo.West@beth.school.nz



CROSS COUNTRY



Y5&Y6 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS!

Y5 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y6 Girls
1. Christiaan Bekker	1. Zoe Hodson	1. Josua Blom	1. Ava Kelly
2. Anrich Koekemoer	2. Heidi Comer	2. Nicholas Duffett	2. Arabella Hanna
3. Ryan Taylor	3. Ella Clarkin	3. Wolf Hill	3. Nina Wilson
4. Jacob Cook	4. Piper Urquhart	4. Malakai Campbell	4. Emily Birks
5. Reed Exelby	5. Kaylee Van Heerden	5. Ezekiel Spencer	5. Olivia Uy
6. William Turner	6. Grace Benton	6. Daniel Ye	6. Astrid Jordaan
7. Beau Wright	7. Miela Stewart	7. Nathan Sanders	7. Sophia Ross
8. Cole Beisly	8. Tabitha Dos Santos	8. David Gwanpua	8. Abby Cheng



PRIMARY SPORT



Congratulations to David Gwanpua for leading his defensive line for the Bethlehem College U11 Team as they won 3-1 vs Te Puke!



Play Hockey this winter: We welcome more interest from year 3 boys and girls to play hockey for BC in the upcoming season. Hockey is played on Saturday mornings at Blake Park during terms 2 and 3. Please email christine.browne@beth.school.nz if you are interested to receive more information and the registration form.



Registrations are now open for Netball Future Ferns sessions for Year 0-2 students. This is being held at BC during Thursday lunchtime for the remainder of term 2. Further information is in the registration form. There is a limit of 25 players for the session so places are on a first-in basis via the registration form at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/250498593410865>

STAFF CHANGES

Last week we farewelled Mrs Rachel Williams as she began her maternity leave. We are doing the same for Mrs Holly Martin next week as she too begins maternity leave. We are delighted for them and look forward to the arrival of their babies.



Mrs Rachael McKoy
C3

Mrs Karien Kennedy
B2

Mrs Sabina Sneddon
A5

We are grateful for Mrs Rachael McKoy stepping into C3 this term and Mrs Karien Kennedy taking B2 from week 4. We welcome Mrs Sabina Sneddon as new entrants' teacher in A5 this term also.



Mrs Rachel Williams
C3

Mrs Holly Martin
B2



HAPPY PARENTING

There are numerous ways we can be engaging children at home with wholesome fun activities. There are some great ideas below that you might like to give a go - enjoy!

We have a shorter, but full term ahead which we are excited to share with you. Thank you for supporting our upcoming 'The Beetles' production, we look forward to seeing the children have their moments on stage with family and friends as their audience.

Have a great weekend.
Ngā mihi,
Karen.

Some handy parenting tips:

Some for big kids and some for small!

LYSE CARLSON



HANDY TIP 7:

Social expectations

Take pencils and paper everywhere with you. Children can draw/write in restaurants and friends' homes.

HANDY TIP 8:

Play dates

Invite friends over. Children who build relationships outside of school often build wider networks and confidence at school.

HANDY TIP 9:

You as a role model

Be aware of how much time you spend on your own phone. What kind of message are you sending? Be actively participating when you're with your children. Save social media for when they're not with you.

HANDY TIP 10:

Watching movies

Is a movie appropriate? Talk through any misconceptions. Use situations as good talking points. Think before you watch. Scary images and sounds can get stuck in children's heads.

HANDY TIP 11:

Getting ready the night before

Have a "Ready Set Go" box/area in your child's bedroom. What needs to be prepared the night before to avoid the morning rush?

HANDY TIP 12:

Parenting ideas

Look for seminars, guest speakers, or books to help you through the next stage of your child's development.

HANDY TIP 13:

Craft table/useful box

Set up a small craft table at home with paper, scissors (if appropriate), pencils, glue, etc. Encourage your child to use the craft table to create! Set up a kitchen drawer or cupboard spot with a "useful box" if you don't have room for a table.

HANDY TIP 14:

Family games night

Play board games as a family before allowing TV. Uno is terrific for math! Scrabble (junior version) is great for literacy! Have a board game night instead of a movie night with special food.

HANDY TIP 15:

Get outside more

Have you heard of geocaching? It's a fantastic outdoor activity where a GPS or mobile phone is used to seek and find containers called geocaches (or caches) at mystery locations. Once you've found one, you enter its location into a log book and people from all over the world can see. Google how to get into it. Ride/walk in your local park.

HANDY TIP 16:

Roles & responsibilities

Setting and clearing the table. Stacking and unstacking the dishwasher. Feeding the family pet—whose job is it? Make a roster and have "reward" stickers. After a nominated number of stickers, celebrate in some way.

HANDY TIP 17:

Cooking

Cook with your children. It's a wonderful reading and mathematics opportunity!

HANDY TIP 18:

One-to-one hot chocolate dates

Stopping after school for a hot chocolate or ice cream, is a great way to spend some quality time with your child. It also teaches them important social skills. Grandparents can join in by taking children on special dates.

HANDY TIP 19:

Create a gallery

Hang a piece of string across one wall of your child's bedroom or other area of the house. Peg pieces of art or writing on it. Look for where improvements have been made to celebrate learning.

HANDY TIP 20:

Learn a skill or do an activity together

Try knitting or finger knitting. Do some woodwork and make something interesting. There is a great sense of achievement in this. Do puzzles together. Enlist those grandparents again to help out.

HANDY TIP 21:

Become a local library regular

Local council libraries are a wonderful resource. Visit your local library regularly and help your children find a variety of fiction and non-fiction books that they will love. They also hold wonderful activity sessions!

HANDY TIP 22:

What's out the window

Become experts at looking out the windows and noticing what you see... the moon rising, trees moving, birds, planes flying over, the shape of clouds, people you can see. Talk about it...

Over the last six years, Lyse has been a senior primary teacher, cluster leader, and one of the teaching and learning leaders at Mount Evelyn Christian School (MECS). She has taught at several other schools, but one of the most inspiring positions held, was teaching the literacy component for a Certificate in Education made available to adults who formerly left school at an early stage. Lyse and her husband Scott have become owner-builders and look forward to completing their home by the coast. Lyse is passionate about supporting social issues, loves spending time with her three adult children, her dog, travelling, water-sports, and photography.



HANDY TIP 1:

Switch off and get your brain ready for school

No technology in the morning (TV/devices). Teach independent organisational skills by putting a checklist on the fridge to see if everything is done and ready!

HANDY TIP 2:

Books at bedtime

Read with your child every day. Talk about the story. Ask questions. When they're older, read one page aloud (modelling) and listen to one page being read by them.

HANDY TIP 3:

Dinner time chats

Turn the TV off, ask open-ended questions (not yes or no answers) to promote conversation.

HANDY TIP 4:

In the car

Ban the devices until everything else has been played! Games: I spy, car cricket, I went to the shop & bought an egg..., point out significant landmarks. Talk about historical areas. Teach the names of towns. Children get a great geographical perspective and learn when they're near their destination.

HANDY TIP 5:

Building writing ideas

Make up a sensational start to a story, ask your child to think of a character and a setting to suit the story. Take turns in making up the content of a story.

HANDY TIP 6:

Bored is a wonderful opportunity

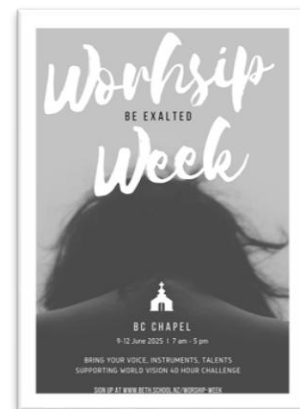
Allow your child to come up with their own ideas of what to do. This stimulates creativity. Set the expectation that children shouldn't always be "entertained".



NOTICES

Chapel Prayer & Worship: Please join us on a Monday during term anytime from 8-9 am for a time of prayer and worship. This is open to families, staff, and students.

Worship Week: Join us for the third annual Worship Week at the BC Chapel **9-12 June** from 7 am to 5 pm daily. Be our guest or sign up [here](#) to perform with instruments, singing, reading, dancing, drama, art and more. Worship Week is in support of the World Vision [40 Hour Challenge](#) – get involved by joining the [BC Team](#).



Drop Off/Pick Up: A reminder to please use caution when driving into and out of the BC campus each day.

- **Elder Lane:** Please do not park along the entrance side of Elder Lane or in the no parking zones on the opposite side.
- **Drop Off/Pick Up Zone:** Please do not park in the drop off/pick up zone – this area needs to be kept clear to ensure the flow of traffic.
- **Crossing:** Please only use designated crossings to cross the road. If your car is in the parent parking lot, please use the Chapel cross walk and pathway.

BC Businesses: Join us at our upcoming quarterly business networking event on Monday 12th May at 4 pm in the BC Staffroom in L Block for afternoon tea and community. Click [here](#) to find out more about promoting your business to other BC parents.

The Christian Education Trust has an opening for a [Finance Team Assistant](#). Applications close Fri 16th May. Call Brigid McGillivray 07 579 1894 for more info.

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<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethstudents>

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Coastal Clean-Up Project: Join Our Backyard Trust (OBt) at the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club from 11 am – 3 pm next Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May from 9am – 3 pm to clean up the Tauranga coastline. More info and sign up [here](#).



OBt COASTAL CLEAN UP PROJECT
16-17TH MAY 2025
Register your interest today!

LET'S CLEAN UP OUR BACKYARD!

JOIN US TO LOOK AFTER A VALUABLE RESOURCE WE'RE ALL PASSIONATE ABOUT.

Our Backyard Trust is proud to bring back the Coastal Clean Up Project, which will take place on the 16th and 17th of May 2025. This follows a huge success of previous year's Coastal Clean Up Projects. We are proud to say that we have removed 11.2 TONNES OF RUBBISH from the Tauranga area so far, including abandoned vehicles that were heading into the Harbour Waterways. This project offers a fun day out for the family, school or business with a volunteers lunch and kids entertainment, while also making a positive difference to our environment.

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Want to get involved? JOIN US ON THE 16th & 17th MAY down at the OBt Coastal Clean Up Event based out of the Tauranga Sport Fishing Club 66 Keith Allen Drive, Tauranga for a fun family day out! Save the date and head to www.ourbackyardtrust.com to register today!

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