

TERM 3 2025 – NEWSLETTER #10

Tena koutou parents/caregivers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for term 3. What a blessing it has been to enjoy the cool crisp sunny days this past week. We have loved seeing the bright happy faces of the children as they have launched into the new term ready to learn.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

FOUNDERS DAY



Each year we hold our Founders Day assembly to celebrate the founding of our College, which opened on 11 July 1988. The College is now in its 37th year and has grown from 107 students to 1,900 across the Tauranga and Rotorua campuses.

As a school we have grown to the point we are no longer able to have one “full school” assembly so as a Primary we had our celebration of Founders Day on Friday morning.



TERM 3 KEY DATES

Y5&Y6 BIKE WEEK
Mon 4th – Thurs 7th Aug

Y3-Y5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT
Wed 6th Aug – Blake Park

Y1-Y6 SHOWCASE AUDITIONS
Fri 8th Aug

MATHS WEEK
Mon 11th – Fri 15th Aug

PARENT EVENING WITH ROB COPE
Mon 11th Aug – PAC 3.30pm – 5.30pm & 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Y3&Y4 WBOP HOCKEY FESTIVAL
Tues 12th Aug – Blake Park

Y5-Y6 WBOP HOCKEY FESTIVAL
Tues 19th Aug – Blake Park

Y5-Y6 SPEECH FINALS
Fri 22nd Aug – PAC – 11am – 12.30pm

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

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WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Mr Edmeades shared with us this week a challenge that aligned wonderfully with our memory verse theme this term "Leadership - being a good follower".

Mr Edmeades encouraged us to give our best effort all the time as a response to Jesus giving us His best through His death and resurrection for each of us.

"Give everyone, especially Jesus, our very best" - thank you Mr Edmeades!



SAND

Fresh sand in our sandpits has been welcomed by the children and they have been having a fabulous time each break. We are so grateful for our facilities and the care our ground crew take in keeping our environment.



Our E3 journalists have been busy – zoom in and enjoy!

"PLAY" TIME

D4 have been enjoying the opportunity to do group plays this week using school journals. A great way to practice speaking as they look forward to speeches coming up soon.





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CLASSIC FLYERS



Te Kari classes had a wonderful time at Classic Flyers this week as they wrapped up their Flight unit.



PRIMARY SPORT



FUTURE FERNS 2025
THANK YOU TO COACH RACHEL FORD
AND THE Y13 STUDENT COACHES FOR
GIVING UP THEIR TIME TO TEACH
NETBALL SKILLS IN TERM 2.

Y6-8 NETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday we had 3 BC teams competing at the Year 6-8 WBOP Netball tournament. Our year 6 Ferns team played in the tournament. Wonderful blue sky and the highest temperature in the country for the day! They had some close games but won 3 and lost 1. Thank you to coach Alesha Ross, student umpire Juliet Ball and parent helpers. Well done everyone!



LIBRARY NEWS - CAN YOU HELP???

Dear Parents,

We have over 500 new books for our primary school early readers that need covering. If anyone has an hour to spare, please come along to the library any time in weeks 3 and 4 (during school hours) and we will find you a quiet(ish) spot to help out. Sign in at the primary office as a volunteer and head on down. We'd love to see you!



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HAPPY PARENTING

Chasing happiness for our children can be something that as parents we find ourselves challenged. In today's society where there are so many competing ideologies it is so important we stay grounded in God's truth. This article from Nurture (Parenting and Christian Schooling) gives some helpful insights into where our children's worth needs to be centred.



Why you don't need to make your kids **HAPPY**

REBECCA MCINTOSH

As parents, we naturally want our children to be happy. It's part of the desire to love, protect, and care for them. But as counterintuitive as it may seem, constantly trying to make your kids happy might not be the best way to raise strong, resilient individuals.

Why chasing happiness isn't the goal
In today's culture, it's easy to get caught up in the idea that life's ultimate goal is happiness, but chasing happiness can lead to more anxiety, frustration, and disappointment. Psychological research has found that constantly aiming for happiness can lead to increased levels of anxiety and stress.

This happens because kids may feel like something is wrong with them if they aren't happy all the time. The Bible doesn't promise constant happiness. Instead, it teaches that life will have struggles and challenges: "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Our kids need to know that it's okay not to feel happy all the time—that experiencing sadness, anger, or fear is part of the human experience and part of God's plan for growth and refinement. As Christian parents, it's important to teach our kids that their worth is not based on their feelings or circumstances but on their identity as children of God.

Living by values, not emotions

Instead of focusing on making your children happy, as Christians it's more helpful to teach them how to live with a hopefulness that comes from aligning with biblical teaching on what is good and valuable—God's set of values. The Bible gives us a clear direction on how to live a meaningful life. Galatians 5:22-23 highlights the fruit of the Spirit, which includes the values of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the values we should encourage our children to cultivate. When kids understand that their actions can reflect Christ's love and grace, they'll find purpose and meaning, even in hard times. Living by these values doesn't guarantee happiness in every moment, but it leads to deeper fulfillment and a sense of peace that surpasses circumstances.

By encouraging our children to focus on biblical values, we shift their mindset from seeking immediate gratification to pursuing what matters most—God's will and purpose for their lives. This stable foundation will definitely help

guide them with certainty through life's inevitable ups and downs.

Emotional agility and trusting God

The psychological concept of emotional agility—the ability to navigate life's emotional highs and lows—fits perfectly with biblical teachings. Avoiding negative emotions isn't helpful, it just makes things worse in the long run.

Instead of avoiding difficult emotions, we can teach our children that it's okay to experience sadness, frustration, or disappointment, and furthermore that they can trust God through those moments.

The Bible is full of examples of people who faced difficult emotions and brought them before God. The Psalmist, King David, was often anxious, scared, or depressed, but he inevitably he always turned back to God, expressing his feelings openly while holding onto his trust in the Lord.

In Psalm 34:17, we are reminded: "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles". Encouraging our children to bring their emotions to God helps them develop emotional strength and trust that He is with them, even in tough times.

Building resilience through faith and values

A more useful goal than chasing happiness is to help our children build resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from challenges; something we are promised we will face as we live our lives as followers of Jesus. James 1:2-4 encourages believers to embrace trials, saying, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance".

As parents, we can teach our children that difficulties aren't something to avoid, but something to learn from. Building resilience means helping them understand that God uses all things—good and bad—for their growth (Romans 8:28).

Resilient children are more likely to

remain steadfast in their faith during hard times because they've learned to trust God's plan, even when they don't feel happy.

Practical tips for parents

If you want to help your kids build resilience and live according to biblical values, here are a few things you can do:

- **Discuss biblical values:** Help your child identify values rooted in Scripture, like kindness, patience, and fairness, and talk about how they can live these out in daily life.
- **Acknowledge emotions and turn to God:** Let your kids know it's okay to feel a range of emotions. Encourage them to bring their struggles and joys to God in prayer, knowing He hears them.
- **Model faith-based resilience:** Show your children how you trust God through difficult situations. Talk about how your faith shapes your decisions and actions, especially when life gets hard.
- **Focus on effort, not just outcomes:** Celebrate when your kids live according to their values, regardless of whether the result is immediate happiness. This reinforces the importance of faith and perseverance.
- **Encourage gratitude and trust:** Teach your kids to focus on what they're grateful for and to trust that God has a plan, even when they're feeling down or facing challenges.

Rebecca is the school psychologist for both Hawke's Christian School and Calkinwood Christian School. Initially working as a child and adolescent psychologist in the private sector, she developed an interest in the psychological components of teaching and learning and made the move to the independent school system in 2015. Rebecca has a passion for working alongside families and educators to support children to learn and achieve to their potential, and to grow in their knowledge and love of Christ.



REMINDERS

Please ensure your contact details are up to date in our SchoolBridge student management system - Address/phone contact/email/medical and emergency contacts.



SchoolBridge



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Thank you for your ongoing prayerful, supportive partnership as we work together to see your children flourish. We look forward to having you join us for our special events coming up this term.

Have a wonderful weekend
Ngā mihi,
Karen



NOTICES



'Parenting in an Online World' with Rob Cope: Two presentations on Monday 11 August at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm. One parent from each Y0-13 family to attend presentation highlighting the ins and outs of kids online and how to navigate topics together as a family and community. Tickets [here](#).

PTA: Next PTA meeting Thu 7 Aug at 7 pm

Thank You Sign Sponsors!

Thanks to our 2025 sponsors, our drop off signage zone has been revitalised. The following businesses of BC parents have joined in supporting BC through signage with proceeds supporting community events, camps, team sports and outreach: [Bay of Plenty Asphalt](#), [Be Vital Chiropractic](#), [Broomtree Café](#), [Craigs Investment Partners](#), [Facilitate Group](#), [Ingham Mora Accountants](#), [Kear Construction](#) and [Mitre 10 Tauranga](#). Thank you for your generosity!

To find out more about connecting with other BC businesses click [here](#).

Grandparents Day:

Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) to join us to celebrate and honour your treasured role in the life of our students at BC. You are most welcome to attend any part of the morning programme. Register [here](#).

Wed 27 August

9.30am Primary - Classroom Visit
10.30am All - Morning Tea (Performing Arts Centre Foyer)
10.55am Secondary - Tour
11.30am Finish



School Board Elections:

Please check your emails for information regarding the upcoming School Board Elections. We have 5 Parent Representative vacancies for parents from either BC Chapman, BC Primary and/or BC Secondary. You may nominate yourself if you are on the electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll, you must be nominated by someone who is. Nominations can be made [online](#) | please contact our [Returning Officer](#) if you would like a paper copy.

Nominations close: **Wednesday 06 August at 12pm.**

Photolife: Cultural, Leadership or Service Group Photos

If your son or daughter was in a Cultural, Leadership or Service group photo taken by Photolife last term, you will receive an email on Friday, 25th July with ordering instructions. Please note, your order must be placed with Photolife by midnight Sunday 10th August to receive free delivery to school. Any orders placed after this date will be posted to you and incur a fee for postage. All queries are to be made directly with Photolife.





Kindred Kids presents..."Let's Bake It!"

Our fun after school baking club for term 3 starts Tuesday 5th August.

What's cooking?

- * Interactive hands-on baking * Sweet AND savoury creations * Take home delicious treats
- * Learn real baking skills * Make new foodie friends!

Perfect after-school fun that beats screen time!!

Enrol your little bakers aged 8-12yrs for 1.5hrs of floury fun!!

Numbers are limited, registrations close Sunday 3rd August. Held in Bethlehem, location confirmed on registration.

Click here to check out the delicious details and register! <https://swiy.co/tkc-ws>





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TO SING/DANCE & ACT
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IN JUST 2 DAYS WE WILL TURN YOU INTO
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OUR WORKSHOPS AND YOU WILL GET TO
SHOWCASE WHAT YOU LEARN IN THE
MUSICAL AT THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
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22 & TUES SEP 23, 2025

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7 WEEK MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS TERM 3 (STARTING AUG 5)

TO BE A MAIN CHARACTER/DANCER OR SINGER FOR THE
MUSICAL THEN JOIN OUR 7 WEEK PROGRAM LEADING UP TO
THE PERFORMANCE ON SEP 23 - EVERY TUES STARTING
AUGUST 5 AT THE TGASDA CHURCH, BETHLEHEM: 6 - 7PM
FINAL REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE DAY - SEP 22 & 23



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You are invited to

MOANA SPORTS & CULTURAL TRUST

PRIMARY HOCKEY MUSTER

Open to hockey players from
Primary School Years 3 to 6.
Players of all skill levels are
encouraged to participate.

Sunday 6th September 2025
10:00am - 11:30am
Tauranga Boys' College
Free of Charge

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
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Unifying the Community

This session is only open to players that have not previously attended a Moana programme.

