

TERM 3 2025 – NEWSLETTER #11

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

What a busy few weeks we have had with so many fun learning experiences for our children. As we watch the growth of the children, we are so grateful for God's goodness and provision for each one and the whānau they represent.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

WORSHIP

This week we heard from one of our student service leaders - Marsha Zhu. She shared how she has learned the answer to the question "Is God real?" Marsha shared an experience she had with an outdoors Gobsnacked performance in China that with faith and prayer was able to go ahead despite the weather. Seeing answers to prayer, reading her bible and having faith help Marsha to know and trust God. Thank you, Marsha!



TERM 3 KEY DATES

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

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Wed 27th Aug – BC

PRIMARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Fri 29th Aug – Baycourt – 9.15am – 2.30pm

Y5&Y6 NC SPEECH COMPETITION

Thurs 4th Sept – Matahui School

Y3&Y4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Fri 5th Sept – Primary Hall – 11.15am – 12.30pm

Our Vision

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

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ASSEMBLY

A3 & A4 delighted us this past week as they shared their learning about how God is the great designer. He has designed and created everything for a purpose. Mankind has replicated His great design and created planes and other flying machines and creations.



PRIMARY STUDENT SERVICE LEADERS DAY

The student service leaders had the opportunity to meet last Friday for a time of discussion, learning, planning and food, thanks to the generosity of Rachel and Inhey Kim who own Broomtree café. Together we identified our God given giftings and the opportunities we have as leaders to influence the children of BCP. The secondary head students visited us, and we heard about their leadership roles. Together we started a special project, with the assistance of Mr Mike Allis, looking at bike storage facilities at BC. Our primary leaders are a group that work collaboratively and give of their time generously. We are grateful.

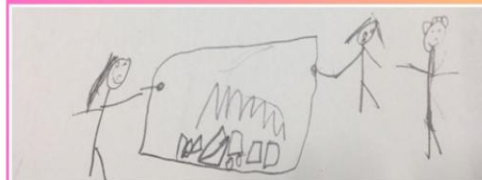


TE AKA DAMPER COOKING

This term in Te Aka the children have been looking at **Then and Now**, they have seen how the way we cook food has changed. To help their understanding the children made butter from cream and cooked damper over an open fire down at Preston Park. Damper day was a beautiful way for the B-block community to gather and to experience what it may have been like in the olden days to have a meal.

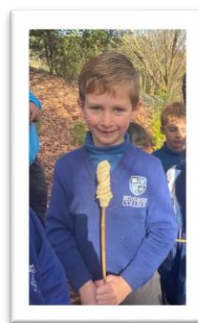


Damper Day By Isabelle Evans



When B3 went down to Preston Park, Ana, Lexis, and Jordie were in my group. My dad wrapped the damper into a wiggly worm on a bamboo stick. It sizzled while it cooked. It was yummy, but it was even yummier once it had school-made butter on it. School-made damper and school-made butter — what could be better?

Half the class went exploring while the other half cooked damper. I cooked damper first. We stayed a bit longer than I expected. My dad lit the fire with Jordie's dad, who couldn't stay, as he had to teach a class. Did B-block go at the same time? No — B3 went first, then B2, and then B1. We accidentally stayed until B1 arrived.



TE MAUNGA BIKE WEEK

As part of our PE programme our Year 5 & 6 classes have been looking at understanding why biking is good for the body and brain, along with riding safely, and following the road rules. Learning how to take care of their bike and make good choices to stay safe have been part of their time with the wonderful team from Tauranga City Council.



PRIMARY SPORT

On Wednesday this week, we had 3 BC primary netball teams competing in the Western Bay of Plenty Year 3-5 Netball Competition. This was held at the Tauranga Netball Centre with over 75 teams participating. Our year 3 Roses, year 4 Comets and year 5 Tactix teams all competed in this tournament. They had fantastic games throughout the day with netball skill improvement and team building between players and parents being valued because of this tournament opportunity. Teams were able to cheer each other on and the Comets team came up with their own cheering action song that they performed on the court sideline. Thank you to our coaches, managers and parents for supporting our players and helping to build BC netball community.



REGISTER NOW!

Summer Sports

- NETBALL / TOUCH (Y1-10)
- VOLLEYBALL/BEACH VOLLEYBALL (Y9-10)
- WATER POLO / FLIPPA BALL (Y9-10)



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Are you as ready as we are for Summer Sports?! Registration is now open through Friday 22 August. Sign up today on our sports page: <https://www.beth.school.nz/studentlife/sports>

LIBRARY NEWS

What can I do to encourage reading at home?

BOOK CHAT

Talk with your children about what they are reading. Help them to see a connection with their lives. Share your thoughts on what they are reading.

Ask: I wonder if... Why...? What...? Who...?

READ ALOUD

Read aloud to your children even when they can read to themselves. Encourage older children to read to younger ones too.

FAMILY READING TIME

Read together, read alongside each other. Help your children develop their reading stamina and interests.

Go to the library



HAPPY PARENTING

We are looking forward to hearing from the renowned Rob Cope on Monday. His talks across the country sold out in many schools. It is encouraging to find resources that can help us as we navigate the online world with our children. This site has some great advice and safety guides [LINK](#)

This coming week is Maths week, we're grateful to Mr Nathan Martin and Mrs Kelly Sanders for preparing a range of fabulous activities and challenges to encourage everyone's maths skills!

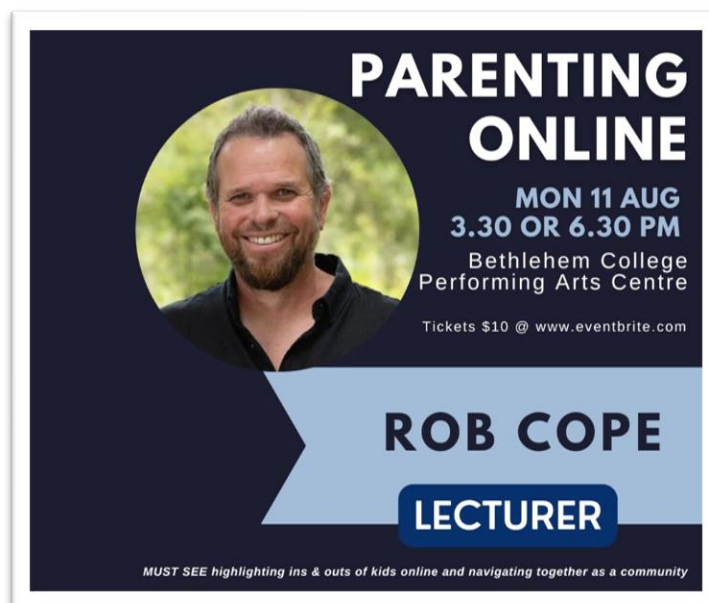
Jellybean jar picture competition, the children, Mum's and Dads can come and guess the number of Jelly beans in the jar!

Have a lovely weekend

Ngā mihi,
Karen



'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. Open to the wider community, so please feel free to share with friends. Tickets [here](#).



SCHOOL NOTICES

School Board Elections: This is an exciting time for Bethlehem College as we elect five individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees to guide the direction of Bethlehem College and our Primary, Secondary and Chapman schools. This year we have 19 candidates standing for election. You can read their candidate statements [here](#). Please join us this Tue 12th August at 6 pm in the BC Staffroom for an informal 'Coffee with the Candidates' to find out more about how they would like to serve Bethlehem College. You should receive your voting papers in the next 7-10 days. Please prayerfully consider each candidate and the skills and values that they will bring to our school.

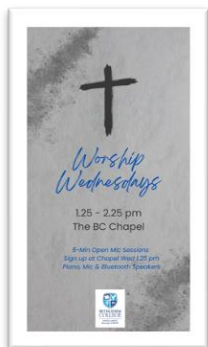
Arotahi Copies: The Arotahi is a yearbook produced by the Visual Arts Department and distributed at the end of each year. One free yearbook is given to each family - either to the departing senior OR the youngest child, as well as a pdf version of the magazine available to download for free. For those families wishing to order additional copies, these can be purchased for \$20 per copy (on charged to school account). Order [here](#).

Advertising: The Arotahi yearbook is a treasured publication that is poured over by students for years to come. Distributed to over 1,300 Bay of Plenty families, this is great opportunity to promote your business and support BC. Based on full colour, A4 sizing prices are ¼ page \$300, ½ page \$500, Full Page \$800 and Inside Back Cover \$1,000. Booking deadline Fri 29 Aug and artwork due Fri 12 Sep. Please email [Shawna Murray](#) to secure your spot.



Chapel Open: Mondays 8-9 am: Family worship led by Ben Runciman and Shaun Tabak

Wednesdays 1.25-2.25 pm: 5-minute open mic sets open to BC Community





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