



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 2025 – NEWSLETTER #12

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

We've passed the halfway point for this term and each week the children are continuing to be busy filled with great learning opportunities. The fine weather has meant the children have had lots more opportunity to engage in games outside which is great to see.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Mr Stripling's Year 9 Christian studies class led our primary last week for our worship time. We enjoyed praise songs and a devotion that encouraged us all, as followers of Jesus, to help others and show acts of kindness where we can.



This week we heard from Harry Savage, one of our Primary student servant leaders. Harry talked to us about Ps 138:8 "The LORD will work out his plans for my life— for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever." Harry appreciates knowing that he is a work in progress for the plans and purposes that God has for him. He knows that God loves him, and he is good enough. He shared the dream he has for being a great rugby player - and he can trust God with this dream.

TERM 3 KEY DATES

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Wed 27th Aug – BC

PRIMARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Y5 PARENT DEVICE INFO EVENING

Wed 3rd Sept – Staffroom - 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Y5&Y6 NC SPEECH COMPETITION

Thurs 4th Sept – Matahui School

Y3&Y4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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

CIVVIES DAY (FORMALLY MUFTI DAY)

Friday 12th Sept – Charity: Under the Stars
Theme: Historical Character

PRIMARY SHOWCASE

Friday 12th Sept – PAC - 11am – 12.30pm

LAST DAY TERM 3

Friday 19th Sept

FIRST DAY TERM 4

Tues 7th Oct

Our Vision

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

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ASSEMBLY

Te Aka hosted us this past week sharing some wonderful songs and their learning around "Then & Now". Some wonderful learning has been happening - well done Te Aka!

MATHS WEEK



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$$\sqrt{x+y}$$

$$ax + by = c$$

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$f(x)$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



A BLOCK TEDDY BEAR DAY

For Maths Week in A Block, we had a teddy bear theme for the week. We sorted, collated and graphed teddy bear collections, weighed teddy bears, made repeating patterns with them and more! On Friday we all brought a teddy bear to school and took them on an adventure down to Preston's Park for a scavenger hunt. Once we completed the scavenger hunt, we all got ice blocks and enjoyed them in the sunshine together. What a fun week!



Y5&Y6 SPEECH FINALS

We had a wonderful morning listening to our Y5&Y6 speech finalists. Congratulations to our Y6 winner Jacob White and our two equal runners up Yena Kim & Ethan Bai. Congratulations also to our Y5 winner Abydle Sabapathy and runner up Frances Trott. Thank you to our awesome MC's Arabella & Nate and our judge Mrs Lee Watkins.

Y5 & Y6 SPEECH FINALS

Bethlehem College
Primary Hall
Friday 22nd August 2025



MC'S: ARABELLA HANNA & NATE SUTCLIFFE

OPENING PRAYER

YEAR 5 FINALISTS

Yanni Wu	"Why Reading is Better than Video Games"
Heidi Comer	"How to Survive a Family Car Trip"
Florence Hayward	"Why I Hate Mondays"
Abydle Sabapathy	"Healthy School Lunches"
Ella Clarkin	"Why Every Kid Should Play Sport"
Frances Trott	"Help Save Chocolate"

YEAR 6 FINALISTS

Cassandra Seaward	"Bullying is Harmful"
Ethan Bai	"Why We Should Learn to Play the Piano"
Jacob White	"The Survival Guide for Intermediate"
Yena Kim	"Overcoming Challenges"
Eden Wright	"Why Everyone Should Have a Dog"
Elana Guneyl	"The Future"

JUDGE'S DECISION AND PRESENTATIONS

CLOSING PRAYER

JUDGE: MRS LEE WATKINS

CONGRATS!



Abydle & Frances



Ethan, Jacob & Yena



Way to go!

MC's Nate & Arabella



PRIMARY SPORT

BOP CROSS COUNTRY



Christiaan Bekker



Zoe Hodson



Heidi Comer



Josua Blom

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BCP STUDENTS WHO COMPETED AND ACHIEVED AWESOME RESULTS AT THE BOP CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS LAST TERM!

Zoe Hodson - 1st - 9 year old girls
Heidi Comer - 4th - 9 year old girls
Josua Blom - 12th - 10 year old boys
Christiaan Bekker - 15th - 10 year old boys

SERAPHINA ANDREWS



BLUEBELLE CHANDER



CONGRATULATIONS TO SERAPHINA ANDREWS AND BLUEBELLE CHANDER WHO REPRESENTED BCP AT DANCE NZ MADE.

BLUEBELLE WON THE Y4 CHAMPION AWARD FOR JAZZ, AND SERAPHINA WAS THE Y3 1ST RUNNER UP FOR HER MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE, WELL DONE GIRLS!

BASKETBALL FINALS CONGRATULATIONS!

BC MAVERICKS 2ND

BC PACERS 4TH



Y3&Y4 HOCKEY FESTIVAL



Y3 TIGERS

The Y3 Tigers and Y4 Lions played at the Hockey Festival on 12th August. A special thank you to our Y9 BC umpires Elise Dury and Brleen Shergill and the parents that came to support the teams.



Y4 LIONS

BASKETBALL FINALS



Y5 BREAKERS
BRONZE MEDAL!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
Y5 BREAKERS AND Y6 CELTICS
WHO WON MEDALS AT THE
BASKETBALL FINAL LAST WEEK!



Y6 CELTICS
SILVER MEDAL!



BC TOP STICKS



BC PANTHERS

Y5&Y6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP STICKS TEAM WHO WON ALL THEIR GAMES! A SPECIAL THANKS TO COACHES BRAD, SHAUN, JOHN, KIMBER, MARINA & PAUL. THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO CAME TO SUPPORT THE TEAMS.



LIBRARY NEWS

4 - 11 Sept

The library will be closed to all students
(except seniors studying for exams),
as we do the annual stocktake




Library Stocktake

Can you help?

We need help with our annual stocktake -
scanning every book in the Library and Resource Room.


If you could spare an hour, a morning or an afternoon -
between 4-11 Sept - we would love to hear from you.

If you can help, it would be lovely to meet you!
Contact Megan Zingel at megan.zingel@beth.school.nz



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

Boxes are available from the Primary Office and will be distributed to classrooms before the end of term. Please return packed boxes to the Primary Office by **24th October** to be ready for collection by Samaritan's Purse. Donations from our mufti day on Friday 24th October will also go to the Christmas Shoebox appeal.



Pack a Shoebox – Share Joy & Hope

What is it?

Operation Christmas Child is a global initiative by Samaritan's Purse (Australia & NZ) where students and families fill shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to give children in vulnerable situations around the world. Each box is a personal gift of love and hope.

Why participate?


- Nearly 12 million shoeboxes were packed globally in 2024!
- Over 3.2 million children chose to follow Christ after receiving a box and joining *The Greatest Journey*.

How to Get Involved:

- Pick up your shoebox kit (and label) in the Primary Office.
- Choose recipient: boy or girl, age 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
- Pack fun and helpful items: a WOW item, toys, school supplies, hygiene products, optional note or photo. ([Operation Christmas Child](#))
- Add \$12-\$12.50 donation label (shipping & tracking).
- Drop your box off by the **24 October** to the Primary Office.

What to Pack

- WOW item** - e.g. soccer ball & pump, stuffed animal, musical toy
- Fun Stuff**: dolls, crafts, games, colouring books
- Basics**: toothbrush, comb, washcloth, soap
- School Stuff**: pencils, notebooks, crayons
- Optional**: personal note or photo—often the child's favourite.



REPORTING ABSENCES

Bethlehem School is reporting an increased number of parents contacting their school with absences notifications. Just a reminder that all Bethlehem College absences can be reported through [SchoolBridge](#) or you can phone: 07 579 1827 or email absences@beth.school.nz.



HAPPY PARENTING



This term our memory verse learning is about leadership and being a good follower of Jesus. Being dependable, persistent, a good listener, helpful along with many other characteristics are unpacked as the children learn these verses. Having empathy is a Godly characteristic that can be a challenge for some. I found this article helpful for tips on how to grow this in our children [LINK](#)

Thank you for the numerous ways you continue to support us here as the children are engaged in learning that is transforming their hearts and lives to know the Lord more each day.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi
Karen

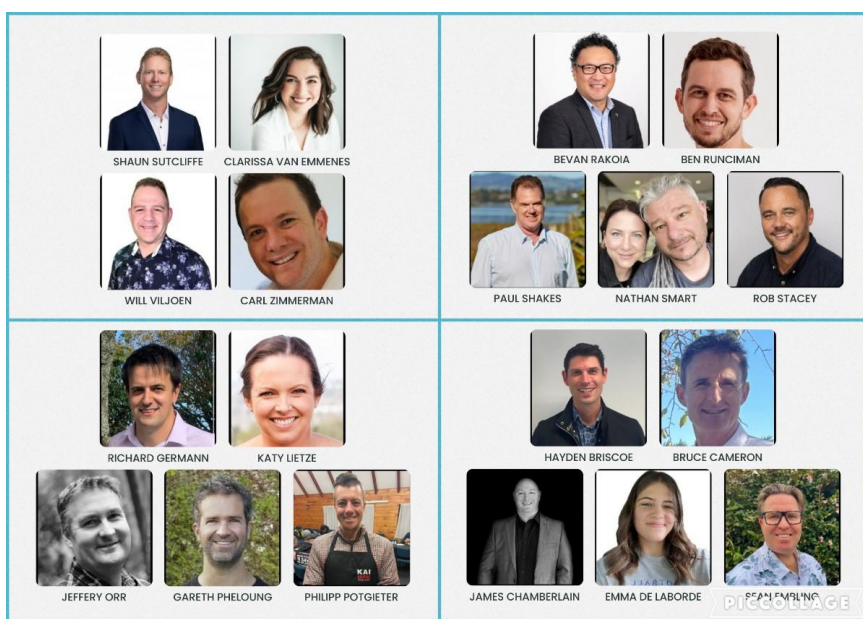


SCHOOL NOTICES

Don't miss! 'Parenting in an Online World' with Rob Cope Video Sessions: Join Us for Parenting Online with Rob Cope – Video Sessions. If you missed his live presentation on the 11th, this is your chance to see it on video and receive access to a free 12-month toolkit of outstanding parenting resources. Free registration here: [25 Aug](#), [4 Sep](#), [8 Sep](#).

Grandparents Day 27 Aug: 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](#) by 10pm Monday 25th August.

School Board Candidates: Check the mail for your voting papers and make sure to vote!



Arotahi: 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* and Wednesdays 1.25-2.25 pm: *Worship Sessions*

