

TERM 3 2025 – NEWSLETTER #13

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

Spring is in the air! With lighter mornings and warmer days, there's a fresh sense of energy around our school. Last week, we had the joy of welcoming many grandparents onto our campus. It was heartwarming to see different generations coming together. Grandparents bring with them a wealth of stories, wisdom, and love — their presence is a reminder of the richness that family legacies bring to our school community.



CELEBRATING TE REO MāORI

This week, we begin a special two-week focus on Te Reo Māori and Māori culture — taonga (treasures) that are uniquely part of Aotearoa New Zealand. The theme for this year is “**Ake ake ake – A forever language**”, reminding us of the enduring value of Te Reo. A key principle we'll be exploring with the children is Manaakitanga – showing respect, kindness, generosity, and care for others. Students will take part in a range of activities that celebrate and honour the language and the rich cultural heritage of Māori.



TERM 3 KEY DATES

CIVVIES DAY (FORMALLY MUFTI DAY)

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

PRIMARY SHOWCASE

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

Y3&Y4 OTANEWAINUKU FOREST

Mon 15th Sept – C1 & C2
Tues 16th Sept – C3 & D2
Wed 17th Sept – C4 & D1

Y5&Y6 KAPA HAKA VISIT – HOBEC

Thurs 18th Sept - HOBEC

LAST DAY TERM 3

Friday 19th Sept

TERM 4 KEY DATES

FIRST DAY TERM 4

Tues 7th Oct

YO PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Wed 8th Sept - BC

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

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Instagram: [@bethlehemcollege_nz](#)
Website: [Enrolled Families](#)



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

We were grateful to have Mr D lead us in worship this week with his guitar. Mr Fraser shared a devotion, telling us the story of Corrie ten Boom, who in spite of having some very sad and difficult challenges, was able to find a way to share the hope of Jesus. Mr Fraser reminded us of the importance of forgiveness - we forgive, because we were forgiven when Jesus died on the cross for each of us.



MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Children have been singing waiata, sharing haka, using rakau and poi and practising manaakitanga in a variety of ways.

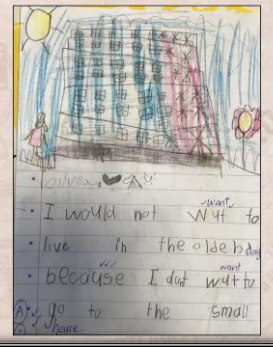


GRANDPARENTS DAY



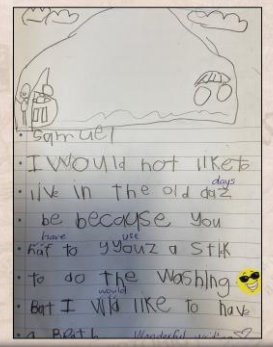
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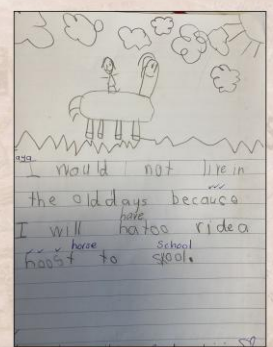


GRANDPARENTS DAY!



Special Edition by Taya Venter

GRANDPARENTS



HAPPY
Grandparents
DAY



CHOIR FESTIVAL

The choir represented BCP well last Friday evening at Baycourt for the Tauranga Primary School's Music Festival. The theme this year was Songs from Sunny Days and all participants had an enjoyable time. The BCP item, Sunshine, was performed enthusiastically by all the children, with the assistance of Mrs Amy Borrows conducting. Our congratulations to Azaria Grobler and Tayla Mosogau, who both performed solo's during the evening. A special congratulations to our very own Mrs Rachael McKoy, who conducted the massed choir for a number of songs.



NORTH CLUSTER SPEECH COMPETITION

Jacob White and Abydle Sabapathy represented BCP at the North Cluster Speech Competition last night, held at Matahui School. Both came away as winners and we are very proud of them! Well done Jacob and Abydle!



Y2 BIBLES

Presenting our Te Aka children with their very own bibles is such a special time of year. Our hope is that each and every child will come to know and understand the word of God in all its fullness.



Y3&Y4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and family members who came out today to support children for the oral presentations. We were entertained and informed by a talented group of children. Congratulations to our Year 4 speech cup winner Matteus Kopper and runner up Isla Williams. Congratulations also to our poetry winner Seraphina Andrews and runner up Scarlett Lietze.


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| Y3 & Y4 ORAL PRESENTATIONS | Bethlehem College Primary Hall Friday 5th September 2025 | |
| | MC'S: SAMUEL GERMANN & BEN SEAWARD OPENING PRAYER | |
| | YEAR 4 SPEECH FINALISTS | |
| | Lucas Pulman | 5 Ways to Get Out of School When You are Sick |
| | Isla Williams | If I Had Three Wishes |
| | Peter Schulz | Why Playing Outside is Better than Video Games |
| | Hannah Henson | Gymnastics |
| | Matteus Kopper | Sharks |
| | Jennifer Yang | Why Dogs are better than Cats |
| | YEAR 3 POEM FINALISTS | |
| | Georgia Raleigh | Lunchbox Love by Ken Nesbitt |
| | Katie McKay | Sick by Shel Silverstein |
| | Josiah Guneyl | My Doggy Ate My Essay by Darren Sardelli |
| | Rosie Stachan | Do Not Drop Your Jelly Beans by Jay Cowley |
| | Scarlett Lietze | Greedyguts by Kit Wright |
| | Seraphina Andrews | Firework Night by Enid Blyton |
| | JUDGE'S DECISION AND PRESENTATIONS | |
| | CLOSING PRAYER JUDGE: MR WAYNE FRASER | |



PRIMARY SPORT

Congratulations to our Raptors basketball team who had an awesome season! Thank you to coaches, managers and parents who supported the team.






ORIENTEERING

A "Treasure Hunt" Sport

• Y5 & Y6 Students •

Use a map to find flags around the primary school

- For interested students in Year 5 or 6
- Lunchtime Tuesday Term 3 week 9 - 10 (9-16 Sept), Term 4 week 1 - 5 (7 Oct - 4 Nov)
- Meet in D1
- Wear PE gear and sports shoes



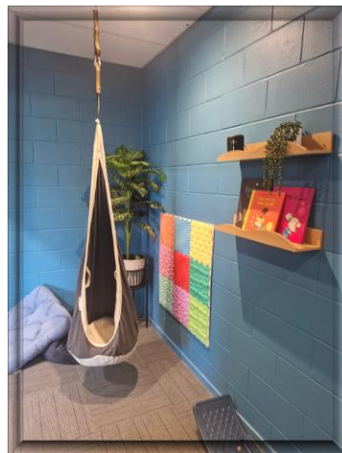
Organised by Mrs Browne (Sports Office)

STEAMERS VISIT

A visit from some Steamers made some of our very enthusiastic rugby players happy last week, as they spent time practicing drills and playing together. Our special thanks to HOBEC for making this possible.



LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS



The Sensory Room is a calm and restorative space designed to help students regulate, reset, and return to learning. It includes soft furnishings, weighted resources, lighting, and sensory tools to support emotional regulation and wellbeing. This space provides a safe environment for students who are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or dysregulated, allowing them to re-centre before re-engaging in class. It also supports students with sensory processing needs through both calming and alerting activities, tailored to individual requirements. The Sensory Room is available to any student across the school, with a counsellor or support staff always present to provide support if needed.

LIBRARY NEWS



RDA

In Terms 3 & 4 BC Primary and Secondary students have the opportunity to attend riding sessions at Welcome Bay. This is a wonderful programme that allows students to work through goal-based riding activities designed to build their ability, independence, and confidence. The riding facility offers both indoor and outdoor arenas, as well as paddocks where students can progress as their skills and confidence grow. Each rider is supported by a trained leader who guides the horse, alongside a coach who walks beside them, offering encouragement and teaching new skills. For many of our students, this experience is truly a highlight of their week.



eBooks

While the library is closed for stocktake and opens again on Friday 12th Sept, why not try reading our school ebooks?

Go to bclibrary.beth.school.nz
(School website)

Click here



ebooks website:
beth.wheelers.co



Username: Student ID
Password:
If your child does not remember their password, email library@beth.school.nz



PLANNING FOR 2026

To assist with our planning for 2026, if you are intending on withdrawing your child/ren from the College at the end of the year, can you please ensure you email registrar@beth.school.nz as soon as possible.

FRIENDLY
REMINDER

TERM 4 - SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder that the start of Term 4 marks the change to summer uniform. The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays, Monday to Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm, **by appointment only**. Please book your uniform fitting through the Uniform Shop link: [Uniforms • Bethlehem College](#)

HAPPY PARENTING



As we continue exploring our memory verses on leadership this term, I'm reminded that the journey to becoming a great leader begins with learning how to be a good follower. At home, you play a vital role in nurturing this—teaching your children to listen well, follow instructions, and show respect. These everyday lessons lay the foundation for leadership built on humility and service. This article titled *“Teaching Kids to Be Great Leaders by Teaching Them to Be Great Followers”* is helpful, reflecting the example of Jesus — the greatest leader of all, who led with love, purpose, and a heart to serve others. [Link](#)

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Primary Leadership Team



SCHOOL NOTICES

Final Term 3 Rob Cope Video Session: Mon 8 Sep 12-1.30 pm in PAC conference room (left of main foyer area)

School Board Elections: Get your votes in by **Wednesday 10th** either by post OR drop into Secondary Office ballot box. Every vote counts, so don't forget to vote!

Arotahi Yearbook

Copies: 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](#) by 24 Oct.

Chapel Open: Mondays 8-9 am: Family Worship & Wednesdays 1.25-2.25 pm: Worship Sessions

Found: Lost Pounamu and bone Taonga. Please see Mrs Bateman in the Uniform Shop for more information.

Operation Christmas Child: BC is thrilled to be a part of Operation Christmas Child 2025! Pick up/return boxes to Primary reception by 24 Oct.



GOBSMACKED

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

REGISTER FOR OUR NEW
UPCOMING GOBSMACKED
MUSICAL AND LEARN HOW
TO SING/DANCE & ACT
LIKE A SUPERSTAR

GO TO: WWW.GOBSMACKED.NZ TO SIGN UP



Scan to pay

\$30 A DAY

**2-DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM
(SEP 22 & 23)**

IN JUST 2 DAYS WE WILL TURN YOU INTO
A SUPERSTAR SINGER/ACTOR/DANCER
IN OUR WORKSHOPS AND YOU WILL GET
TO SHOWCASE WHAT YOU LEARN IN THE
MUSICAL AT THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH ON THE FINAL NIGHT

MON SEP 22 & TUES SEP 23, 2025

26 September

CRAFT WORKSHOP

MAKE YOUR OWN
BEDROOM NAME SIGN

10:00 - 12:00 o'clock
At The Creative Hub
159 17th Avenue, Tauranga South

WWW.CREATIVEHEART.CO.NZ

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BAKING CHALLENGE**

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$200 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.

**Tue 30th Sep to
Thur 2nd October**

REGISTER NOW:
www.bakewithme.co.nz/schoolholidaybaking



NETBALL SKILLS holiday PROGRAMME

For Ages 5 - 14 (Yr 1 - 8)

9am - 3pm \$42

Wed 24th Sept
Thurs 25th Sept
Tues 30th Sept
Thurs 2nd Oct

Register online:
<https://tauranganetball.co.nz/register>

*minimum number required & spaces will be limited



"Promoting Positive Pathways"

24/7 YOUTHWORK

THE BIG \$3 CLOTHING SALE!

SATURDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
90 BETHLEHEM ROAD

SUPPORTING 24/7 YOUTHWORK