



# BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



## TERM 3 2025 – NEWSLETTER #14

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,

As we draw to the end of Term 3, I am mindful of the diverse and full learning that has been taking place in our classrooms. From looking at traditions and changes over time, to understanding gravity and scientific forces, students have been growing in their knowledge and have been engaged in activities that encourage understanding. I am grateful to God for the ways in which children can be exposed to a biblical perspective through our BCP teachers and in our classrooms.

Last Friday we were reminded how diverse and uniquely made we all are, as students from across primary demonstrated their 'God given' talents on the big stage. Our showcase event was a wonderful opportunity for groups, trio's, duos and individuals to demonstrate their passions and skills. The joy on children's faces, the clapping and encouragement from the audience - what a pleasurable event for all!

The Year 9 Christian Studies class, under the guidance of Mr David Stripling, facilitated our worship assembly last week. It is always a pleasure to see students share and influence one another. This was followed up this week by two student service leaders sharing a devotion each. Astrid Jordaan spoke about self-control, one of the fruits of the spirit. She reminded us that self-control is all about making the right choices, even when we are tempted to do something else. Jemima Briscoe shared her understanding of the word 'amen' when we pray. She carefully explained that when we say 'amen', we are agreeing with God in all the things that we are praying for. Both girls spoke with courage and brought a perspective and understanding that fellow students could relate to.



### TERM 4 KEY DATES

#### FIRST DAY TERM 4

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

#### YO PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – BC

#### Y5&Y6 ATHLETICS

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – BC – Details TBC

#### CIVVIES DAY

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Charity: Christmas Shoebox  
Theme: Seasons

#### Y5&Y6 SPEECH & CHESS COMP

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – BC Chapman

#### YO-Y4 ATHLETICS

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Details TBC

#### Y4-Y6 HALF DAY

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – School finishes 12.30pm for  
Y4-6 Teacher PLD - details to come.

#### Y5&Y6 NC ATHLETICS

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Details TBC

#### 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?

### CIVVIES DAY

Historical figures were the theme and together we raised \$539.90 for the charitable trust "Under the Stars". Thank you for your contribution and support.



### KAPA HAKA AT HOBEC

On Thursday representatives of our primary Kapa haka group were invited to perform at HOBEC. What an honour it was to witness our students perform with such humility and boldness. A special thanks to Becky Savage from HOBEC for coordinating and for being such wonderful hosts.





## NC SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Abydle Sabapathy represented BCP and the North Cluster of schools extremely well in Omokoroa on Wednesday at the Western Bay of Plenty speech competition.



### CALENDAR ART!!

It's Calendar art time again and your child's artwork has been scanned and is ready for ordering, there are a selection of items you can order, just in time for Christmas gifts!

**Follow these instructions to place your order online:**

1. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ170
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted



Classic Calendar  
\$ 20.00

Quantity

[read more](#)



Diaries  
\$ 20.00

Quantity

[read more](#)



SketchPad  
\$ 20.00

Quantity

[read more](#)



Greeting Card  
\$ 20.00

Quantity

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Mouse Mats  
\$ 20.00

Quantity

[read more](#)



## SHOWCASE

From 5 year olds to 11 year olds, there is so much talent in Bethlehem College Primary! We enjoyed instrumentalists, dancers, singers and actors - all unique, all brave and courageous, and all proud of themselves for taking to the stage to share their God given giftings with others. Well done to all our performers and thank you to those of you who came along to support.





## Y3&Y4 OTANEWAINUKU FOREST TRIPS



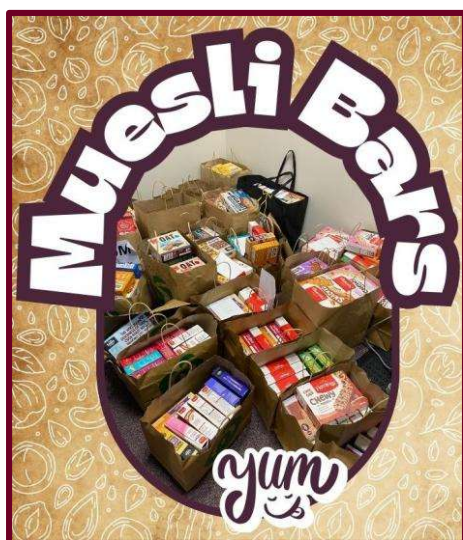
Our Y3&Y4 students had the privilege of visiting Otanewainuku Forest this week. This visit beautifully links to our Inquiry unit - God is Creator which is all about Science - The Living World. A big thank you to The House of Science and Bay Conservation Alliance for organizing this trip and our many parent helpers!



## PRIMARY SPORT

We congratulate all our winter sports teams who had their prize giving's this week. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and parent supporters for your dedication and support of the teams!

**RUNJUMPTHROW**  
**BELLEVUE**  
**ATHLETIC CLUB**  
We are the largest children's athletic club in Tauranga offering a fun and full programme for 2 – 14 year olds!  
**REGISTER NOW**  
Visit [sporty.co.nz/bellevueathletics](http://sporty.co.nz/bellevueathletics)  
**SEASON RUNS OCT - MARCH**  
STARTS **October 7**  
EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT  
5.20PM  
AT THE DOMAIN  
TAURANGA  
  
COME ALONG FOR ONE  
FREE TRIAL NIGHT!



## MUESLI BAR MONDAY

Thank you for your generous donations of Muesli Bars this week, Primary has donated 3,967 muesli bars to support Mount College!



## HALF DAY FINISH FOR Y4 - 6 STUDENTS 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 12:30PM

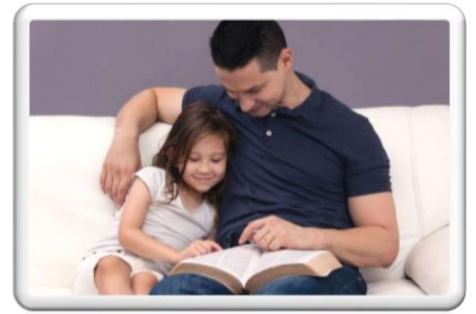
As part of our structured literacy professional development training with Y4-6 teachers, there will be a workshop for staff on the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and in acknowledgement of any inconvenience, we wanted to give you plenty of notice. Next term families of children in years 4 – 6 will be asked to complete a form regarding your willingness and ability to collect children at 12:30pm on this day. **Students in years 0 – 3 will be in class as normal.**





## HAPPY PARENTING

As we come to a close on our term 3 memory verses about leadership, may I take this opportunity to encourage you all as the spiritual leaders in your home. As fathers and mothers, you have been granted this great responsibility to guide these precious children entrusted to us by God, so that His plan for them can be fulfilled. I found this article from Child Evangelism Fellowship, titled "A Parent's Role as Spiritual Leaders" encouraging and thought provoking. I invite you to read it. [LINK](#)



My prayer is that you have a safe and refreshing holiday break. Enjoy the change of rhythms and routine. Try something new and create family memories that last a lifetime.

Term 4 begins on Tuesday 7th October and we look forward to reconnecting with everyone. As a reminder, summer uniforms and hats are the required attire.

Happy holidays and blessings,

Primary Leadership Team

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**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.

**Operation Christmas Child:** BC is thrilled to be a part of Operation Christmas Child 2025! Return boxes to Primary reception by 24 Oct.


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

**PTA Term 3 Update:** Over Term 3, the PTA has contributed to a number of areas such as the coffee cart at the beginning of term, Grandparents Morning Tea, replenishing the Primary Lego supply, purchasing more Sphero mini bots for Technology, and the 'Parenting in an Online World' seminar with Rob Cope. It is a privilege to be able to contribute and support different things going on in the school, and the PTA is happy to be involved!

If you want to get involved in the PTA or just find out more about what we do - **Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm in the staffroom**, and we'd love you to join us. You can find out more by emailing [pta@beth.school.nz](mailto:pta@beth.school.nz) or have a chat to one of our friendly PTA Representatives at our next free coffee cart, on the first day back of Term 4.



**Board of Trustees Election Results:** Thank you to the outgoing Board members for your dedication and support. We welcome the new incoming board, **Katy Lietze, Rob Stacey, Paul Shakes, Carl Zimmerman, Shaun Sutcliffe, Nathan Martin** and student representative **Jaiden Murray**.



**2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION**  
**Declaration of Parent & Staff Results**

**Parent Representative Votes:**

Ben Runciman	68	Bevan Rakola	89
Bruce Cameron	64	Carl Zimmerman	140
Clarissa Van Emmenes	102	Emma de Laborde	100
Gareth Pheloung	44	Hayden Briscoe	126
James Chamberlain	67	Jeffery Orr	58
Katy Lietze	265	Nathan Smart	99
Paul Shakes	156	Philipp Potgieter	35
Richard Germann	52	Rob Stacey	183
Sean Embling	96	Shaun Sutcliffe	136
Will Viljoen	53	Invalid Votes	6

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Carl Zimmerman, Katy Lietze, Paul Shakes,  
 Rob Stacey & Shaun Sutcliffe**

**Staff Representative Votes:**

Danie Leonard	13	Nathan Martin	48
Shelly van Tonder	23	Wayne Lambert	47

I hereby declare **Nathan Martin** duly elected.

*Del Miller, Returning Officer, Bethlehem College*

**BC MUSIC DEPT.  
PRESENTS**

**Orchestras  
Choirs  
Bands  
and more!**

# BRILLIANCE

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND STUDENT COMPOSITION**

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 7PM, BC PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

**GOLD COIN DONATION APPRECIATED**



**BC BUSINESS  
NETWORKING**

8 SEP  
13 OCT  
19 NOV  
8 DEC

2ND WIN EACH MONTH | 4-5 PM @ BC STAFFROOM | ART TEA & BUSINESS CONNECTIONS





**MAHIA AMERICAN**  
**SPRING FESTIVAL**  
**SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025**  
**MEMORIAL PARK**  
**OEYC - 71 ELEVENTH AV. TAURANGA**  
**11.00 AM TO 2.30 PM**  
**LIVE MUSIC - SHOWS - FOOD MARKET & MUCH MORE**  
**Eventbrite**  


**Ballet Cultural PUKU RANGI TEA**  
**Dance Workshop Rapa Nui**  
**21 September**  
**9:30 AM - 10:45 AM**  
**QEYC Memorial Hall**  
**71 Eleventh Avenue**  
**Tauranga**  
**Supported by:**  
  
 Kunza-Chilean Dance Group  
 Kunza.nz  
 kunzaturanga@gmail.com

**September 2025 Holiday Programme**  
**at The One and a Half Acre Wood**  
**80 Odey Rd, Whakamarama, Tauranga**  
**9AM - 3PM**  
**\$75 PER DAY PER CHILD LUNCH PROVIDED**  
**AGE 5-13 YRS**  
**Mon 22 Sep - Fri 26 Sep**  

- HORSE-TIME & RIDES
- PETTING ZOO
- GAMES, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
- CAMPFIRE LUNCH
- FARM ANIMAL AND EEL FEEDING

**FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:**  
**@allaboutanimals80@gmail.com**

**Katikids Sept/Oct Holiday Programme**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025**  
**Enrol at [www.katikaticommunity.nz](http://www.katikaticommunity.nz)**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Nature Day**  
**Plants, crafts**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Sports morning**  
**Craftnoon**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sports morning**  
**Baking & craftnoon**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Waikī Pump Track**  
**All day trip,**  
**bicycles, scooters, skate boards**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sports morning**  
**Scavenger Huntnoon**  
**Held at Katikati Primary School**  
**Enrolment Information:**  

- Open 8<sup>th</sup> September online or at the Community Centre, 45 Beach Road Katikati
- Payment made at time of enrolment when enrolling online - [www.katikaticommunity.nz](http://www.katikaticommunity.nz)
- Sorry no refunds given
- Payment by - cash, Eftpos or online
- Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available but prepayment will be necessary

**OSCAR Subsidy Available**  
**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN HAVE:**  
 A large healthy lunch, a refillable water bottle, hat, warm clothes, and appropriate footwear for each day.

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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Sport morning**  
**Santa Craftnoon**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Renaturing Katikati**  
**(Project Parore)**  
**Craftnoon**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**Sports Morning**  
**Craftnoon**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Playground morning tea,**  
**popcorn and movie,**  
**picnic lunch and hill rolling**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**Classic Flyers**  
**Kulim Park**  
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**STEAM-ED**  
**Term 4 2025**  
**After school & Home-school Programmes**  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF DISCOUNTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES CARD HOLDERS**  
**We have 1-2 heavily subsidised spaces per class for children of Community Services Card holders. Waitlist applies for this term and next**  
**Contact [info@creativeheart.co.nz](mailto:info@creativeheart.co.nz) for CSC Discount Terms & Conditions and to apply for a discount**  

Monday 13 October - 8 December	Tuesday 14 October - 2 December	Wednesday 15 October - 3 December	Thursday 16 October - 4 Dec
<b>STEAM Chemistry Lab</b> <b>8-13yrs \$212 (8 sessions)</b> <b>Homework: Mondays 10am - 11.30am</b> <b>After-school: Mondays 3.30pm - 5pm</b> <b>How to Build a Universe</b> Get hands-on with the building blocks of the universe - the elements of the periodic table. Your mission: design, mix, test, and transform everyday materials into extraordinary creations. Build sparkling crystal bridges, ditch the tape and weld your cardboard creations with chemical reactions, create a new kind of chewing gum, or design stretchy, strong waterproof solutions to real-world challenges. Learn about elements, molecules, and reactions as you invent, experiment and build like a chemist-engineer - with creations to take home!	<b>ROBOTICS - Homeschool</b> <b>8-16yrs \$240 (8 sessions)</b> <b>Tuesdays 10am - 12pm</b> Robotics promotes teamwork, design & creative thinking, programming skills and perseverance. Children will work with a teammate, learning to work together to problem solve as they create a solution to Term 4's challenge. Future proof your child! <b>ROBOTICS - Foundation</b> <b>8-13yrs \$240 (8 sessions)</b> <b>Tuesdays 3.30pm - 5.30pm</b> A class especially for children beginning to work with robots or with limited experience. Children will work in pairs with our VEX IQ kits to problem solve as they create a solution to Term 4's challenge. Intro to programming.	<b>STEAM Chemistry Lab</b> <b>8-13yrs \$240 (8 sessions)</b> <b>Homework: Wednesdays 10am - 12pm</b> <b>After-school: Wednesdays 3.30pm - 5.30pm</b> <b>How to Build a Universe</b> Get hands-on with the building blocks of the universe - the elements of the periodic table. Your mission: design, mix, test, and transform everyday materials into extraordinary creations. Build sparkling crystal bridges, ditch the tape and weld your cardboard creations with chemical reactions, create a new kind of chewing gum, or design stretchy, strong waterproof solutions to real-world challenges. Learn about elements, molecules, and reactions as you invent, experiment and build like a chemist-engineer - with creations to take home!	<b>ROBOTICS - Experienced</b> <b>8-13yrs \$240 (8 sessions)</b> <b>Thursdays 3.30pm - 5.30pm</b> Robotics promotes teamwork, creative thinking, perseverance & programming skills. Students work with a teammate to problem solve and create. Using VEX IQ kits, newer students build from instructions while those who have been with us before will be encouraged to be creative in their build as they create a solution to Term 4's challenge. Coding is incorporated.

**BOOK online: <https://enrolmy.com/steam-ed>**  
**STEAM-ED Charitable Trust**    **671 Cameron Road, Tauranga**    **Ph 022 377 3209 or 07 571 0711**

**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](http://WWW.CREATIVEHEART.CO.NZ)**  
**creative heart**

