

TERM 4 2025 – NEWSLETTER #17

Tena koutou Parents/Caregivers,
This week's newsletter has a great selection of children celebrating their gifts and talents across different areas. It is a great reminder of God's amazing creativity being outworked through our children - enjoy!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Last week Mrs Michelle Booth shared a very good visual reminder of the importance of keeping our hearts clean by coming to God and saying sorry. When our hearts are clean and pure we'll see God so much better.



This week we had 2 of our student service leaders Yena Kim and Jadyen Bezuidenhout sharing their favourite parables. Jayden shared the parable of the wedding banquet - he likes that God calls all of us to him to be in his kingdom. Yena shared about the importance of a firm foundation in the Lord taught to us the parable of the wise and foolish builders.

TERM 4 KEY DATES

Y5&Y6 WBOP ATHLETICS

Wed 26th Nov – Tauranga Domain

YO-Y1 FUN DAY/TRIATHLON

Wed 3rd Dec – BC

Y2, Y5 & Y6 FUN DAY

Wed 3rd Dec – BC

Y6 GRADUATION

Thurs 4th Dec – PAC – 11.15am - 12.30pm

Y6 SOCIAL

Thurs 4th Dec – Primary Hall – 6pm – 8pm

Y3&Y4 FUN DAY

Mon 8th Dec – BC

PRIMARY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Thurs 11th Dec – EC – 1.30pm - 2.30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

Fri 12th Dec – School finishes 12pm
Buses leave 12.15pm

FIRST DAY TERM 1 2026

Mon 2nd Feb

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

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Website: [Enrolled Families](#)



ASSEMBLY



Today our youngest children in A5 and A6 treated us to a fun assembly.

LUNCHTIME PLAY

Fine sunny days (for the most part) has meant we have lots of fun things happening in the playground. Cricket, volleyball and skipping have been popular activities.





YEAR 3&4 FUNKY FUN DAY



Funky Fun Days offer a fun, non-competitive day of sports at Mercury Baypark Arena. Last week our year 3&4 students enjoyed skill-based coaching and friendly games in sports like badminton, football, floorball, miniball and bowls. The focus is on participation, trying new activities, and having fun. A special thank you to our parent helpers, we really appreciate your support and enthusiasm!



TE Rā REHIA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



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Te Rā Rehia, our local Otumoetai Kapa haka festival was run last week at Pillans Point Primary. Our roopu, **Te Ngākau o te Awa** performed beautifully a selection of waiata and a haka. A big thanks to our kaiako Tumanako Farrell and Mrs Corine Marsden for their mahi in preparing the children. Thank you also to all the parents and whanau who came to support the children.



PRIMARY SPORT

Congratulations to the Y5&Y6 Orienteering teams who competed last week. The teams achieved great results!



Y5&Y6 ORIENTEERING

CONGRATULATIONS!!

1 ST PLACE Y5 GIRLS TEAM
HEIDI COMER, ELINA KIM
EMILY MOCKETT

2ND PLACE Y6 GIRLS TEAM
ARABELLA HANNA & SOPHIA ROSS

2ND PLACE Y5 BOYS TEAM
CHRISTIAAN BEKKER, HENCO BOTHA
BEAU WRIGHT

2ND PLACE Y6 BOYS TEAM
NICHOLAS DUFFETT & JACOB WHITE

NORTH CLUSTER ATHLETICS

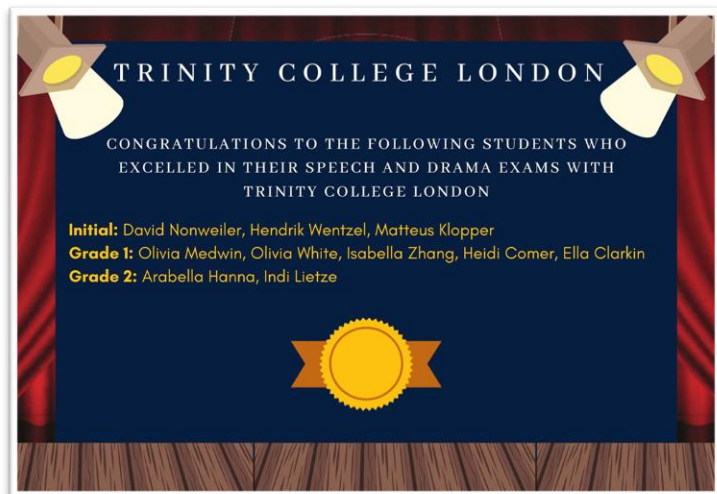
Congratulations to Christiaan Bekker, Ella Clarkin, Aaron Theron, Heidi Comer, Anrich Koekemoer, Piper Urquhart, Emma du Plooy, Zoe Hodson, Masia Vahe, Josua Blom, David Gwanpua, Malakai Campbell, Tayla Mosogau, Ezekiel Spencer and Olivia Uy who will represent BCP at the WBOP athletics next week.



Well done to our Year 5 & 6 athletes who competed at the North Cluster event last week. Congratulations to the BC athletes who will be representing the North Cluster at the WBOP Athletics being held at Tauranga Domain on Wednesday 26th November.

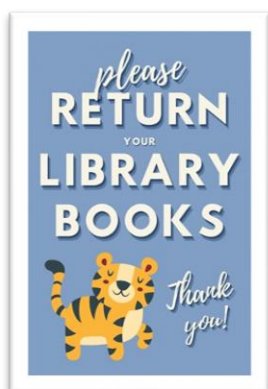


SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMS



A significant amount of work goes into achieving each of these qualifications and we are very proud of you all!

LIBRARY NEWS



All library books are due back to the library by next Friday 28th Nov, please return all school library books including instructional readers.

Thank you!

We are missing a quite a few books in the "WeirDo" series by Anh Do
Have you got them?



Summer Reading Club

We are grateful to the Megan Zingel and the library team who promote and facilitate the Summer Reading Club, and we encourage all of you to take part. The Summer Reading Club forms are at the end of the newsletter for you to print off.



Year 1 – 3 students, please note that where it has been indicated 10 classroom instructional readers can be selected, **this is only for students identified by classroom teachers**. As an alternative, there are Ready to Read books in the library that are suitable for instructional reading, and these can be selected freely.

We encourage families to come and select books with their children, so that a diverse range is chosen. **The library will be open to select books on 8th, 9th and 10 December, between 7:30am and 4:00pm. We suggest you turn it into an event.**



SEESAW - PARENT'S INSTRUCTIONS

If you would like to keep a copy of your child's Seesaw learning journal for 2025, it is important that you download this prior to the end of the school year. Please follow the instructions in the link here: <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/208754866-How-do-familiesand-students-download-an-archive-of-student-work>

When we start the new school year the children will automatically be put into their new classes.



HAPPY PARENTING

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" ([1 Chr 16:34](#))

The third Thursday in November is when Thanksgiving is celebrated across America. While it isn't celebrated here in NZ, the call to be grateful and thankful is something that as Christians we know is an important part of our faith and especially good for our children to learn. The article here has some good ideas for families to consider: [Thanksgiving](#)



The coming weeks are a busy time as we have numerous activities happening. Our Year 6 classes will be honoured in week 9 and celebrate their time in Primary with some fun events. We are very thankful to God for each one of them and the many ways each one has grown in Him. We're looking forward to seeing many parents and whanau join us for the special events we have planned.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ngā mihi,
Karen.



NOTICES



Chapel Carols: You are warmly invited to join us next Friday on the 28th as we celebrate Christmas across the campus and community at the BC chapel.

Yearbooks: The 2025 Arotahi is almost here! Your family copy of the yearbook will be distributed first to the oldest child at the Leavers Dinner on the 27th November and distributed to the oldest child thereafter, including any pre-ordered additional copies. Thank you to Mr Morgan for a beautifully designed keepsake for our families to enjoy.

Let's Paint Wairoa Marae: This project has been delayed until the new year while the marae undergoes renovations. New painting dates will be announced in 2026. Thank you for your support!



Digital Learning: If you're looking to buy a new device for your Year 6+ please check out the Digital Learning page [here](#) to view device recommendations.

Uniform Shop Christmas / New Year Closure: The Uniform Shop will be closed from Monday 22 December to Friday 9 January for the Christmas and New Year break. We will reopen for uniform fittings by appointment from Monday 12 January, operating Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 4.00pm. Please book your uniform fitting through the BC website <https://www.beth.school.nz/uniforms>

Speech and Drama 2026: The Speech and Drama teachers will be putting together groups at the end of January so if you are interested in your child learning Speech and Drama at Bethlehem College in 2026 please contact Katy Lietze (a.k.lietze@gmail.com) or Lee Watkins (leemargaretwatkins@gmail.com) and they will send you some information. Alternatively, you can make an inquiry by going to the school website and under Student Life you will find the Arts and Culture page. Speech and Drama is found there.

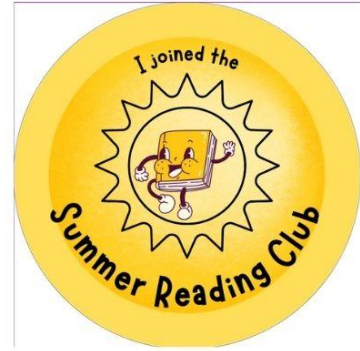
Business Networking: Give the Gift of Investment: At this month's Business Networking event we had [Shaun Sutcliffe](#) from Craigs speak about the benefits of making your money work for you and your family. What caught many of our attention was the idea of introducing our children to investing and saving and sharing this experience together as a family. One way to do this is through a [myStart](#) account.

Join us on the 2nd Monday of each month from 4-5 pm in the BC staffroom for afternoon tea and a time of supporting one another in business. Next event is on 8th December, with more info [here](#).





Year 1 Summer Reading Club



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Every summer the school library runs a **Summer Reading Club** to encourage students to keep on reading during the holidays.

Students who are in **Year 1** can take up to **10 library books**. Students will be provided with a list of books they have chosen, as well as a carry bag.

If you would like your child to participate, please sign the permission slip below and return it to the library as soon as possible. **Books can be selected before school, during morning tea and lunch, and after school on Dec 8th, 9th and 10th.** The library is open from 7.30am - 4.00pm. Please make a plan to help your child get these books home or feel free to come to the library to help select the books.

The conditions for borrowing books over the summer holidays are:

- the student is returning to Bethlehem College in 2026
- the student has no outstanding books when coming to choose Summer Reading books
- parents/caregivers agree to pay for any lost or damaged books
- books will be **returned by 6th February 2026**

Any questions, please contact **Megan Zingel** (Head Librarian) megan.zingel@beth.school.nz.



STUDENT'S FULL NAME **YEAR 1**

- I give permission for my son/daughter to take out a maximum of 10 library books and 10 instructional readers.
- I undertake to ensure that all books will be returned to school by **6 February 2026**.

Parent/caregiver signature

I undertake to take good care of my library books and will return all books to the school library by **6 February 2026**.

Student signature

Year 1
Number of library
books issued

(Librarians to write number here)





Year 2-3 Summer Reading Club



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Every summer the school library runs a **Summer Reading Club** to encourage students to keep on reading during the holidays.

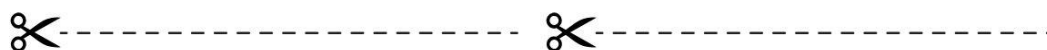
Students who are in Year 2 to 3 are invited to borrow up to 30 books for the duration of the summer holidays. Students will be provided with a list of books they have chosen, as well as a carry bag.

If you are happy for your child to participate, please sign the permission slip below and return it to the library as soon as possible. **Books can be selected before school, during morning tea and lunch, and after school on Dec 8th, 9th and 10th.** The library is open from 7.30am - 4.00pm. Parents are welcome to come and help select books with their children.

Your child may borrow up to 30 books for the holidays as long as:

- they are returning to Bethlehem College the next year
- they have no outstanding books when coming to choose Summer Reading books
- you agree to pay for any lost or damaged books
- books will be returned by 6th February 2026

Any questions, please contact **Megan Zingel** (Head Librarian) megan.zingel@beth.school.nz



STUDENT'S FULL NAME **Year level** **Class**.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take out a maximum of 30 books and undertake to ensure that all books will be returned to school by **6 February 2026**.

Parent/caregiver signature

I undertake to take good care of my library books and will return all books to the school library by **6 February 2026**.

Student signature

Number of library books issued

(Librarians to write number here)





Year 4-12 Summer Reading Club

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Every summer the school library runs a **Summer Reading Club** to encourage students to keep on reading during the holidays. In particular we want to encourage our students to make use of the opportunity they have over summer to read while they do not have the demands and expectations of schoolwork.

Students who are in Year 4 to 12 can take up to 30 books of their choice for the duration of the summer holidays. They will be provided with a list of books they have chosen, as well as a carry bag.

If you would like your child to participate, please sign the permission slip below and return it to the library as soon as possible. **Books can be selected on December 8th, 9th and 10th:** before school, during morning tea and lunch, and after school.

Your child may borrow up to 30 books for the holidays as long as:

- they are returning to Bethlehem College the next year
- they have no outstanding books when coming to choose Summer Reading books
- you agree to pay for any lost or damaged books
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STUDENT'S FULL NAME Year level Class/Kgroup.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take out a maximum of 30 books and undertake to ensure that all books will be returned to school by **6 February 2026**.

Parent/caregiver signature

I undertake to take good care of my library books and will return all books to the school library by **6 February 2026**.

Student signature

Year 4-12

Number of books issued

(Librarians to write number here)

