



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 2026 - NEWSLETTER #4

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we approach the end of Term 1, we have much to be thankful for. Most recently, we celebrated the success of our Year 6 annual camp at Totara Springs. It was a joy to see our students encounter creation in such a vibrant way, stepping out of their comfort zones to tackle challenges they had never tried before. We are incredibly grateful to the parents and staff within our community who so willingly gave their time to make this experience possible.

Next week, our community enters perhaps the most significant season of our calendar: Easter. Easter is truly the heartbeat of the Christian faith. It is a time when we move from the reflection and discipline of Lent into the profound joy of the resurrection. While the world around us may focus on the fleeting symbols of the season, our school gathers to celebrate a message that is timeless: that light triumphs over darkness, and that hope is never truly lost.

You are warmly invited to join us for our Easter Service next Thursday morning at 9:30am in the EC, followed by the sharing of hot cross buns in the PAC foyer.



TERM 1 & 2 KEY DATES

Y5&Y6 WBOP SWIMMING CHAMPS

Wed 1 Apr – Baywave

EASTER SERVICE

Thurs 2 Apr – EC – 9.30am – 10.30am

LAST DAY TERM 1

Thurs 2 Apr

FIRST DAY TERM 2

Tues 21st Apr

ANZAC DAY - NO SCHOOL

Mon 27th Apr

EPRO8 COMPETITION

Wed 6th May – BC

PHOTOLIFE CULTURAL PHOTOS

Tues 12th May & Wed 13th May

YO-Y6 CROSS COUNTRY

Mon 18th May – BC – Details TBC

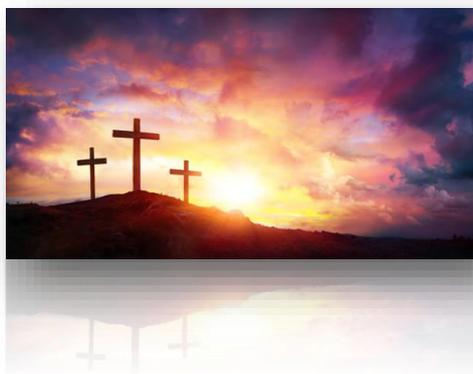
Our Vision

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

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At the core of the Easter narrative are the values we strive to instil in our students every day:

- **Sacrifice:** Understanding the depth of love shown through selflessness.
- **Renewal:** The belief that every ending is the beginning of something beautiful and new.
- **Grace:** Recognizing the gift of forgiveness and the opportunity to start afresh.

For our students, Easter serves as a powerful reminder that they are part of a story much larger than themselves—a story of unconditional love and the promise of a bright future.

As you prepare to spend time with your loved ones, my prayer for each of our families is that you experience the peace and renewal that Easter brings. May your homes be filled with the warmth of community and the quiet joy of the Easter miracle.

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." — Matthew 28:6

Ngā mihi,

Jo West

WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES

BCP had the pleasure of welcoming back Mrs Karen Whenuaroa last week to share a devotion. Mrs Whenuaroa shared her recipe for a 'friendship fruit salad', using different fruits to represent the qualities of a good friend.



- **Bananas:** The bunch represents the strength found in loyalty.
- **Apples:** The core reminds us to be pure-hearted, honest, and sincere.
- **Pineapples:** Their prickly skin and sweet centre remind us that while people (and words) can sometimes be sharp, there is often sweetness within.
- **Oranges:** When we are "squeezed" by hurt, we can choose to let go of the pain and offer forgiveness.
- **Grapes:** Coming in bunches, they symbolize how we can support and help one other.
- **Strawberries:** The heart-shaped centre represents kindness in action.
- **Watermelon:** Large and made for sharing, it encourages us to show compassion and care for others.

Mrs. Whenuaroa concluded by reminding us of God's goodness through these fruits, noting that in Jesus, God has given us the ultimate example of a best friend.



This week, our Deputy Head Girl, Sophie Neustroski, spoke to BCP. Using the analogy of a piece of paper being crumpled with every unkind word, she demonstrated how unkind words can leave a "crack" or a scar on the heart, even after an apology. Sophie encouraged everyone to use the 'THINK' acronym before speaking:



T – Is it **T**ruthful? **H** – Is it **H**elpful? **I** – Is it **I**mportant? **N** – Is it **N**ecessary? **K** – Is it **K**ind?

Words are powerful and we have a responsibility to use them wisely.



"Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone". Colossians 4:6

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL....

Y2 CULTURAL BREAKFAST

On Thursday 19th of March, B block held their annual Cultural Breakfast. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and share a meal from their culture. Lots of delicious food and conversations were had during the morning.



Y5 ELMS TRIP

As part of our community topic this term, the Year 5 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Elms. We explored the historic site and learned about its significance, including the lives of the early missionaries who lived there, in particular Alfred Brown. We reflected on his role in local history. It was a meaningful and engaging experience that brought our learning to life.

YEAR 5

The Elms Trip



Y6 CAMP

Totara Springs is a magnificent location for the children to explore God's creation. Under the careful guidance of Mrs Ruth Sutcliffe and Mr Joel Devcich, Mrs Rachael McKoy and Mr Glen McCullough, Y6 students participated in a range of activities over three days. The activities included the water slide, raft building, crate building, flying kiwi, rock wall climbing, archery, bushcraft, archery tag and slug guns. We extend our sincere thanks to the parents who accompanied our students on camp. Without their assistance, these types of experiences would not be possible. A highlight of the camp was our time of worship and devotions on Tuesday evening where the presence of God was evident.



friends



CIVVIES DAY

Twinning created lots of fun at BCP last Friday. What a colourful sight! Thank you for your generosity. \$516.80 was raised which will be given to The Ark, a school that BCP has long been associated with in Kenya.



LIBRARY NEWS

READ, READ, READ

PHASE 1

Read as much as you can

Name: _____
Class (Phase 1): _____

Read as many books as you can before BOOK WEEK begins. Hand in to the library in Term 2, Week 7 to be in the draw.

1 Has more than 100 pages	2 Is set in another country	3 Has a sea creature	4 Is set in the past	5 Has a berry on the front cover
6 A story from the Bible	7 Is a true story	8 Rhymes	9 Has a one word title	10 Makes you laugh
11 Is set in space	12 Has a famous person	13 Is about food	14 Is about friendship	15 Is about a sport
16 Is about dinosaurs	17 Is about cooking	18 Is set in the wild	19 Teaches you about science	20 Is about pets
21 National Geographic	22 Teaches you about God	23 Is a magazine	24 Is a Fairy tale	25 Is a chapter book
26 Is full of facts	27 Is a graphic novel	28 Is a mystery	29 Is from the new book shelf	30 Is by your favourite author
31 Has been shared by your friend	32 Has a famous event	33 Has been made into a movie	34 Has a mainly red cover	

PHASE 2

Read them all

READ a-thon

Read all 25 books (no double ups!) before BOOK WEEK begins in Term 2, Week 8. Hand this in when it is completed to the library during Week 7 to be in the draw.

1 A biography	2 An adventure story	3 Main character is an animal	4 Teaches you about God	5 One word title
6 Is part of a series	7 Is recommended by a teacher	8 Is set in another country	9 Is a picture book	10 Makes you laugh
11 A YOU CHOOSE story	12 Has been made into a movie	13 Based on a Bible story	14 Is set in a school	15 Is a magazine
16 The hero is a bit like you	17 Is set in winter	18 Has a rodent in the story	19 Recommended by a librarian	20 A book YOU would recommend
21 Recommended by a friend	22 Has a fantasy creature in it	23 Has a number in the title	24 Is about families	25 Has a mainly yellow front cover

Name: _____ Class (Phase 2): _____

Leading up to BOOK WEEK (Term 2, Week 8) we will be encouraging students to read widely and read lots.

Each student will receive a copy of the READ-A-THON sheet for either Phase 1 or Phase 2.

You can help your child to read books and write the title on the back of the sheet.

We will be helping them find books in their library time.

email  library@beth.school.nz for an extra copy

From The Library



PRIMARY SPORT

NORTH CLUSTER SWIMMING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who represented BCP at the North Cluster swimming event. We have some very gifted swimmers in our community, some of whom will now be representatives at the Western Bay of Plenty event.



Ella Baker - Year 6 Girls: 1st - 100m Freestyle, 1st - 25m Butterfly, 1st - 25m Backstroke, 1st - 25m Breaststroke, 1st - 25m Freestyle, 1st - 100m Medley, 1st - 50m Backstroke, 1st - 50m Freestyle, 1st - 50m Breaststroke.

Piper Urquhart - Year 6 Girls: 2nd - 25m Backstroke, 2nd - 25m Breaststroke, 2nd - 25m Freestyle, 2nd - 100m Medley, 2nd - 50m Freestyle.

Elina Kim - Year 6 Girls: 2nd - 50m Breaststroke.

Samuel Hardman - Year 5 Boys: 1st - 25m Breaststroke, 1st - 50m Breaststroke.

Reiken Myburgh - Year 5 Boys: 2nd 50m - Backstroke.

Matthew van Tonder - Year 5 Boys: 3rd - 25m Backstroke, 2nd - 25m Freestyle, 1st - 50m freestyle.

The following sports teams need more players for the upcoming term 2 and 3 winter sports season
Netball year 5 - Hockey year 3
Contact Christine Browne – Sports Co-ordinator christine.browne@beth.school.nz

Registrations are now open for Netball Future Ferns sessions for Year 0-2 students. This is being held at BC during Tuesday lunchtime from Week 2 to 10 in term 2. Further information is in the registration form. There is a limit of 25 players for the session so places are on a first-in basis via the registration form at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/260766974683879>
Any queries, please email sportsadmin@beth.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS!

MATTHEW VAN TONDER & REIKEN MYBURGH



Matthew and Reiken won their respective categories at the Gate Pa tennis club championships last week. They played extremely well, showing a lot of heart and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS



HAPPY PARENTING

Easter brings a wonderful opportunity to **connect, reflect, and refresh**. It is a significant touchpoint in the calendar one that often becomes even more meaningful when paired with family traditions. The attached article offers a glimpse into the traditions created by the staff at Parenting Place. I encourage you to take a look; you may find a spark of inspiration for new traditions to start within your own home.

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/easter-treasures-connect-reflect-refresh>

Ngā mihi,

Jo



NOTICES

- **Photolife photos:** Free delivery ends Sunday 12th April.
- **Uniform Shop:** Term 2 is winter uniforms, so if you're buying for the first time or need a new size get in quick! With the upcoming Easter holidays, the [Uniform Shop](#) is closed 3-10 April and open 13-20 April by appointment.
- **BC Businesses:** Need a referral for a business? Have a business you'd like to list? Want to connect with other businesses? Check out our BC Business page [here](#).
- **Enrolment:** Applications for students entering Year 7 and 9 in 2027 (not currently attending BC) close on 30 June. Online application [here](#)
- **Worship Week:** Join us for the fourth annual [Worship Week](#) at the BC Chapel **15-19 June** from 8 am to 4 pm daily. Be our guest or sign up [here](#) to perform with instruments, singing, reading, dancing, drama, art and more. Visit World Vision to find out more about the [40 Hour Challenge](#).
- **2x Canteen Vacancies:** Students and staff alike love the BC canteen! Two opportunities have become available beginning Term 2 2026. Please email Annette Dibley at lunchwisenz@gmail.com to apply.
#1: Shop Manager: 30 hours per week, with negotiable times and remuneration. Essential skills include money handling, customer service, maintaining stock levels and rotation, and some cooking experience is also preferable.
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