



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 2026 – NEWSLETTER #8

As we come to the end of another wonderful week at BCP, it is worth reflecting on the many ways our community has come together in learning, service, and faith.

This week has seen Book Week captivate our students and wider community. We are incredibly grateful to Megan Zingel and our dedicated library team—Rachel Briscoe, Jo Goodson, Kim Tapper, and Rachel Shakes—who have all contributed to creating exciting opportunities for our children to engage with books and reading each day during intervals and lunchtimes. Their enthusiasm and commitment helps foster a genuine love of reading across the school. The week culminated in a wonderful celebration today, with our much-anticipated Book Character Parade and the annual Battle of the Book, both of which were enjoyed by students and staff alike.

Our annual school Foodbank Appeal has also provided a tangible example of what it means to be a generous community that shows kindness and care for others. BCP families contributed a significant number of non-perishable food items, which will be put to good use supporting those in need. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve others in practical ways.



TERM 2 KEY DATES

Y4-Y6 WBOP CROSS COUNTRY
Tues 16th Jun – Waipuna park

EPRO8 SEMI FINAL
Wed 17th June - Rotorua

CIVIES DAY
Fri 19th Jun – Charity: World Vision
Theme: The FIFA World Cup

Y4-Y6 SHOWCASE
Thurs 25th Jun – PAC – 11am-12.30pm

Y5&Y6 BOP CROSS COUNTRY
Tues 30th Jun – Opotiki

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL
Thurs 2nd Jul

LAST DAY TERM 2
Fri 3rd July – 3pm

FIRST DAY TERM 3
Tues 21st July

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

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Website: [Enrolled Families](#)



I would also like to thank the parents who have registered to attend one of our four information sessions on the new curriculum and reporting framework. To date, close to 100 families have engaged in these valuable conversations. We have one remaining session next Wednesday at 5:30pm in the staffroom. If you have not yet attended, I encourage you to make it a priority. These sessions provide important insights into the curriculum and reporting changes taking place and how they will support your child's learning journey.

At BCP, we are intentional about providing opportunities for children to encounter Jesus and grow in their understanding of God's love. As our theme for the year suggests, *'a community of faith, with purpose, love, and gratitude'*, it is our hope that these experiences are tangible for our students and are reflected in the conversations you share together at home. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to nurture young people who know they are loved by God and are equipped to make a positive difference in our world.

Ngā mihi,
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WORSHIP ASSEMBLY



This week, Mrs. Rachael McKoy led us in a wonderful time of worship, beautifully supported by William and his dad, Steve, on the guitar, along with our fantastic student worship crew. Corporate worship is always such a beautiful way for our school community to start the week together.



Mr. Wayne Fraser spoke to the children using the analogy of two popular superheroes: Batman and Spider-Man. He shared how Batman invents gadgets to help him fight for good, while Spider-Man was transformed from the inside out, developing powers that enabled him to serve others. Mr Fraser used these examples to remind us of our bible habits. While we can easily fill our brains with facts and information, the true purpose of scripture is to allow it to change our hearts and transform who we are. Ultimately, Mr Fraser reminded us that the bible always points to Jesus, who is the One who changes us from the inside out forever.



ASSEMBLY A3/A4

A3 and A4 led a wonderful assembly last Friday where every student had the opportunity to participate and speak in front of the school.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL?

EPRO8

Our two year 5/6 Epro8 teams represented Bethlehem College so well at the interschool Epro8 competition in Whakatane last week. The Flaming Marshmallows came 2nd, and the BC Engineers came 4th. Well done to these teams for their great teamwork and brainpower. The Flaming Marshmallows will go on to represent Bethlehem College at the next round of the competition in Rotorua next week.



EPro8 2026

Congratulations!



The Flaming Mashmallows



BC Engineers



The Flaming Mashmallows



LEGO UPDATES

- (1) Huge thankyou to the P.T.A last year for some funds to buy more Lego which is being used this year. The design, creativity and ability to follow instructions is beneficial in so many ways.
- (2) Many of our Year 4 Lego groups are finishing the lunchtime builds of their kits for this term. As they complete these, they are put on display within our primary office. Please feel free to pop past and have a look at the wonderful creations.
- (3) Some students have asked if we could use Lego they have at home, that may be thrown out. The answer is YES - we will gladly accept any donations of LEGO. If you have any you would like to donate (bring joy to many students for a number of years) please send to school to Mr. Martin.
- (4) We also have our hardest LEGO competition yet, still running at present (we have had a number of successful and fun competitions these last 5 or so years - and decided to try something really hard and stretching this time). It involves doing some simple animation (stop/go video making) to show a biblical story or teach us a valuable lesson. There are some cool entries coming in, and due to the difficulty and effort needed to make, there is still time for those working on something. It is purely optional – but for those students who are keen – Reminder this competition closes on **Tuesday 21st July** - Day 1 back next term (so there is the holiday break too, to work on if desired).



ZERO WASTE

We have had the pleasure of Kim Edwards from Zero Waste onsite over the past couple of weeks and she will continue with us next week. Years 1 and 2 have been looking at what rubbish is. Years 3 and 4 have been looking at how we can reuse a variety of materials and Years 5 and 6 have been looking at composting.



BOOK WEEK

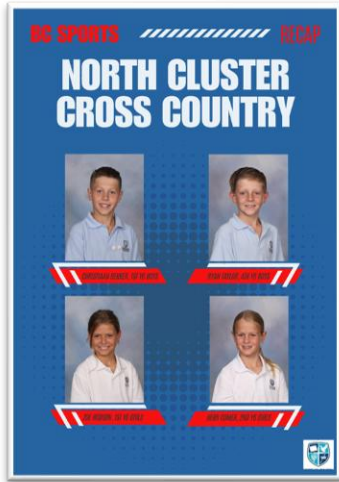
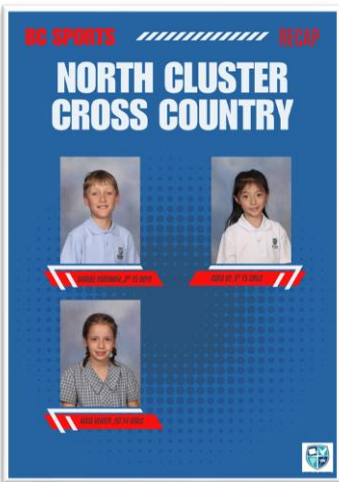


BOOK CHARACTER DAY





PRIMARY SPORT



We had over 40 students compete in the Cluster Cross Country at Whakamarama School last week. All of the students gave their best efforts and shone on the course. Congratulations to Christiaan Bekker, Heidi Comer, Tabitha Dos Santos, Samuel Hardman, Zoe Hodson, Elisha Lopez, Ryan Taylor, Maia Venter, Coralee Withy and Coco Xu who have made it to next round, which is the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cross Country.

Y5/6 BASKETBALL WORLD CUP

The yr 6 Celtics, with great support from Gursaira (yr 5), competed in the Tauranga Year 5/6 World Cup basketball tournament on Thursday 4 June, as Australia. They won their first four games well, and then unfortunately lost their fifth game by just 2 points. Lunch provided opportunity to rest and re-fuel but these players just wanted to keep on shooting hoops! The two games after lunch tested their athleticism and perseverance. With a draw at full time, a shoot-out was needed to decide the winner, and they won - finishing in 7th.

It was great to see how teamwork and trust grew throughout the day. This team shows great coachability (implementing Coach Stephen's instructions), and abundant enthusiasm - with cheering of "Aussie Aussie Aussie oi oi oi" able to be heard throughout Baypark, and at least two players without voices the following day.

The team is blessed to have wonderful supportive and creative parents who helped the team win (joint with Belgium) Best Dressed team. Thank you to everyone who was involved, it was a great day!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS



- World Vision 40-hour challenge 19th – 21st June
- Y4-6 Talent Showcase **Thursday 25th June** – entries close 5pm Wednesday 17th June. Entry form link: [Primary Senior Talent Showcase - 2026 – Fill in form](#)
- Civvies Day – Friday 19th June, the charity we are supporting is World Vision and our theme is: *The FIFA World Cup*



HAPPY PARENTING

Memorising Scripture is a Gift...

The Bible is God’s personal way of connecting with His children, and there is no better time to help our kids store up His truth than right now while they are like little sponges. Helping our children memorise God’s Word is one of the greatest gifts we can give them, equipping them with a spiritual anchor that will shape their future decisions, comfort their fears, and pop up exactly when they need it most. Take a look at the following article for some ideas on how you can make scripture memory engaging and fun at home.



<https://www.christianparenting.org/articles/six-ways-to-memorize-scripture-with-kids/>

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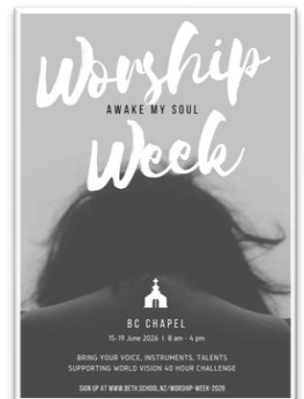
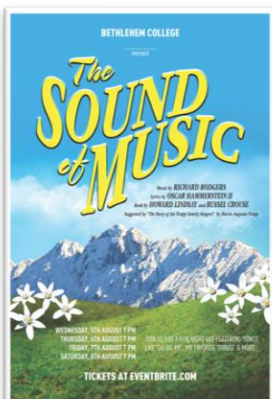
NOTICES



- **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](#) and sign up for the BC Team .
- **Sound of Music:** Join us for an entertaining night out for the whole family! The Bethlehem College Drama and Music Departments are proud to present 'The Sound of Music' on Wed 5th, Thu 6th, Fri 7th and Sat 8th of August 2026 at 7 pm at the BC Performing Arts Centre. Set in Austria, this timeless story follows Maria, whose vibrant faith and love for music transform the grieving von Trapp household. As she brings harmony and laughter back to the family, she teaches seven children—and their stoic father—the power of unconditional love and grace. Featuring iconic songs like 'My Favourite Things', '16 Going On 17', 'Do-Re-Mi', and 'So Long Farewell'. Buy tickets now at [Eventbrite](#).
- **PTA Meeting:** Join us at our next PTA meeting on Thursday 25 June at 7 pm in the staffroom.
- **Drop Off/Pick Up Speed Changes:** In an effort to improve road safety near schools, Tauranga City Council (TCC) will be reducing speed limits outside school gates to 30km/h between 7.55-8.30 am and 3.15-3.35 pm in late May/early June. Updated signage will be initiated by July 2026. In addition, TCC is proposing a permanent 30km/h speed limit for Elder Lane, the road alongside Bethlehem College. Many students walk, bike, or get dropped off along this road. Feedback is open until Friday, 26 June here: <https://letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/projects/safer-speeds>
- **Alumni:** Calling all past students, friends, parents and staff of Bethlehem College (Primary, Secondary & Chapman)! We would love to connect with you. Join our BC Connect group today to reconnect with BC friends here: www.beth.school.nz/about/alumni.
- **Enrolment:** Applications for students entering Year 7 and 9 in 2027 (not currently attending BC) close on 30 June. Online application [here](#).
- **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](#).
- **The Uniform shop:** will be closed on **Thursday 18th June** – taking online orders only.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

Open: 1st week of school holidays Mon 6 to Fri 10 July 10am-4pm
 Closed: 2nd week of holidays Mon 13 to Fri 17 July 10am - 4pm
 Normal hours resume: Mon 20 July 10am – 4pm



NZ & TAURANGA OWNED SUPPORT LOCAL

GREENPARK SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

PLAY TIME OSCAR PROGRAMMES AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY FUN

To Book: play-time.co.nz/holiday-programme
 Click on GREENPARK - scroll down - click "Book Holiday Programme" (read T&C's before booking)
 Scroll down for **Holiday Programme FAQ's** and click the FB icon to join our closed FB page.

Why choose an accredited OSCAR programme?: see why at play-time.co.nz/about

Need more information? check out our Handbook and heaps more info at play-time.co.nz

SCAN ME

MON 6 JULY	TUES 7 JULY	WED 8 JULY	THURS 9 JULY	FRIDAY 10 JULY
Sports & Funky Fun Day We head to Baypark Trustpower Arena for the amazing and massive Funy Park & Sport Day! Football, Tag or War, Basketball, Dodgeball, the...	Pokémon Day "Gotta Catch 'em All!" Be there or be a Slowpoke! Transform into ultimate Trainers for Pokémon Day with a day full of crafting, exploring & testing your battle skills. Make a Pokémon that actually opens & make your own Pokémon mask & Melty Bread Creation! Plus a Pokémon Scavenger Hunt & more!	Winter Wonderland Join us for a day of frosty fun & cozy treats! From snowy games to warm snacks, we've got everything you need to beat the winter chill! Make a Snowy Owl craft & create Polar Bear artwork, discover Snow Slime, warm up with Snowball Toss & more frosty games! Plus we'll chill out with Hot Chocolate & a Movie to end the day!	Silly Sports Day Get ready to get moving & grooving today! Play, craft & snack your way through the goofiest games ever! Make your very own mini Basketball Hoop Cup craft to take home & design a Sports Ball Bag. Try to show off your team spirit on your school bag. Plus we're playing heaps of games! Mini Basketball, Hungry Hippos,...	MATARIKI Mānawatia a Matariki! NO PLAY TIME TODAY Enjoy a wonderful long weekend with your family!

