



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 2026 - NEWSLETTER #9

As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect with gratitude on what has been a full and rewarding term for our school community.

There have been many highlights to celebrate, including our Cross Country event and Book Week, both of which provided wonderful opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop new skills, and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. Alongside these special events, our classroom programmes have been rich with learning experiences, and it has been a pleasure to see students engaging with enthusiasm and growing in confidence throughout the term.

I would also like to thank the many parents and whānau who have supported our assemblies this term. Your presence and encouragement contribute greatly to the sense of community that makes our school such a special place. This week's Phase 2 (Years 4-6) Showcase was another wonderful example of students sharing and celebrating their God-given gifts and talents. We are incredibly proud of the effort, creativity, and courage demonstrated by our students.



TERM 2 KEY DATES

Y5&Y6 BOP CROSS COUNTRY
Tues 30th Jun

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - NO SCHOOL
Thurs 2nd Jul

LAST DAY TERM 2
Fri 3rd July - 3pm

TERM 3 KEY DATES

FIRST DAY TERM 3
Tues 21st July

SCIENCE ROADSHOW
Mon 27th July & Tues 28th July

Y5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT
Wed 29th July - Details TBC

Y4-Y6 CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed 29th July - BC

PHASE 1 WEARABLE ARTS
Fri 31st July - Primary Hall: 9am -10.30am

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

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Website: [Enrolled Families](#)



Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held next Thursday, 2 July. There will be no school instruction for the day, but students are encouraged to join parents for the conference. Please ensure you have booked your conference time through SchoolBridge. Student reports will be emailed on Tuesday, providing an opportunity for families to gain an initial understanding of how the changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and our reporting processes are impacting your child's learning journey. We appreciate your partnership as we continue to navigate these changes together.



I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of our staff. They have worked diligently to embrace significant curriculum and assessment changes while continuing to know, understand, and support each child as an individual learner. Their commitment to serving our students with care and excellence is deeply appreciated.

As a Christian school, we are a community of faith, purpose, love, and gratitude. My hope is that you have experienced these values in meaningful ways throughout the term. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and for the many blessings we have shared together.

As we look ahead to the upcoming holidays, and as many families celebrate Matariki during the break, our prayer is that you will enjoy a safe and refreshing time together. May the change of rhythm bring opportunities for rest, quality family time, fun, and laughter.

We look forward to welcoming students back for the start of Term 3 on Tuesday, 21 July. May God bless you and your family over the holiday break.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jo

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL?

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Christiaan Bekker, one of our student service leaders, shared at our Monday Worship Assembly last week. He shared about being brave and getting your courage from God. He used the story of David and Goliath from the bible to illustrate that even when you may feel small, God can use you and will always be with you. Great work Christiaan.



EPRO8

The Flaming Marshmallows, our EPro8 finalist team, travelled to Rotorua to represent our school at the Bay of Plenty Semi-Finals. It was fantastic to see how well these boys worked together as a team. They problem-solved, collaborated, and persisted as they tackled a complex technological challenge, coming close to completing it. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school with enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork.

EPRO8 ROTORUA



CIVVIES DAY

Thank you for all your generous donations towards last Friday's Civvies Day, BCP raised \$546.40 for World Vision!



WORLD VISION 40 HOUR CHALLENGE

World Vision

From Primary to senior students a lot of the BC community was involved in the World Vision 40Hr Challenge during week 9.

Students participated in many activities ranging from going without technology, their beds, and some went silent for 40 hours! As you will read elsewhere classes and individuals also participated in 40Hrs of Worship in our chapel which was a beautiful expression of God's gifts. A Civvies Day for the whole college and a 20Hrs of Sport event for year 13 students completed the weeks activity. Together we have currently raised over \$28,000 which goes towards this year's project in the Solomon Islands where 1 in 6 children live in severe food poverty. The money will get seeds, tools and skills needed to grow crops to feed their children in a changing climate. (see the results here: <https://fundraise.worldvision.org.nz/leaderboards>).

Thank you everyone!

Mr Wayne Fraser



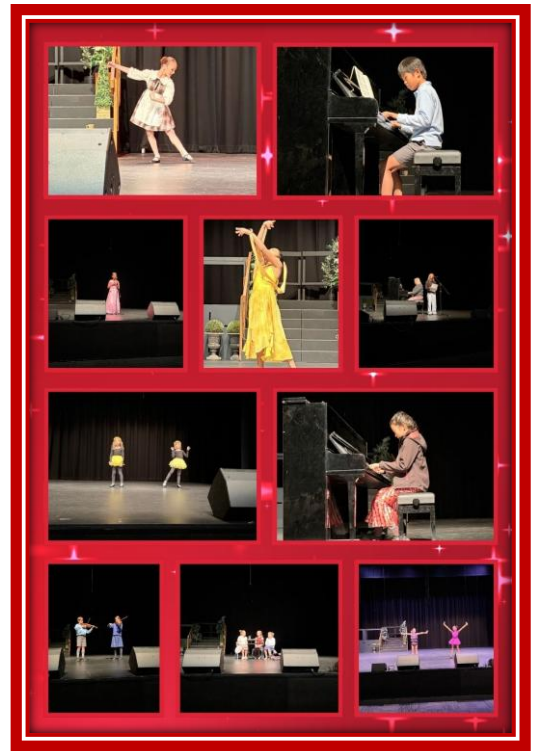
WORSHIP WEEK



Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord
Psalm 150:6



PHASE 2 TALENT SHOWCASE



PRIMARY SPORT

WBOP CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the WBOP cross country last week and achieved awesome results!

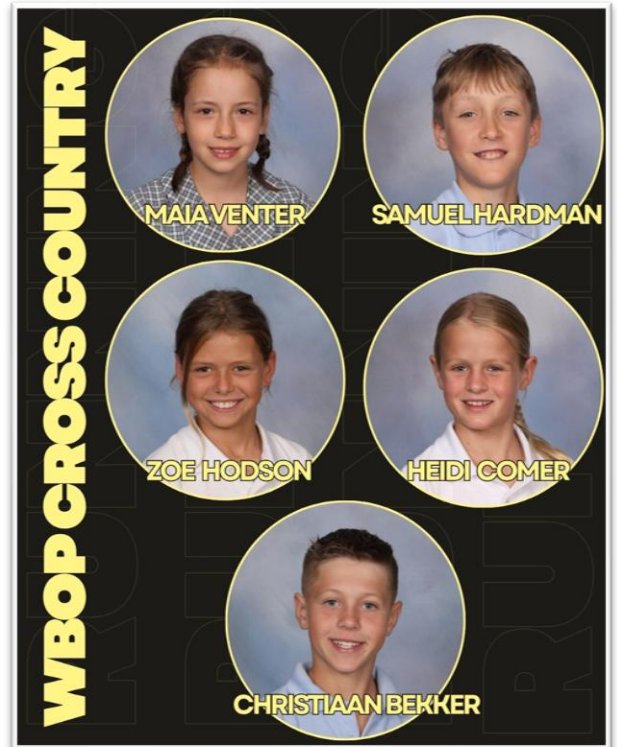
Y4 Girls: Maia Venter (10th)

Y5 Boys: Samuel Hardman (10th)

Y6 Girls: Zoe Hodson (1st) & Heidi Comer (2nd)

Y6 Boys: Christiaan Bekker (6th)

These children will represent BC at the BOP cross country championships next week.



FUN STICKS HOCKEY

Registrations are now open for the term 3 Fun Sticks hockey programme. This is introductory hockey based around fundamental skills and small games with the emphasis on fun. It's ideal for year 0-2 aged students. Term 3 starts 25th July and finishes 29th August at Tauranga Boys College turf from 9-10am.

More info:

<https://www.tgahockey.co.nz/community-programmes/fun-sticks-1>

For more information or if you have any questions, get in touch with Lachie at:

Phone - 027 896 3289

Email - community@tgahockey.co.nz



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all the BCP students who recently competed at the Papamoa Poetry and Speech competition and to Abydle Sabapathy who received the Harper cup trophy for the highest marks for under 10 to 12 years old. Well done, everyone!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **Late sign ins:** Please be reminded that if your child is at school after 8.45am they will need to be signed in at the office. We are aware that secondary students don't need to sign in before 9am however this is not the case for primary children.



HAPPY PARENTING

With holidays just around the corner, let's remind ourselves that family holidays offer a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships by stepping away from the routines and distractions of everyday life. More than the destination itself, it is the shared experiences, quality time, and sense of togetherness that create lasting memories and deepen family connections.



For some tips and ideas about holidays, have a read of this article.

Taking a holiday:

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/5-reasons-why-you-should-take-a-family-holiday>

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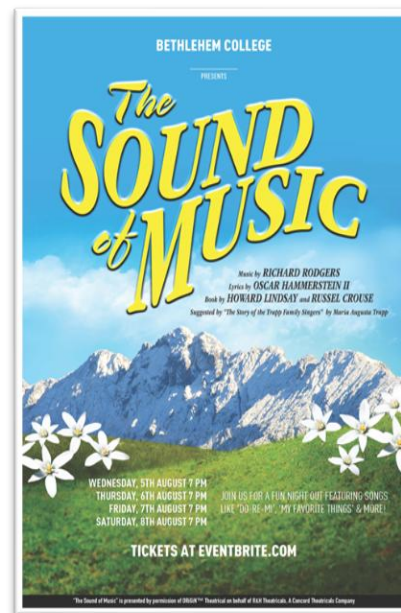
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“ KIDS WON'T REMEMBER WHAT THEY WERE DOING AS MUCH AS THEY WILL REMEMBER HOW THEY FELT. ”



NOTICES

- **Uniform Shop:** Over the July school holidays the Uniform Shop will be open the first week (Mon 6 to Fri 10 July from 10am-4pm) and closed the second week (Mon 13 to Fri 17 July). Normal hours resume Mon 20 July.
- **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. Buy tickets now at [Eventbrite](#).
- **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](#).
- **RightNow Media:** As part of the BC community, you have a membership to RightNow Media. Whether you're looking for encouragement in marriage, practical parenting wisdom, spiritual growth resources, or safe Biblical content for your children, this library is here for you. Sign up for free today: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethstudents>
- **Grandparents Morning Tea:** Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) to join us in celebrating and honouring your treasured role in the life of our students at BC. Join us for Grandparents Morning Tea on Thu 27th Aug from 9.30-11.30 am. You are most welcome to attend any part of the morning programme. Please register [here](#) by Mon 24 Aug.



Katikids July Holiday Programme
6th July - 9th July 2026
Enrol at www.katikaticommunity.nz

Week 1

Monday 6th July
Horse Riding
Age 8 & above
need boots, jacket, packed lunch, offsite event.
9am-12:30
Limited spaces
\$45

Secret Agent Crafts Morning
Scavenger Hunt Afternoon

Tuesday 7th July
Sports Morning, Creative Craft Afternoon

Wednesday 8th July
Sports Morning, Creative Craft Afternoon

Calligraphy & Diabolo
Age 8 & above
9am - 12:30pm
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Thursday 9th July
Minions and Monsters
Trip to Event Cinemas Tauranga, then Picnic lunch at Kulim Park
Bus leaves at 9am sharp.
\$48

Held at Katikati Primary School

ALL ACTIVITIES
Ages 5-13 years, unless stated
Before care from 7:30am - 9am - \$13
After Care 3pm - 5pm - \$15
FULL DAY - \$36
9am - 3pm
Activities run, one before morning tea, one after morning tea and one after lunch
HALF DAY - \$20
9am - 12:30pm or 12:30pm - 3pm
Please check age category and ability for individual sports.
All sports are weather dependent
TRIP & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
Prices as shown

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.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
• Open 15th June online or at the Community Centre, 45 Beach Road Katikati
• Payment must be made at time of enrolment - www.katikaticommunity.nz
• **Sorry no refunds given once enrolled and programme has started.**
• Payment by - cash, Eftpos or online
• Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available but prepayment will be necessary

ACORN FOUNDATION
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
KATIKATI DISTRICT COUNCIL
Mackay & Strathnaver

Katikids July Holiday Programme
13th July - 17th July 2026
Enrol at www.katikaticommunity.nz

Week 2

Monday 13th July
Creative Craft Morning, Gymnastics Afternoon

Tuesday 14th July
Sport Morning, Creative Craft Afternoon

Wednesday 15th July
Sport Morning, Balloon Puzzle Hunt Afternoon

Thursday 16th July
Winter Crafts, Baking & Hot Chocolate
Football
9am - 12:30
Learn ball skills, dribbling, passing and receiving.
Sorry but we cannot provide baking alternatives for food allergies or Gluten and dairy free options

Friday 17th July
Creative Craft Morning
Magic Man & Balloon Animal Show
1pm - 3pm

Held at Katikati Primary School

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Privacy Act 2020:
The Katikati Community Centre wishes to collect the written details for registration purposes. This information will be accessible to Centre Staff only (for auditing purposes information gathered may be viewed by The Ministry of Social Development, Oranga Tamariki and Te Kāhui Kāhu).

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Dance Music Classes

Bethlehem Hall
Wednesday
3.15 pm primary age Dance,
Guitar 4.00 pm
\$125.00 p/term
all ages, stages, m/f
Turne' & Leapz are part of the Rhythmx/Stretche'

Music: Vocals/Guitar/Percussion also avail
\$125 p/term choir
\$40 half hour music individ p/term
Please contact me asap to enrol or any questions. Thank you
dancer.amanda11@gmail.com
021 0841 0697

ADULTS CHOIR
KIDS CHOIR

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Timetable Info

St. Peter's Anglican Church
Mount Maungantui
15 Victoria Rd

MID WINTER CHRISTMAS
Saturday 25th July
Celebration

Doors open 6pm
Entry by KOHA

Warm up with Mulled Wine & Nibbles
7pm Candlelight Concert and Carols

Community togetherness to help feed those in need - koha goes towards feeding the homeless and vulnerable

July 2026
Holiday Programme
at The One and a Half Acre Wood
80 Odey Rd, Whakamarama, Tauranga

9AM - 3PM
\$75 PER DAY PER CHILD LUNCH PROVIDED
AGES 5-13 YRS
7, 9, 13, 15 & 17 JULY 2026

- HORSE-TIME & RIDES
- PETTING ZOO
- GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS
- CAMPFIRE LUNCH
- FARM ANIMALS
- EEL FEEDING

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:
allaboutanimals80@gmail.com

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