



BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 2026 – NEWSLETTER #10

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we begin Term 3, it has been wonderful to see our students and staff return refreshed, settled, and ready for another term of learning and growth. There is already a real sense of purpose and enthusiasm across the school, and we look forward to all that lies ahead in the weeks to come.

One of the highlights of the start of the term was celebrating Founders Day and welcoming back Sarah Corban (nee Mazengarb) to share her story with our school community. Sarah captivated students with the many adventures she has experienced throughout her life, her family, climbing mountains, working with pythons, and delivering calves. Yet, as she so powerfully shared, the greatest adventure of all has been following Jesus. Her story was both inspiring and encouraging, particularly as she reflected on the significant role Bethlehem College played in shaping her faith and life journey.

This year marks 38 years of our school's history, and we are grateful to God for his provision over this time. As we celebrate this milestone, it is encouraging to reflect on the hundreds of students who have walked up and down 'the way' over the years and the lasting impact their time here has had on their lives. My hope and prayer is that every student who is part of our school community will encounter Jesus while experiencing all that school life has to offer.



TERM 3 KEY DATES

DANCE NZ MADE COMPETITION
Tues 11th Aug – Baycourt

Y6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT
Wed 12th Aug – Tga Netball Centre

Y5&Y6 BIKE WEEK
Mon 17th Aug – Thurs 20th Aug - BC

Y3 FUNKY FUN DAY
Mon 17th Aug – Mercury Arena

Y5&6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
Tues 18th Aug – Tga Hockey Assn

Y4-Y6 SPEECH COMPETITION
Mon 24th Aug – BC

Y3&Y4 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
Tues 25th Aug – Tga Hockey Assn

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Thurs 27th Aug – BC – 9.30am -11am

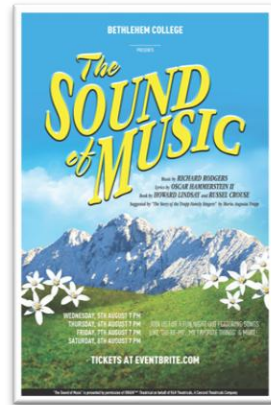
PRIMARY ART EXHIBITION
Thurs 27th Aug – 29th Aug – Primary Hall

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

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Term 3 promises to be another full and exciting season, with a calendar rich in opportunities for students to learn, grow, serve, and participate in a wide range of activities. Next week senior secondary students will be on stage with the production of *The Sound of Music*. I encourage you to consider taking the family to see the show - it will no doubt be fabulous. Later this term an opportunity for Year 5 parents will be given to meet with leaders about digital device use in Year 6. There is currently an internal review taking place around the benefits of BYOD at this level. Please be assured we will keep you informed in a timely manner of the outcomes, but we request that you refrain from purchasing devices at this stage. We acknowledge that parents will want to take advantage of 'sale' opportunities and these dates will be in mind when conveying information.



We look forward to partnering with our families as we continue to nurture young people in their faith, character, and learning throughout the term.

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FOUNDERS' DAY – BETHLEHEM COLLEGE - 38 YEARS



SCIENCE ROADSHOW



THE SCIENCE ROADSHOW

By Olivia Medwin and Manna Yang

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 27TH AND 28TH OF JULY, THE SCIENCE ROADSHOW WAS HELD AT BETHLEHEM COLLEGE. THE ROADSHOW HAD OVER 20 EXPERIMENTS YOU COULD EXAMINE AND TEST. THE THREE MOST POPULAR EXPERIMENTS WERE THE VERTICAL JUMPER, THE BLACK HOLE, AND THE BALANCING STICKS. THE VERTICAL JUMPER IS A ROLE WHERE SOMEONE MEASURES YOUR HEIGHT AND THEN YOU GRAB A PIECE OF VELCRO, JUMP AS HIGH AS YOU CAN, STICK IT TO THE POLE SO YOU KNOW HOW HIGH YOU CAN JUMP IN PROPORTION TO YOUR HEIGHT. THE BLACK HOLE WAS A BLACK TABLE THAT HAD A TUNNEL THAT LEADS DOWN INTO A CRATE. ON THE TABLE, THERE WERE FOUR RAMPS IN EACH CORNER AND THREE BALLS THAT YOU PLACE ON THE RAMPS. THESE SPIN DOWN THE TUNNEL AND LAND IN THE CRATE. THE LOWER THE BALL FALLS, THE FASTER IT SPINS. FINALLY, A FAVOURITE EXPERIMENT WAS THE BALANCING STICKS. YOU GRAB A STICK THAT HAS A BALL ON THE END AND TRY TO BALANCE IT ON THE TIP OF YOUR FINGER FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN. BEFORE AND AFTER TRIALLING THE EXPERIMENTS, WE ALSO HAD TWO INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS GIVEN TO US WHERE WE LEARNT ABOUT CURDS AND WHEY, SENSES, ACID, AND BASE REACTIONS AND HOW CABBAGE JUICE CAN BE A CONTROL TEST. ALTOGETHER, THE ROADSHOW WAS INCREDIBLE, EXCITING, AND CREATIVE. EVERYONE HAS A GREAT TIME!



PHASE 1 WEARABLE ARTS

Today marked our much-anticipated Phase 1 Wearable Arts Show, where our students proudly showcased their incredible creations in a vibrant parade set to fun, upbeat music. The colourful designs came to life as each class confidently modelled the wonderful items, they had worked so hard to create.

Our Year 0/1 classes designed and built imaginative box cars, our Year 2 students crafted colourful headbands, masks or hats and our Year 3 students designed and sewed reusable bags. The students had an amazing time, and it was heartwarming to see our school community come together to celebrate their creativity, teamwork, and effort. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Jane Phelps, Mrs Sue Martin and Mrs Sabina Sneddon for all the hard work and time they put in to make this such a success.

The Wearable Arts Show was a wonderful celebration of learning, imagination, and sustainability. It highlighted not only the talents and hard work of our students but also the importance of caring for God's creation by thoughtfully reusing and repurposing materials. We are incredibly proud of everything our students achieved and grateful for the support of our families and wider school community in making this special event such a success.



WHEN WINTER CAME KNOCKING

Florence Hayward E4



Knock. Knock. Knock.

I opened the door. No one was there. Only snow. White, cold snow. Boom! Lightning struck. A bright, bold, white, and golden light shone before my eyes. I may have been dreaming, but I swear I saw a man. He had white, frozen hair, lips covered in ice and snow, and a face so pale you could barely see it.

"Who are you?" I whispered

"I am the wind, snow, rain, and hail," said a raspy voice. As he spoke, I got goosebumps for his breath was icy cold.

"Who are you?" I repeated, raising my voice.

"I am Winter" he replied.

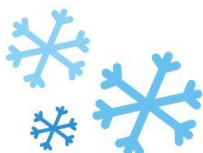
Boom! Lightning struck again and this time he wasn't at the door, he was right next to me. I shivered. There was ice dripping on the walls and fog on the windows.

"Go away!" I screamed.

"Do not be afraid" Winter whispered in my ear.

"For I am also the warm fire, the hot chocolate, and the cozy nights preparing you for spring."

Now, as I sip on my hot chocolate by the fire, I remember the day that Winter came knocking.



PRIMARY SPORT

Y1&2 FUTURE FERNS



Last term, Future Ferns (Year 1 and 2 netballers) had their final session of the year. Coach Mischa Gorinski and our year 10 student coaches, Emme, Elana and Bella, have done a wonderful job introducing our young athletes to the basics of netball and beginning the journey in enjoying the game. Parents were invited to attend the last session so they could see what their children had been learning.



The Waikato-Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships took place on Saturday 18 July at the Kihikihi Domain in Te Awamutu. Well done to the many BC students who took part in this event!

Top 20: Samuel Hardman (10YB)



The Netball WBOP Tournaments kicked off with Years 3-5 this week. Well done to the Year 5 Tactix team who participated in this event!

 **NETBALL**
tournament



REGISTER NOW!

Summer Sports

- KIWI TAG / TOUCH
- VOLLEYBALL/BEACH VBALL
- WATER POLO / FLIPPA BALL
- ROWING



CLOSES 5PM 10 AUG  WWW.BETH.SCHOOL.NZ





2027 YEAR 7 CAMP PARENT VOLUNTEERS POLICE VETTING

Parents and caregivers of current Year 6 students are invited to express their interest in being considered as camp parents for the 2027 Year 7 camps, which will be held at the beginning of the school year.

To be eligible to attend camp, all parent volunteers must complete the NZ Police vetting process. As this process can take a considerable amount of time, the Secondary Leadership Team has requested that interested parents begin the process now.

If you would like to be considered, please visit the NZ Police Vetting Service website and download the application form [NZ Police Vetting Service](#). Once you have completed the application, please print this off and bring **two forms of identification** (for example, your driver's licence and passport) to the school office so your identity can be verified.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

BCP SCHOOL UNIFORM

The beginning of term is a great time to remind all BCP families about uniform. Please ensure your child wears their uniform with pride. Please be reminded to have the correct footwear for winter - black shoes, and the correct jersey, unless a uniform exemption has been requested for the PE sweatshirt. Uniform link: <https://www.beth.school.nz/uniforms>



The Bethlehem College Sports office has recently introduced a 'multi-sport tee shirt', meaning that students will have one uniform shirt that can be used across all sporting codes in order to reduce costs and to provide cohesion across team uniforms. Please be aware that these tee shirts are for sports games only and are not to be worn as 'every day' PE uniform. The multi-sport tee shirt is optional for training sessions. These shirts can be purchased from the uniform shop and we are grateful to the uniform management for negotiating a price in line with the PE shirts.



With grounds often being a little damp during the winter months, please be reminded that students need to wear PE gear when playing on the field and not their school uniform, especially older students. Only correct PE uniform attire can be worn, again, not sports team shorts and t-shirts.



OOSHIES

You may be aware that ooshies are the latest trend at Woolworths supermarkets. While we appreciate these collectables are popular, due to issues that have already occurred, no ooshies will be allowed at BCP. We ask you to support us by making sure they stay at home and that trading happens outside school hours.



HAPPY PARENTING

What helps children grow into confident, resilient young people? This insightful article from The Parenting Place explores three simple but powerful messages every child needs to hear: You are capable. You can feel confident. You can contribute. Discover how everyday opportunities—from learning practical life skills to helping around the home—can build lasting confidence and resilience, all grounded in the security of unconditional love. A thoughtful read for every parent and caregiver.



<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/raising-capable-and-confident-kids-who-contribute>

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“CONFIDENT CHILDREN HAVE A FOUNDATIONAL AWARENESS THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE – THAT THEY CAN DO HELPFUL, PRACTICAL, EVERYDAY STUFF.

“WHEN WE ENCOURAGE OUR KIDS THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE, WE ARE BUILDING THEIR CONFIDENCE AND TEACHING THEM HOW THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE.

“RESPECT TO THE KIDS WHO MAKE THEIR OWN LUNCHES EVERY MORNING. HIGH-FIVES TO THE TEENAGERS WHO CAN THROW TOGETHER A MID-WEEK SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE.



NOTICES

- **Sound of Music:** Last chance to buy your tickets for next week's show! 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](#).
- **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](#) and join us at our next event on Monday 10 August 4.30 pm with Part II of the group discussion on AI.
- **Rob Cope Parenting Evening:** Don't miss the 2026 edition of Rob Cope's Parenting Online video session. Practical tips on parenting throughout the years. \$5 tickets [here](#).
- **Grandparents Morning Tea:** Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) of Years 0-13 to join us in celebrating and honouring your treasured role in the life of our students at BC. Join us 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. Sponsored by the Bethlehem College PTA.
- **Yearbook:** One free Arotahi yearbook is given to each family - either to the departing senior OR the eldest 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 [here](#) through 25 September. We also welcome business advertising starting at \$100 (info [here](#)) booked by 28 August.
- **Chapel Worship:** All welcome Wednesday mornings 8-8.30 am for mid-week worship in the chapel.
- **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.
- **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. Our hope is that this resource strengthens your faith, encourages your family, and supports you as you lead your home. Sign up for free today: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethstudents>.

