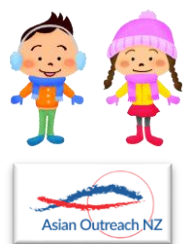


TERM 3 2026 – NEWSLETTER #11

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are grateful to God for the week of activity that BCP has enjoyed.

This week has been Maths Week across New Zealand. It has been wonderful to see our students engaging in daily challenges and activities that have highlighted just how much fun mathematics can be. Maths is a meaningful and valuable skill that helps us make sense of the world around us, solve problems, think creatively and persevere when challenges arise.



Our next Civvies Day is coming up on Wednesday 26 August for the whole College. The BCP theme is 'Winter Woollies', so it is time to bring out those well-loved hats and scarves! This term, we will be raising funds for Asian Outreach's 'Winter Kits' fundraiser, which provides warm coats and hats for children living in poverty in Mongolia, where winter conditions can be extremely cold!

As we think about children in need around our world, we will also once again offer families the opportunity to participate in the annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. Children throughout the Pacific have benefited from the generosity of BCP families who fill shoeboxes with special gifts, which are shared alongside the message of Jesus. Shoeboxes will be available from the Primary Office from Monday for those families who would like to participate. They will be collected from school in Week 2 of Term 4, giving families plenty of time to prepare a box.



TERM 3 KEY DATES

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

CIVVIES DAY

Wed 26th Aug – Charity – Asian Outreach
Winter kits. Theme: Winter Woollies

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

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It has also been a week to celebrate the many extra-curricular activities our students are involved in. We know that God has gifted each of us with individual talents, and it is a joy to provide opportunities for our students to discover and develop these gifts.

On Tuesday evening, our Dance Group, led by Mrs Ruth Sutcliffe, performed at the NZ Made Dance competition at Baycourt. They performed beautifully and can be proud of their hard work. Over the winter months, we have also had large numbers of students involved in hockey, football, basketball, netball and club rugby. It has been fabulous watching our children give their best in settings beyond the classroom, and I have been particularly encouraged to see the many ways they have reflected Jesus through positive sportsmanship.

My sincere thanks to all our parent coaches and managers who generously give their time to support our teams, and to the parents who faithfully support their children each week. Your encouragement and commitment is greatly valued.

It is a privilege to see our students growing in knowledge, confidence, character and faith. May we continue to encourage them to use the gifts God has given them to serve others and bring glory to Him.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jo West



WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLY

D1 and D2 led our school assembly last week, featuring some wearable arts bags, masks and cars. Both classes shared poetry and it was encouraging to see students confidently share their work.



Florence shared a fantastic devotion about how God looks at what is on the inside of us, not the outside. She reminded us that in 1 Samuel 16 it says that "people look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart". Florence also shared about how we should feed the inside of ourselves with good things like the bible, worship and prayer, so that out of the overflow of our hearts, we can shine the light of Jesus and speak in love.





MATHS WEEK



Maths week has been 5 days of excitement! Daily Math challenges, a scavenger hunt, 'guess the Lego' in the jar and 'caught being a mathematician', are some of the many maths activities and celebration points that students at BCP have been involved in this week. Mrs Sanders and Mr Martin have been amazing at providing opportunities for all of us to be mathematicians.



DANCENZ MADE

On Tuesday 11th August, a group of 17 Year 4–6 BCP girls joined more than 250 students from across the Bay of Plenty at Baycourt for a wonderful day of dance. The girls had the opportunity to take part in contemporary and hip hop workshops, as well as watch the Year 7–13 students learning and performing throughout the day.

That evening, we returned to Baycourt to present “Can I Get a Chee Hoo” as part of a showcase featuring dances from schools across the region. Our girls were amazing, both on and off the stage. They danced with confidence, encouraged one another, and truly shone with joy throughout the whole day. We were incredibly proud of them!



D2 NARRATIVES



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D2 is looking at narratives. There are many lessons we can learn about and we are looking at The Three Little Pigs. The challenge was to then build a house to represent straw, sticks, or bricks out of Lego. Can you work out which one was built?



Y6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 6 Ferns participated in the WBOP Netball Tournament on the 12th of August. The girls played hard, had lots of fun, and had a fantastic day overall. Well done to this team!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Please help us by encouraging your child to wear the correct school uniform, including their PE gear. Shoes need to be black polishable school shoes. Trainers and sneakers are for PE only.



Drop Offs/ Pick Ups: Thank you to the parents who park and walk their children into school each day. A friendly reminder, the 'drop off' zone requires an adult to remain in the car. Please do not park in this zone and leave your car.



A friendly reminder that, with the exception of the designated disabled parking space, parents are not permitted to drive into the school grounds or use the staff car park area near the Uniform Shop for afternoon pick-ups. This helps reduce congestion and, most importantly, keeps our students safe by limiting unnecessary vehicle movement around the school campus.

HAPPY PARENTING

As parents and caregivers, we want our children to know they are loved, valued and capable. The everyday words we use, the way we respond to challenges, and the time we spend together all help shape how children see themselves.

We can build their confidence by noticing and encouraging their strengths, speaking with kindness, giving them time and connection, staying calm, and reminding them that we are always on their team. Most importantly, we can help our children recognise the unique gifts and qualities God has placed within them.



Let's be intentional about speaking life, encouragement and truth into our children, helping them grow with confidence in who they are and who God created them to be. This article may provide you with some 'food for thought'.

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/calling-out-the-gold-in-your-children>

Ngā mihi nui,

Jo West

“ KIDS ONLY KNOW THE GOLD THEY HAVE WHEN SOMEONE THEY TRUST POINTS IT OUT TO THEM. ”

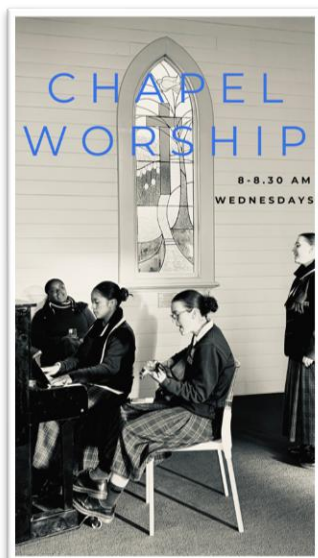
“ OUR KIDS ARE CONSTANTLY MAKING SENSE OF THEMSELVES BASED ON OUR INTERACTIONS WITH THEM. ”

“ OUR KIDS FACE ALL KINDS OF CHALLENGES, ESPECIALLY AT SCHOOL, AND THEY CAN DO THIS ONLY WITH THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THEIR MOST TRUSTED PEOPLE. ”



NOTICES

- **PTA:** You are most welcome to join us at the next PTA meeting on Thu 27 Aug at 7 pm in the BC Staffroom.
- **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 Wednesday 19 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 on Wed 18 Aug. 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, with chapel open until 9 am.
- **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.
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Luxe Cinema Movie Adventure MON 26 SEP Lights, Camera, Action! Join us for a fun trip to Luxe Cinema in Papamoa where we'll enjoy a movie on the big screen with delicious popcorn and your choice of fizzy or juice. Before the movie, we'll head to a nearby playground for an early packed picnic lunch and some outdoor fun. The perfect treat to start the school holidays! What to bring/wear: • Luxe movie experience • Popcorn with fizzy or juice • Park Visit Depart: 10am (Movie Starts at 12.30pm) Return: 3pm Trip Day - \$75	Car Classics Museum And Jukebox Diner TUE 29 SEP Get ready for a fun day exploring the Classics Museum in Hamilton! We will see awesome classic cars and cool displays from the past. Then we will head to the famous Jukebox Diner next door for lunch. Bring morning tea and some spending money to buy your lunch or bring your own packed lunch (or bring your own chocolate or classic milkshake included). Highlights: • Classic cars and displays • Jukebox diner experience • Hot chocolate or milkshake included What to bring/wear: Packed morning tea Lunch money (optional) and/or packed lunch Depart: 8.30am Return: 3.30pm Trip Day - \$75	Breakfast In Your PJs WED 30 SEP Roll out of bed and straight into School's Out! Wear your comfiest PJs and join us for a fun-filled breakfast celebration featuring pancakes, waffles, hot chocolate, breakfast-themed games, bilboes, and loads of cozy fun. It's a delicious day you won't want to sleep through! Highlights: • Pancakes, waffles or cereal bar • Hot chocolate station • Pillowcase decorating • Breakfast games What to bring/wear: Wear your PJs Bring a blanket for fort building Breakfast starts at 8am Centre Day - \$60	Sapphire Springs THU 1 OCT Join us for a fun-filled day at Sapphire Springs in Katikati! Splash, slide and soak in the warm pools while hanging out with friends and making great memories together. We'll also be firing up the BBQ for a classic Kiwi sausage sizzle lunch to keep everyone fuelled for the day. Highlights: • Warm Pools • Sausage sizzle lunch • What to bring/wear: Bring top & towel • Warm clothes for after Depart: 8.30am Return: 3pm Trip Day - \$75	Creative Palette Art Workshop FRI 2 OCT Unleash your inner artist in a day of creative fun! Follow along with our talented guest artist Rona from Creative Palette Art as she guides you step-by-step to paint your very own unique masterpiece. Have fun, learn new techniques, express your creativity and create something special to take home and treasure forever! Highlights: • Guest artist Rona from Creative Palette Art • Artwork masterpiece to take home What to bring/wear: Clothes you don't mind getting messy in Centre Day - \$60
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Tauranga Waterfront Playground Fun MON 5 OCT Kick off the day at the centre with awesome games and activities before we embark on an epic adventure to the Tauranga Waterfront Playground! Get ready to climb, slide, swing, and play at one of the Bay's top playgrounds, set off to spot the legendary Harry Mactary and his furry friends along the boardwalk and then recharge with a packed picnic lunch by the water. It's the ultimate day of sunshine, laughter and outdoor fun. • EVENT DAY • Playground Visit What to wear/bring: Packed lunch Depart: 8.30am Return: 3pm Event Day - \$60	The Little Market Town TUE 6 OCT Calling all young entrepreneurs! It's time to create, trade and shop at our very own Little Market! Spend the morning making awesome crafts, delicious baked treats, jewellery and more to stock your stall. Design your own shop, set your prices and get ready to welcome the customers! In the afternoon every child will receive play money to spend and explore the market, browse the stalls and buy goodies. Will your stall be the busiest in town? There's only one way to find out! • Take home goodies • Baking and crafts • Hands-on learning Centre Day - \$60	Bullwood Farm Adventure Day WED 7 OCT Let's head off for an exciting day at Bullwood Farm Park where we'll meet friendly farm animals up close and discover what life on the farm is all about! Meet and feed friendly farm animals, zoom around the bike track and explore the awesome adventure playground. It's the perfect day to enjoy the outdoors, make new furry friends and create lasting memories. Highlights: • Farm animals • Animal feed included • Adventure playground What to wear/bring: Please wear closed toe walking shoes and bring warm clothes. Depart: 8.30am Return: 4.30pm Trip Day - \$75	Dropin Ramps Skate Experience THU 8 OCT Get ready for some ramped-up action. Dropin Ramps are coming to us at the centre! Learn new skate skills, test your balance, and try the ramps with our trained Dropin Ramps instructors. Perfect for all skill levels. For lunch we will refuel with a yummy sausage sizzle before hitting the ramps again! Highlights: • Skilled Dropin Ramps instructors • Sausage sizzle lunch • Skating ramp challenges What to wear/bring: Your own wheels (optional) if you don't have them, we have skateboards available for hire. Event Day - \$75	Donut Stop The Fun! FRI 9 OCT Test yourself to the sweetest day of the holidays with a sugar-fun day of creativity as you craft your very own mouth-watering donut masterpiece! From designing colourful toppings to mastering the glaze, you get to be the baker today. But the deliciousness doesn't stop there - decorate your own custom chef's apron to take home, dive into exciting donut-themed crafts and put your skills to the test with high-energy games and sweet challenges. Bring your sweet tooth and come celebrate everything donut! Highlights: • Decorate your own donut • Decorate a take-home apron • Donut-themed arts and crafts • Donut games and challenges Centre Day - \$60
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