

TERM 3 2026 – NEWSLETTER #14

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

As we draw Term 3 to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the busy, fruitful season behind us. Despite a particularly harsh flu season that brought increased sickness to many of our homes and classrooms, the strength of our school community has truly shone through. Thank you for your grace, resilience, and support for one another during times when many families have been stretched. Our staff have also experienced sickness and I have been heartened by the ways in which 'the team' have supported one another, often standing 'in the gap' when someone has needed a little extra help. Throughout the term there have been many positive learning opportunities, activities and experiences for our students, and it has been wonderful to see them continue to grow and engage throughout the term.

As we look ahead to Term 4 and the return of the warmer summer months, a reminder that students will return to school in their correct summer uniform. Hats will be required when students are outside. This is an important safety measure for us all, and those without a hat will be directed to play under the B Block shade sails. Please also be reminded that shoes must be plain black sandals, with no embellishments.



TERM 4 KEY DATES

FIRST DAY TERM 4

Tues 13th Oct

YO PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Wed 14th Oct

CIVVIES DAY

Fri 23rd Oct – Charity – Christmas Shoebox
Theme – Cultural – dress as someone from another country.

SPEECH & CHESS COMP

Fri 30th Oct – BC Chapman

STAFF ONLY DAY – NO SCHOOL

Fri 13th Nov

Y5&6 NC ATHLETICS

Mon 16th Nov

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Wed 18th Nov

Y5&Y6 WBOP ORIENTEERING

Thurs 19th Nov

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To be a Christian learning
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As we transition into the final term, teachers will begin the important process of determining 2027 class placements. Please be assured that this is a slow, thoughtful, and prayerfully considered process. Every student matters deeply to us, and our heart is always to set each child up for flourishing and success.

I understand that parents also have thoughts about what may be best for their child. If you have information or considerations, you would like us to be aware of regarding your child's class placement, I invite you to email me directly rather than your child's class teacher. Jo.West@beth.school.nz While I cannot guarantee any particular request, as there are many factors that contribute to class placements, I can assure you that your thoughts will be carefully considered. Please email asap and no later than Friday 23rd October.

Finally, I pray that all BCP families will have a safe, refreshing and enjoyable holiday break. May it be a time of rest, connection and renewal. I look forward to welcoming everyone back and reconnecting in Term 4 on Tuesday 13th October.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jo West

WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Manna Yang shared a devotion using a favourite parable - *The Parable of the Lost Coin*. She used this story to remind us that God cares about each of us and never gives up on us. While we have freedom to choose God, He will always invite us to be in relationship with him.



On Monday Mr Wayne Fraser shared a devotion using 1 Corinthians 12 from the bible as a reference. He used the illustration of his little finger being a body part that he usually isn't aware of, yet when it was sore, he suddenly realised how often it was helpful. He reminded us that as members of our school community we are all different, yet together each contributes something that is important and special to making us whole.

ASSEMBLY



B Block led our fabulous assembly today. They took the opportunity to focus on Maori Language Week and performed two items, a waiata and paki paki, where classes were using poi, rakau and movements. There is always something special about our younger children performing. The dance group, led by Mrs Sutcliffe and choir, led by Mrs McKoy, also performed items, sharing with the school their recent performances from Dance NZ Made and the Tauranga Primary Schools Music Festival.



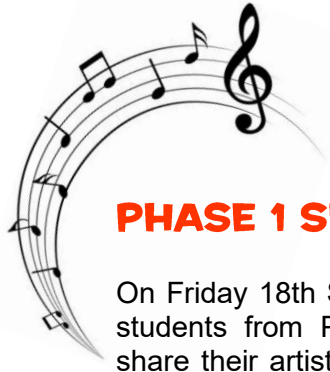
MAORI LANGUAGE WEEKS



KAPA HAPA VISIT TO HOBEC

The Y6 students and a few Y5 students from the BCP Kapa haka group were asked to perform for HOBEC last week, as part of Maori Language Week. Our tutor Matua Ben Wetini played the guitar, and the group were well received by HOBEC staff. It was a privilege for BCP to provide this opportunity.

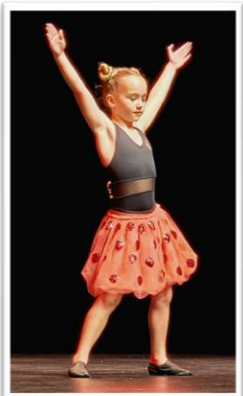




PHASE 1 SHOWCASE

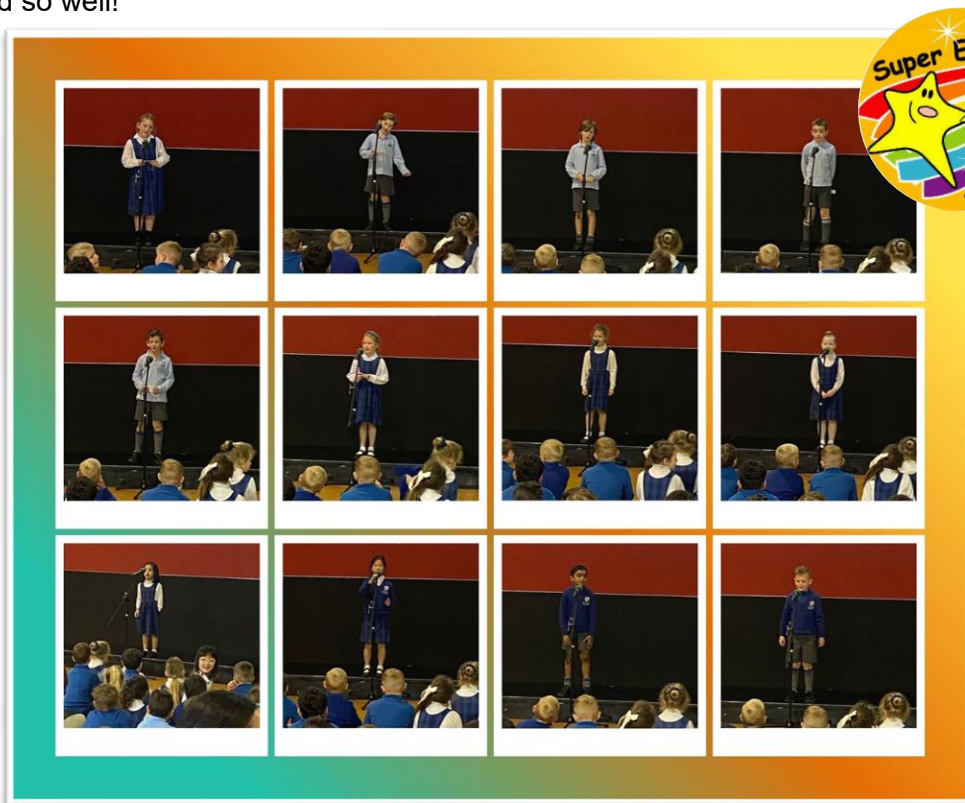
On Friday 18th September we celebrated talented students from Phase 1. We had 14 performers share their artistic talents, playing an instrument, or singing a song, or even performing a dance. The courage shown by these young individuals was inspiring and a testament to the giftings given to us by God. Our performers were:

Malakai Mather, Neil Lin, Maddie Fruish, Jordan Cheng, Skyler Britz, Hasun Kim, Naele Kim, Elianna Lopez, Yuna Lee, Wilbur Knoll, Elise Brown, Jenny Yoon, Emma Turner and Aroha Venter.



PHASE 1 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Our Phase 1 (year 1-3 classes) held their Oral Presentations last week. This annual event had a different format for 2026. Our year 0 and 1 classes shared a whole class poem. With the year 2 and 3 students, the two finalists from each class shared their poems. This was a great celebration of our oral language skills, and a chance for our students to grow in confidence in front of an audience. They all did so well!



PHASE 1 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Bethlehem College
Primary Hall
Monday 14th September 2026



MC'S: LUKE DE BEER & EMMA FOX

OPENING PRAYER

YEAR 0/1 CLASS POEM

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| A1 | 5 Little Ducks |
| A2 | Incy Wincy Spider |
| A3 | Hiccup Cure |
| A4 | If I Were A Superhero |
| A5/A6 | Big School Here We Come |

YEAR 2 POETRY

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| B1 - Philip van der Berg | Lizzie Lee |
| B1 - Jerome Nitin | This Is My Garden |
| B2 - Hannah Wu | Thinking Like A Scientist |
| B2 - Ellanna Lopez | Weather |
| B3 - Hannah Chamberlain | Gobbling Goat |
| B3 - Heidi Henson | Isabella Buckarella |

YEAR 3 POETRY

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| C1 - Elise Brown | Mother Doesn't Want A Dog |
| C1 - Jace Veldman | My Puppy Punched Me |
| D1 - Ewan Brauchli | Antonio |
| D1 - Michael Dean | A Priceless Gift |
| D2 - George Mockett | My Mother Does My Homework |
| D2 - Ella Brown | My Dog Likes To Disco |

CLOSING PRAYER



Charlotte's Web

C2 - CHARLOTTES WEB

This term, C2 has thoroughly enjoyed reading *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Through our study of this much-loved novel, we explored rich vocabulary, language features, and important themes such as friendship, loyalty, kindness, and perseverance. The students engaged in thoughtful discussions, developed their understanding of character traits, and discovered how authors use language to bring a story to life.

To celebrate our learning, we used air-dried clay to create models of our favourite characters from the story, including Charlotte, Wilbur, Templeton, and Fleur. The students showed great creativity and attention to detail, and we are very proud of their wonderful artwork. It has been fantastic to see the class deepen their appreciation of literature while expressing their learning through art.



Y6 SHARK TANK

Year 6 students have been working in groups on potential business ideas this term. They have had to create a product, research its target market, and potential profit margins. Using the idea of "Shark Tank", 5 groups were chosen to pitch their ideas to the 'sharks', Mr Martin and Mrs West. Congratulations to the 5 teams who had creative pitches, demonstrating clear visions for their product, its purpose, its profitability and potential avenues for sharing profits with others.



EAX Ambience - Eden Wratten, Xanthe Bialostocki, Abydle Sabapathy

Neo Reborn - Benji Orr, Alexander Adams, Ezra Crane

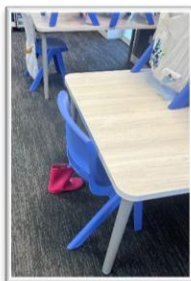
R & W Spices - Roux Lewis, William Turner

EGI - Evie Gorinski, Indie Lietze, Grace Benton

Stole ID - Florence Hayward, Emily Mockett

D1 AND D2 WACKY WEDNESDAY!

D1 and D2 celebrated Wacky Wednesday on a Thursday.
"It all started with a shoe on the wall....."



PRIMARY SPORT

SPORTS PRIZEGIVING'S

It has been heartening to be a part of most of the winter sports code prizegiving's over the past couple of weeks, including basketball, football, hockey and netball. It is so encouraging to see so many children involved in sport. Thank you, parents, for being committed to taking your children to games and thank you for encouraging your children to try 'new things'. I wish to also extend my sincere thanks to all the coaches and managers of these teams for their efforts to support children in sport. Your time for trainings and games is very much appreciated by the BCP community.



Primary Tennis Champs - Division Year 5&6

Date: 9am Wednesday 21st October 2026 - **Venue:** Venture Developments WBOP Tennis Centre, Gordon Spratt Reserve, Papamoa

Cost: \$15.00 per player, \$18 per player (non-levy paying schools) Schools will be invoiced by WBOPPA

- Singles Open Grade (singles only, must have a WTN or Tennis NZ NIN)
- Doubles Foundation Grade (doubles only)

Entries close Wednesday 14th October, if you are interested, please contact Patric Murphy, BC Sports Co-ordinator to complete registrations - Patric.Murphy@beth.school.nz Ph 07 579 1819.





READY, SET, TRYathlon!

Calling all our 6 – 15-year-old superstars It's time to get moving, have some fun and give something new a TRY! The **Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon** is the perfect challenge for kids of all abilities.

The TRYathlon is all about having fun, being active and giving it a go – it's about challenging yourself, cheering on your friends and crossing that finish line feeling proud. So, grab your bike, dust off those running shoes and get ready for an awesome day of **fun, friends and TRYathlon excitement**.

 Entries are now open for the Weet-bix TRYathlon on **29 November** at **Arataki Park, Mt Maunganui**.

 For our younger participants, there is Splash & Dash. Participants need to be aged **6 years old** on event day.

 Participants aged **7-15 years old** on event day can complete the **TRYathlon** as an individual or in a team of two. Distances are determined by age. Entry is easy: [Use this link to enter](#)

Bethlehem College has created a school group which you can join when you enter, just search for **Bethlehem College** when prompted. We are also providing race pack delivery directly to the school to avoid last minute pickups (half the cost of normal courier!).

If you have any school related questions, please contact Tanya du Plessis-Jefferys on tanya.dupj@gmail.com

For more event specific information go to: tryathlon.co.nz/locations/mount-maunganui/

Who's ready to give it a TRY??

Year 1–2 Kiwitag – Term 4

Bethlehem College is looking for enthusiastic Year 1 and Year 2 students to join our Kiwitag teams for Term 4. We have a few spaces available in some of our Year 1-2 teams. All games take place on Monday evenings at Mitchell Park, Otumoetai.

Kiwitag is a fun, active and inclusive sport that gives students the opportunity to develop their passing, running, teamwork and communication skills while enjoying playing with their classmates.

No previous experience is required, just a willingness to get involved, have fun and give it a go!

If your child is interested in playing Kiwitag in Term 4, please email Patric Murphy at patric.murphy@beth.school.nz for more information or to register your interest.



ALBION JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
School Years 1–8

FERGUSON PARK
TAURANGA

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
Online registrations close Friday 9 October

Register online:
<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/28dce8>

Club website:
<https://albionjuniorcricket.nz/>

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/AlbionJuniorCC/>



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BOOK TERM 4 NOW



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

T4 SUMMER UNIFORM: Term 4 we switch to summer uniforms. Please visit the uniform page [here](#) for guidelines and to place online orders for pick up. The uniform shop will be open over the school holidays Mon-Fri 10 am - 4 pm for your summer uniform needs.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX is due by the end of Week 2 in Term 4. If this is something your family is generously contributing towards, please return it to school early next term.



HAPPY PARENTING

From the SENCo

Children don't always have the language they need when they are struggling to regulate their emotions. How we respond to our children can make a huge difference. Below are some prompts that may help in different situations.



Supportive Words for Difficult Moments

♥ Instead of trying to stop the behaviour, connect and support. ♥

Crying



- ♥ I'm here with you.
- ♥ Take your time.
- ♥ I'm listening.
- ♥ Would you like a hug or some space?
- ♥ You're not alone.

Screaming or Yelling



- ♥ I'm listening when your voice is quieter.
- ♥ Let's move somewhere calm.
- ♥ I'll stay with you.
- ♥ You're safe.
- ♥ We'll figure this out together.

Frustrated



- ♥ This looks really frustrating.
- ♥ Let's break it into smaller steps.
- ♥ Which part feels hardest?
- ♥ Would you like some help?

Feeling Stuck



- ♥ Let's start with one small step.
- ♥ Would it help if we did it together?
- ♥ Take your time.
- ♥ What would make this easier?

Refusing or Saying "No"



- ♥ Help me understand.
- ♥ Tell me what's making this hard.
- ♥ Let's find a solution together.
- ♥ You have choices.
- ♥ Would you like to do A or B?

Defensive



- ♥ I'm not here to blame you.
- ♥ Help me understand your point of view.
- ♥ Let's work through it together.
- ♥ We all make mistakes.
- ♥ Thank you for telling me.

Anxious or Worried



- ♥ We'll take it one step at a time.
- ♥ You don't have to do this alone.
- ♥ I'm right here.
- ♥ Let's breathe together.

Sad



- ♥ I'm glad you told me.
- ♥ It's okay to feel sad.
- ♥ I'm here to listen.
- ♥ Take all the time you need.

Overwhelmed



- ♥ Let's slow it down.
- ♥ One step at a time.
- ♥ I'll stay with you.
- ♥ We can take a break.
- ♥ I'm here.

Angry



- ♥ I can see you're really angry.
- ♥ It's okay to feel angry.
- ♥ Let's keep everyone safe.
- ♥ Tell me when you're ready to talk.
- ♥ We'll solve this together.

♥ Behaviour is communication. ☀ Our words can help, heal and teach. 🌿



NOTICES

- **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.
- **Chapel Carols:** An invitation to the BC Community to celebrate the gift of Jesus by signing up to sing, read, play, act and more in the spirit of Christmas! Join us Friday, 27 November and enjoy a decorated chapel and a Christmas bikkie care of our cooking classes. Sign up for a 30-minute+ set [here](#).
- **Rob Cope Parenting Evening:** Don't miss our final session of the 2026 edition of Rob Cope's Parenting Online video session on Wed 11 Nov. Practical tips on parenting throughout the years. \$5 tickets [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](#) and join us at our next event on Monday 12 October 4.30 pm.
- **BC Rowing Quiz Night:** Book your tickets for a fun night out, while supporting our rowing team on Sat 31 Oct. More info and tickets [here](#)
- **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. Sign up for free today: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethstudents>.



STEPS PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DATES: 6 - 8 OCTOBER 2026
TIME: 9.30 AM - 3.30 PM
AGES: 7 - 12 YEARS
COST: \$170
WHERE: TAURANGA CENTRAL

DESCRIPTION:
 Join STEPS for a 3 day holiday programme exploring the genres of singing, dance, acting, and performance and gain confidence, have fun and celebrate your uniqueness.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL:
 No experience necessary just bring your enthusiasm and imagination

BOOKINGS:
 Essential as the programmes do fill up quickly!

Contact 'STEPS' for a registration form

0212 744 116 paulaharrison@xtra.co.nz stepsperformingarts

GROM SQUAD

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

MONDAY & FRIDAY 4PM / SATURDAY 9AM

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SCHOOL HOLS

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The POTTERY STUDIO

26TH SEPT - 10TH OCT

Spring 2026 Animal & Pony Holiday Programme

at The One and a Half Acre Wood
 80 Odey Rd, Whakamarama, Tauranga

9AM - 3PM

\$75 PER DAY PER CHILD
LUNCH PROVIDED

AGE 5-13 YRS

28 & 30 SEP
 2, 5 & 8 OCT 2026

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

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT DIANNE:
 allaboutanimals80@gmail.com

