

TERM 4 2026 – NEWSLETTER #15



Kia ora koutou BCP Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families as we begin Term 4! We also extend a special welcome to the new students and families who have joined our Bethlehem College Primary (BCP) community this week. We are delighted to have you with us and pray that you will quickly feel a sense of belonging as you settle into our school community.

It has been encouraging to see our children returning in their correct school uniforms, wearing them with pride and demonstrating a strong sense of belonging. Thank you to our parents and caregivers for your support in ensuring children are dressed appropriately, including wearing their PE uniforms for outdoor activities and playing on the field.

BCP is grateful to have a pool and swimming lessons have begun already this term, with the warmer days. Learning to swim is an important life skill that builds confidence and helps keep our children safe in and around the water. We encourage everyone to participate enthusiastically and make the most of this valuable learning opportunity.



TERM 4 KEY DATES

SPEECH & CHESS COMP

Fri 30th Oct – BC Chapman

Y5&6 ATHLETICS DAY

Mon 2nd Nov – BC (PPD Thurs 5th Nov)

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

Y5 EOY FUN DAY

Mon 23rd Nov – Details tbc

YO-4 ATHLETICS DAY

Mon 30th Nov – BC

Our Vision

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

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Website: [Enrolled Families](#)



As we begin this final term of the year, I have encouraged our students to think about how we can finish the year as well as possible. At BCP, we are a community of faith, with purpose, love and gratitude. We believe that God has created each of us with unique gifts and talents, calls us to love one another as Jesus taught us, and gives us countless blessings for which we can be thankful. Every child can make a difference, whether by including someone who feels left out, showing kindness, trying their best or taking a moment to thank someone who has made a positive difference in their day.

I have also reminded our students of our four B's: *Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible*. These are more than just words; we can all play our part by respecting others, using encouraging words, making safe choices and taking responsibility for our actions.

As we journey through Term 4 together, may we continue to ask ourselves: *How can I make a difference? How can I show the love of Jesus? And what can I thank God for today?* Imagine the difference it would make if each of us put these questions into action every day!



“Let all that you do be done in love.” — 1 Corinthians 16:14

Nga mihi nui,
Jo

WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLY

Indi Lietze, one of our student service leaders, shared a devotion for our first worship assembly of the term. She told us a story about a personal experience involving a door, a latch, a difficult situation, and the peace of God that is possible when we trust.

Earlier in the year, Indi inadvertently got her finger stuck in a school door latch and required some help. Having been prayed for by her teacher, and having tried all kinds of techniques, the last ditch effort was to have the maintenance team remove the latch in the door, allowing Indi to go to the ED department of the hospital for medical assistance, with her finger still in the latch! In this situation, it wouldn't be unreasonable for a little bit of panic to set in and Indi felt very nervous. However, Indi told us how Joshua 1:9 provided her with a peace, comfort and determination to be brave. *“Be strong and courageous.”* Thankfully, the door latch was able to be removed and although Indi's finger was very red and in need of a rest, she knew God was with her.



A lesson learned - don't put your finger inside latches or small holes - it may not come out!



CIVVIES DAY

Thank you for your very generous donations towards Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box!



THANK
YOU! 😊



IMPORTANT LIBRARY DATES



LOOK OUT
FOR THE
SUMMER
READING
CLUB SIGN
UP FORMS
COMING
HOME NEXT
WEEK

Week 6 16 - 20 Nov

- Last week books issued
- Summer Reading Club forms to be returned

Week 7 23 - 27 Nov

- All books due 26/11/26 - no books issued
- Summer Reading Club forms due back

Week 8 30 Nov - 4 Dec

- All books now overdue - no books issued
- Summer Reading Club forms due back

Week 9 9 - 11 Dec

- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday - Library open only for students to issue Summer Reading books



PRIMARY SPORT

If your child is involved in any of the following sports, please don't forget to purchase a Multi-Sport Tee from the Uniform Shop: <https://www.beth.school.nz/unisex-multi-sport-tee>

This is for all Year 1-6 students playing Kiwi Tag and Volleyball this Summer.

The Multi-Sport Tee will also be available to use across Primary, into Intermediate and Secondary for sports fixtures only. PE uniform is required for day to day activities.

- Badminton Year 7-13
- Event-Based Sport Year 1-13
- Football Year 1-6
- Hockey Year 1-8
- Kiwi Tag Year 1-8
- Volleyball Year 1-8
- Warm-Up Shirts Year 9-13



The Uniform Shop is fully stocked with multi-sport shirts for the summer sport season. If your student still needs a shirt, we have all sizes. Shirts are available to purchase instore or online, with delivery directly to Primary classrooms and collection for Secondary students during break times and after school. Uniform Shop hours are Monday to Friday 10am-4pm, with no appointment required during term time.

The new design is inspired by 2 Peter 1:3-4 with seven steps composed of small crosses, signifying student growth in development, learning, discipline, service and community which are built upon the foundation of Christ.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Class Placements - At the end of last term, I shared that teachers would begin the important process of determining 2027 class placements early this term. This is a careful and prayerful process, recognising that every student matters and that we want each child to continue to flourish. I also invited parents to share any relevant information or considerations by Friday 23 October. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, please feel welcome to email me directly at Jo.West@beth.school.nz by **Tuesday 27th October**, rather than approaching your child's class teacher.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN - please ensure your child/children have hats and sunscreen on this term. Our NZ sun is harsh, and we want to protect them as much as possible.

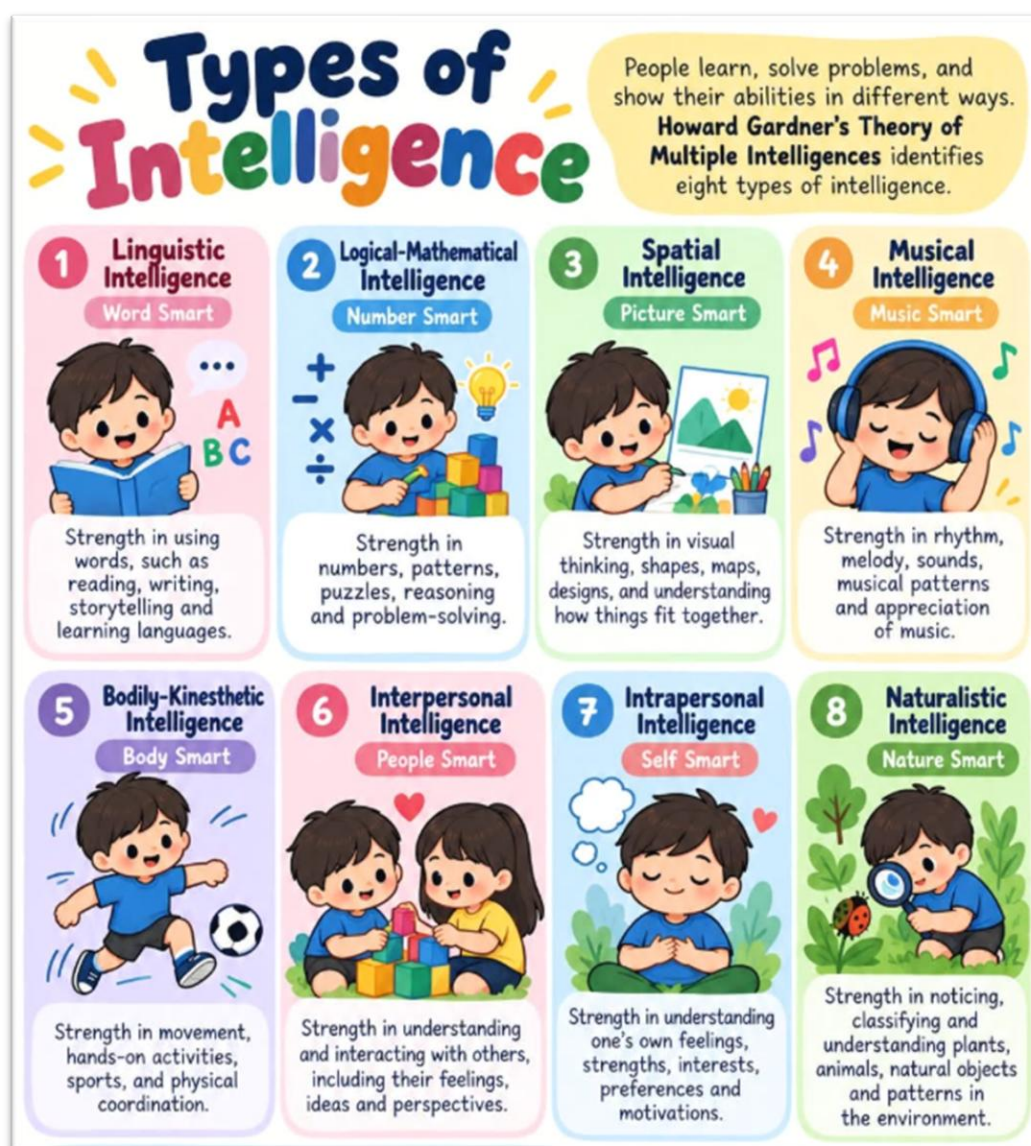


HAPPY PARENTING

From the SENco:

God designed each child differently. Children learn, explore, communicate, and solve problems in different ways. For all children, strengths and interests can look different from one child to another. Some may enjoy numbers and patterns, others may love music, art, movement, or exploring nature. Some may need more support in certain areas, and that is okay, too.

Let's look beyond what a child finds difficult and recognise what helps them learn, grow, and thrive. Instead of comparing children, let's understand them, support their individual needs, and give them opportunities to shine in the way God intended them to. Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences is one educational framework for understanding different abilities.



NOTICES

- **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](#)
- **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 9 November 4.30 pm.
- **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](#).
- **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](#).
- **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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