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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed their athletics day on Monday, 2 November. We were thankful for the sunshine and delighted to have parents and grandparents alongside us to cheer on and support their loved ones. Students competed in high jump, long jump, discus, cricket throw and sprinting events. While athletics may not be everyone's strength, it was wonderful to see all students getting involved and giving their best. Participation, perseverance and encouragement are just as important as the results. We are blessed to have the efforts of the BC Sports Office staff support us for events such as athletics and we sincerely thank them.





In keeping with our focus on physical activity, last term our Year 5 and 6 students completed a Physical Education survey for Sport Bay of Plenty. Encouragingly, the feedback revealed that 83% of students enjoy physical activity and want to be active, while 80% are active during break times. Bethlehem College Primary also has high levels of student involvement in organised sport, reflecting a strong enthusiasm for being active. Thank you to parents for encouraging your children to be physically active and for the time and commitment you give to supporting their participation. Your encouragement makes a difference.

TERM 4 KEY DATES

STAFF ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL
Fri 13th Nov

Y5&6 NC ATHLETICS
Mon 16th Nov – BC

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL
Wed 18th Nov – Matua Primary

Y5&Y6 WBOP ORIENTEERING
Thurs 19th Nov

Y5 EOY FUN DAY
Mon 23rd Nov – BC

YO-4 ATHLETICS DAY
Mon 30th Nov – BC

YO-1 EOY FUN DAY
Tues 2nd Dec – BC

Y6 GRADUATION
Thurs 3rd Dec – PAC:11.30am–12.30pm

Y6 SOCIAL
Thurs 3rd Dec – Primary Hall: 6pm

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

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Today marks “Leavers Day”, a significant milestone for our Year 13 and some Year 12 students as they reach the end of their schooling journey. At Bethlehem College, this is marked by a special tradition: a guard of honour formed by students across the campus, lining both sides of *The Way* along the inner spine of the College. It is a moving occasion and one that our primary students become familiar with over the years and look forward to for their future. The level of love shown to these students is delightful.

Although our primary students are not yet at this milestone, I hope that, when their time comes to walk *The Way*, they will do so with hearts full of gratitude. Grateful for the opportunities they have been given; for the teachers who have inspired, motivated and taught them; for the friendships formed and memories made; and for the parents who have invested so faithfully in their education. Above all, I hope they will be grateful for the opportunity to belong to a Christian learning community where lives are transformed and where, through biblically based, Christ-centred education, they have been equipped for effective service and leadership.

This year, Leavers Day holds a particularly special place in the West household, as our youngest will walk *The Way* for the final time before stepping into the world beyond Bethlehem College. It is a moment that naturally invites reflection and gratitude, not only for the years that have passed but also for the journey ahead.

Our prayer remains that every BCP student will encounter Jesus, grow in their understanding of their identity in Christ and recognise that life, lived with Him, is full of hope and purpose.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Ngā mihi hui,
Jo

WORSHIP & ASSEMBLY

C1 and C2 led our assembly last Friday. It was a feast of musicality. C1 demonstrated their co-ordination strengths, with a body percussion performance of Best Day of My Life. The smiles, the difficult moves and the synchronisation made for a true showcase. C2 showed us all how musical and clever they were - singing and playing the ukulele all at the same time, the song Count on Me by Jack Johnson!





Mr Wayne Fraser shared at our worship assembly on Monday for Years 0 - 4. He told the story of Jonah and how he had been placed in ‘time out’ of sorts, by God for not obeying. He reminded us that even in times of shaping, God is with us and cares for us.









SPEECH AND CHESS COMPETITION



CIVVIES DAY

Thank you for the generous contributions made for our recent civvies day. $454.60 was raised and will now be contributed towards the Operation Shoebox Christmas appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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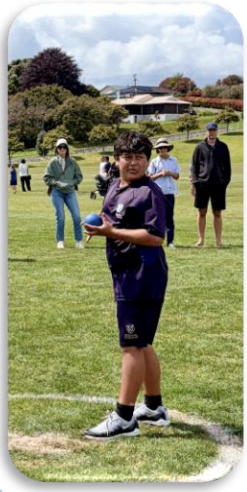
PRIMARY SPORT

Y5&6 ATHLETICS



























LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Club 2026-2027

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Every summer the school library runs a **Summer Reading Club** to encourage students to keep on reading during the holidays. In particular we want to encourage our senior students to make use of the opportunity they have over summer to read while they do not have the demands and expectations of school work.

Students who are in Year 1 to 12 are able to take out up to 30 books of their choice for the duration of the summer holidays. They will be provided with a list of books they have chosen, as well as a carry bag.

If you are happy for your child to participate, please sign the permission slip below with your child, and return it to the library as soon as possible.

Provided all books are returned:

- **Year 11 & 12 are able to select books up until their last day of school**
- **All other students will choose their books in Week 9 (Monday Dec 7th - Wednesday Dec 9th).**

If you have any questions or need help, please get in touch.

Megan Zingel (Head Librarian) *megan.zingel@beth.school.nz*

STUDENT'S NAME .....

Year level (please circle) **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12**

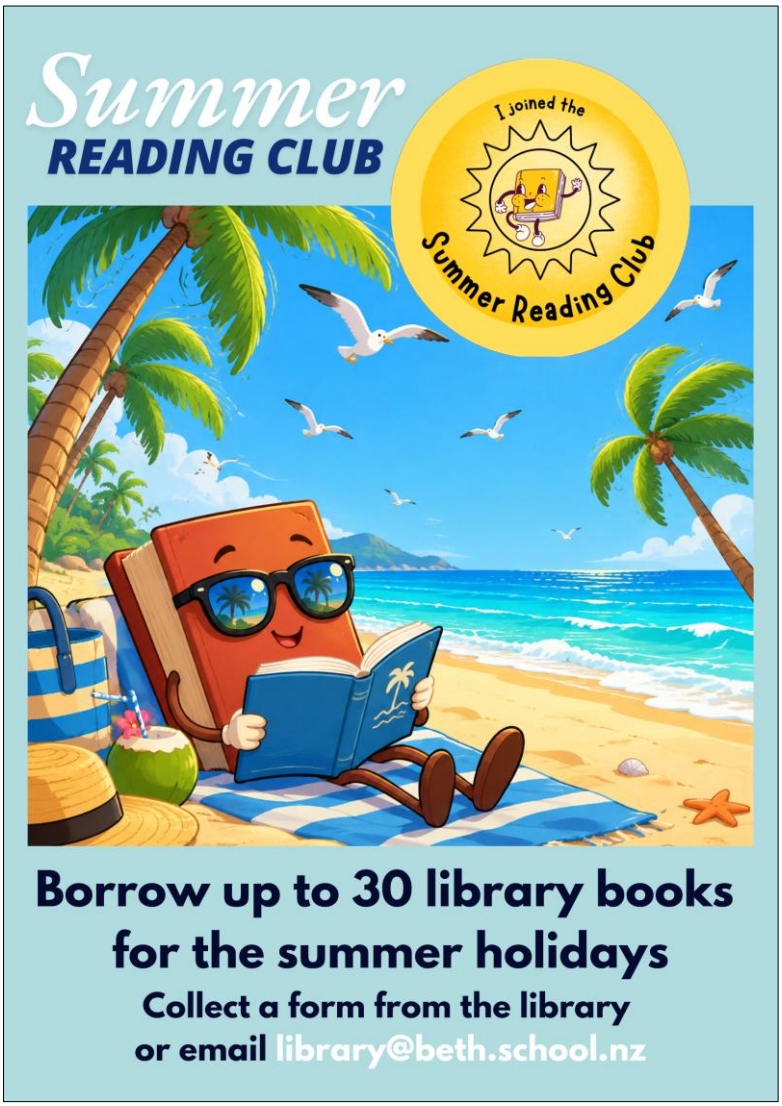
I give permission for my son/daughter to take up to a maximum of 30 books and undertake to ensure that all books will by returned to school by **Friday 5th February 2027**.

Parent/caregiver signature .....

I undertake to take good care of my library books and will return all books to the school library by **Friday 5th February 2027**.

Student signature .....

Number of books issued





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SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!



Recently we had a student's bike go missing from school. Last week, thanks to some astute detective work from our groundsman, the owner was reunited with their bike, causing 'smiles' all round. A friendly reminder, if you are bringing bikes to school, please do make sure they are secure and locked.



A FEW REMINDERS...

Year 0 Photolife class and individual photos – free delivery to school if ordered before Sunday 15th November.



Staff only day – Friday 13th November – No school for students!

HAPPY PARENTING



Term four can be an exciting but overwhelming time for families, with end-of-year celebrations, events, and extra commitments filling the calendar. This article, with the link below, encourages parents to be intentional about family schedules, remembering that it is okay to say no to some activities and prioritise rest and wellbeing.

As we approach the end of the school year, let's remember that connection, encouragement and grace are far more important than having a perfectly full calendar!

https://parentingplace.nz/resources/keeping-calm-and-coping-with-term-four

> ENSURING SCHEDULES AREN'T JAM-PACKED IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS PARENTS.

> WHEN I PAUSE, I GIVE MYSELF A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON BEHIND THE RISING HEARTRATE.









NOTICES

- **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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