

Bethlehem Community Pre-School Inc.

"Your caring community Pre-School in the heart of Bethlehem"

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Welcome to Term 2

The year seems to be speeding by! The children have come back from the holiday break relaxed and happy to be back into the Pre-School routine.

The mornings are getting cooler so please remember to dress your children in layers that may be removed as the day warms up. Also, a reminder that we will be closed on **Monday 7th June** for Queen's Birthday long weekend.

We would like to welcome Willow, Claudia, Heidi, Evie and their families. We look forward to getting to know you.

Welcome to Jayme

As we sadly farewelled Cheryl at the end of last term, we are excited to inform you that on Monday 17th May Jayme Wilkinson will be joining our Bethlehem Community Pre-School whanau. Jayme is a qualified Early Childhood teacher and has been teaching in Tauranga for some years.

Jayme has three children, one at school and her three-year-old twins, who will also be joining us. Jayme is very friendly and approachable so please introduce yourselves and get to know her.

Gate Protocol

We would like to ask all our parents to please monitor the Main Gate entering Pre-School from Bethlehem Road. Please check that the gate closes properly behind you – and we also ask that you prevent your child/ren from standing on the gate – especially whilst it is being used.

We have just had the gate fixed to ensure its hinges are working properly.

Tauranga Library

Penny from Tauranga Library will be visiting us on **Wednesday 19th May** to entertain our tamariki at our 9.30am mat-time. Anyone not enrolled on this day is welcome to join us, however they must have a supervising adult with them.



This term and the next Katie will be attending the Incredible Years Programme for professional development. She is learning strategies for behaviour management and fostering children's emotional skills. Katie will be away on Tuesdays every 4-6 weeks. We look forward to Katie sharing her new knowledge and skills with us all here at Pre-School.

Management Committee Meeting

Our next Management Committee Meeting will be held at Pre-School on **Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Please see Toni or Jo if you would like more information.



Family Portrait Day – Sun 23rd May

We will be holding a Family Portrait Day fundraising event here at Pre-School by one of our ex-parents – the very talented Sandri Blom.

Booking forms are available from the Pre-School – located above the cubby holes and also from the Office.

Time slots are for 15 minutes and will start at 9.00am. There is a limit to your immediate family only (5-6 people).

The cost is \$20.00 per image for a high-resolution colour or black and white photograph. Every subsequent photo ordered will cost \$15.00.

You can view Sandri's website: www.sandriblom.com



Term Dates

Term 2: 3 May – 9 July
(closed Mon 7 Jun – Queens B'day)

Term 3: 26 Jul – 1 Oct

Term 4: 18 Oct – 17 Dec
(closed Mon 25 Oct – Labour W/end)

Art Box

Our art box is often overflowing. Please remember to check the Art box regularly. The children's creative work is precious and makes great wrapping paper or gifts for the family.



Our AGM was held in the last week of Term 1.

We would like to thank Victoria and Jo for continuing on in their roles as Chairperson and Secretary, and also for the continuing support from our members Jen, Rachael, Hannah, Becky and Jess. As Jen has stepped down as Treasurer, we are grateful that she is still remaining on our Committee – but if anyone is keen to fill this position then please let Jo in the Office know. We are still looking for members to join us so if you would like to come to the next meeting, we would love to see you there.

Matariki – 19 June – 11 July

We will be holding an early evening Matariki celebration here at Pre-School on Wednesday 23rd June from 5-6pm.

The tamariki may arrive in their PJ's and we will be serving Soup & Bun, Kumara chips and some of our homegrown Kale chips.

The children will then sing some songs and listen to some stories focussing on Matariki. This evening is open to all our tamariki and their whanau.



Whanau Wall

If you haven't already bought in a family photo we would love to have one for our Whanau wall. Having our family photos displayed in the Pre-School helps to promote our sense of belonging and well-being for our children and families as they feel a part of the wider Pre-School community.



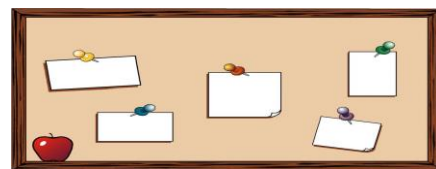
Bottle Tops

We would like to ask for donations to Pre-School of any **aluminium** bottle tops that you can save from around the house – from olive oils, glass bottle sauces and drinks ie. wine bottles etc.

We will then be donating them to Tauranga Lions to earn 5c per top donated towards Kidney Kids.

Information around Pre-School

Please take a regular look at your child's portfolio and check out our programme planning board to see the rich environment of learning activities happening in the centre each day.



Please see Facebook for regular photo updates and please feel free to talk to staff if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning.

Entertainment Books Are Here!

The Entertainment Book is here –the Book is available in a digital format on your phone. Please see the posters around Pre-School for a quick QR code scan to purchase or click the link on our Facebook page. Great Deals and family discounts. We earn 20% from each purchase for the Pre-School. Please support us and save on your next outing or dining experience.



Please help yourself to our parent library situated in our Staff & Parent Room. It is also a great place to find information on children's learning and development and to find books on parenting and relationships. Please just make a note of the book and the date you take it home so we can keep track of them in the notebook provided on the shelf.