

Secondary Pānui

Newsletter

TERM 2 | 2022

Pānui 1

HOS Message

Tēnā koutou katoa, naumai, haere mai.

Warm greetings and welcome to our very first Secondary Pānui. Pānui means news in te reo Maori and through this newsletter, we look forward to celebrating with you, the life of Year 7-13 Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary students, as well as highlighting upcoming events. The Secondary Pānui will be published fortnightly.

Term 2 begun with change in the air, leaves falling and autumn declaring its arrival across our beautiful campus. Lessening Covid restrictions have brought a welcome relief to staff and students who can now utilise the gymnasium, participate in larger gatherings, play sport, and practice music indoors. I would like to thank our staff, students and you, our BC whanau, for your support and adaptability in Term One, as we responded to challenges and changes, almost on a weekly basis.

We now look forward to a term of significant growth and transformation, as we partner with you to grow our learning community of excellence in the Secondary.

Steve Te Whaiti - Head of Secondary (HOS)



ANZAC Service

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man gives up his life for his friends." John 15:13

In Week 1 we welcomed Mr Fred Milligan, Tauranga RSA President, Mrs Heather Waldron, Trustee of the RSA Welfare Trust, and Mr Graham Preston, our founding principal to an ANZAC service. Senior staff, Head students, Junior and Senior Impact captains also attended. Short messages were read, the last post played as the flag was lowered, and the ode recited. The wider College participated in a video presentation led by our Head Students. Santiago Harvey-Y6, and Heidi Blanchard-Y9 read Bible passages, and our drama students recorded an excellent rendition of Wilfred Owen's poem 'Dulce et Decorum Est' involving drama, dance and waiata. Lest we forget.



KEY DATES

Year 9-13 BOP Cross Country

Monday 30th May
Waipuna Park

Year 7-13 Supertag

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th June
Secondary Campus

Year 9-13 Choir and Chamber Music concert

Friday 10th June
BC Chapel

Year 7-8 Sports Camp

Monday 13th-Friday 17th June
Totara Springs Matamata

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FAITH

EASTER

To elevate Easter we planned a week of events that would visually remind us of the story and provide opportunities for reflection and celebration of Easter. Ten images lined 'The Way' visualising the Easter story, with the biblical text on the back. It was moving to see classes talk through each station, as well as families walk around in the afternoons reflecting and together.

Students made and gave away flax crosses, carried an oversize wooden cross to the Drop-off Zone, took part in K-Group Quizzes, an Easter Photo Booth, and Animoso sung for us. In our Christian Living and Biblical Foundation classes we explored the Easter story and took time to dialogue and respond. We look forward to building on our Easter celebrations in the future.



THIS TERM SO FAR...

With the easing of restrictions on travel and gathering planning for service projects and mission trips is resuming. While offshore trips are not expected to be possible until 2023, we are looking forward to seeing our local initiatives running again.

Careers

TERTIARY AWARENESS DAY

This year, tertiary providers from around New Zealand came to BC to present to our Year 12 and 13 students about their options post-school. Universities, polytechnics, apprenticeship providers, faith-based providers and more were in attendance. Students selected two providers to hear formal presentations from, about what they offered. Following this, all providers were available 'expo style' for students to visit their stands, research future study options, explore potential careers and ask questions. This time dedicated to considering the future, with experts on-hand to assist, is so valuable for our rangatahi. Engagement was high and it was a great day.



ASPIRING ELECTRICIANS

This term, a group of students aspiring to become electricians visited ETCO (The Electrical Training Company) where they learnt about the pathway to become an electrical apprentice. Students were also able to see the space and resources available to ETCO students, as well as meet some of the tutors. Sarah Davis, our Work Experience Coordinator, accompanied the students.





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Junior Secondary

In Junior Secondary we are all about growing Transformed, Courageous and Equipped young people, as we out-work our School Vision and Mission across Years 7, 8 and 9. At the start of each year, we love welcoming all our new students into each of our Junior Secondary Whanau and into BC Secondary. Fostering whanaungatanga, that is, helping our students form connections of care fwith teachers and friendships with their classmates is of the highest priority to us. We know that the sooner students find their sense of connection and belonging, they will be happier, more ready to learn, to grow, to discover their gifts and talents, and to find their identity and security in Him, their Heavenly Father. Despite challenges in Term 1, we are so grateful that all our Year 7 and Year 8 camps went ahead, many of lunchtime clubs kicked off, our teachers grew great class culture and friendships were formed.



JUNIOR SECONDARY HOUSE ASSEMBLIES

We were able to hold our first House Assemblies on Wednesday, 20th May. These assemblies are planned and run by our Junior House Captains providing an opportunity to grow in their capacity to lead and serve within the Secondary. They shared about the importance of transformation and how it is essential as we learn and become more Christ-like, and about their House and how the people they are named after served and were obedient to God's calling on their lives.

MEET OUR JUNIOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Alyward Rose Scott GOM	Alyward Devan Botha MGB	Brown Hayley Barnes FRR	Brown Damian Stevens GOM	Carmichael Sally Gerritsen RPM	Carmichael Isaac Rowden Llosa FRR
Hudson-Taylor Ella Lloyd BTJ	Hudson - Taylor Ben Gillingham MGB	Scott Valentina Hill HYS	Scott Max Balmer GOM	Tarore Kaylie Du Plessis BTJ	Tarore Joshua Kelly MGB

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Leadership

HEADZ UP CONFERENCE - Written by our Head Students

This year's Headz Up Conference was not only an amazing opportunity to meet other student leaders from the BOP region, but also to learn from their different leadership structures and initiatives. Practical skills such as networking, public speaking and collaboration were explored and practised, allowing us to integrate ideas of inclusion, confidence, diversity, initiative, creativity, and encouragement into our leadership styles. The conference was a brilliant opportunity to practise empowering others through leadership while learning when to give others the chance to lead.

A core focus was the power of being present, present in mind, body, and soul simultaneously. This was super helpful as it highlighted the dangers of being stuck in the past or future, showing that effective leadership encompasses the ability to focus on the here and now. This is how we actively listen to others, understand others, and inspire others. Another takeaway from the day was to become comfortable being uncomfortable and learn to embrace every opportunity. Doing so equips you with a mindset capable of resilience and success.



TREE PLANTING

During Week 2 of this term, Bethlehem College students were involved in planting native trees in Preston's Park. It was a great opportunity to contribute to the restoration and development work that has been ongoing in this beautiful natural area within the school grounds. Preston's Park was originally created in 1990 in dramatic fashion with the school's founding Principal, Graham Preston, detonating 500 kgs of explosives to create the pond, which became known as Preston's puddle. For those interested, here is an [article](#) from Sun Live with more information on Preston's Park.



General Notices

Victoria University of Wellington-Tauranga Information Evening: Baypark. 6-8pm, Wednesday, 8th June
For more information and to register [click here](#).

Year 10 Market Day: Thursday, 9th June. Students are reminder to bring money, for the Y10 Enterprise class Market Day.

Defensive Driving Course: Starts Monday 30 May at 5 pm in the BC library.
See Drive Safe Driving School FB or contact Sue 0212153548 for all dates.

Reminder: Students who have been ill e.g., with vomiting/diarrhea, need to be kept home for 48 hours afterwards.