

Secondary Pānui

Newsletter

HOS Message

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

Greetings everyone. The Secondary cross-country inter-house competition in Week 3 was our first whole Secondary event. We are indeed privileged to have such a beautiful campus where we can have an authentic cross-country race, with a 3km loop, hills included.



On Friday of Week 8, June 24th, we will be observing our country's first Matariki public holiday. In Māori, Matariki represents the Māori New Year and means, 'little eyes of God', referring to the Pleiades constellation which appears this time of year, also referenced in the Bible in the book of Job.

Traditionally, as well as a time to signal the planting of crops, Matariki was a time of reflecting on the past, analysing the present and casting eyes to the future. Is there any relevance for today? Yes! Matariki is a great time to recognise those who have supported us to be where we are today and honour those who have gone before us. It is also a time to foster unity and emphasise the importance of family/whanau, of honouring grandparents and parents. Lastly, Matariki is a time to gaze into the future, and ask the question – who we are becoming?

Steve Te Whaiti - Head of Secondary (HoS)

Faith

WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE

Today, 800 children died because they didn't have clean water. And another 800 children are at risk of dying. Every. Single. Day. Right now, everything that is needed to bring life-saving water to children in the world's toughest places is available. We just have to help communities in need get the tools to keep clean water flowing for years to come. It starts with helping one child, one family, one village, one community. The 40 Hour Famine is a chance to not just talk about change but to do something.

In Week 9, there will be opportunities to choose a challenge that makes a difference. Students can sign up now and get started toward their fundraising goal. Go to <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/fundraising/join-team/fundraiser> and search for Bethlehem College.

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KEY DATES

Year 7-8 Sports Camp

Monday, June 13th - Friday, June 17th

Totara Springs Matamata

Year 7-13 Big Sing

Thursday, June 16th Holy Trinity Church

Year 7-8 Dental Van

Monday, June 10th

Matariki Holiday

Friday, June 24th

Year 9-13 National Jazz Comp

Tuesday, June 21st Baycourt Tauranga

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YEAR 11 & 13 CHRISTIAN STUDIES CLASS

Recently, our Year 11 and Year 13 Christian Studies classes have been serving in our Primary Year 3 class. Both the Primary and Secondary students have been enjoying their interactions on a weekly basis.

The Year 13 class was also blessed to take the Primary Worship time on a Monday morning with the Year 1-3 classes. They all enjoyed the movement, singing and actions to the songs.



PERFORMING ARTS



The Music Department is loving being able to rehearse back inside again – we feel like there is fresh wind in our sails! There has been plenty going on over the past few weeks:

Animoso, BC Sound Collective and the Orchestra have all had several evening and weekend workshops this term, where students have had consolidated time to fine tune their pieces. Animoso and BC Sound Collective are working towards the regional Big Sing competition, which is on June 16th. Animoso have also had a couple of workshops with guest conductor, Rowan Johnston as they prepare for the Big Sing.

A group of 45 students also played their hearts out at Band Camp recently. Members from our Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Strings group descended on Waihi for our annual Band Camp, where they spent lots of time rehearsing, eating delicious food and getting to know each other better. A particular highlight was the Talent Quest – it was so wonderful to see such a range of students showcasing their amazing talents! We really do have some incredible students in our Music whanau! A big thank you to all those who contributed to making the camp such a success.

A very big congratulations to Year 13 student, Hayden Butt, who has successfully auditioned to play a Concerto with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra as part of the NZSO Young Artists Showcase. He is one of three secondary students chosen from around the country and will head to Wellington in August to perform Weber's 1st Clarinet Concerto with the NZSO. This is a wonderful accomplishment for him, and we wish Hayden well for his upcoming performance.



It has been fantastic to see the JSec Girls Choir get up and running again for 2022. Led by Mrs Hayward, we have had about 80 girls turn up to enjoy singing together, to learn basic singing technique, and work on some simple harmonies. They are currently working on a selection of music, from Spirituals to some contemporary pop songs and cannot wait to perform and show off their enthusiasm in the near future!

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JUNIOR SECONDARY CLUBS

Each term, we host a number of teacher-led clubs, where Junior Secondary students can connect, develop friendships, find a new interests, grow talents, have fun, and be mentored by our fabulous teachers. What is on offer varies from term to term and can range from Rock Climbing, Crafts, Zumba, Kapahaka, Photography, E-Pro8, Pasifika, Science Badges, Mountain Biking, Worship, Rugby League, a book club, music groups, sports team coaching, and Chess. Most clubs occur at lunchtimes and are advertised in our student notices. Just another way of growing whānaungatanga, and connecting and belonging, here at Bethlehem College.



CHESS CLUB



Chess Club takes place every Wednesday lunchtime in R103, led by Mrs Brown and Miss Overall. It is open to all Secondary students, Y7-13. All new students are welcome!

EPRO8 CLUB

Mr Wilson has been running our BC technology and engineering Epro8 club and held our BC Epro8 Competition on Thursday 19th May, in the Primary Hall. Of our two Year 7/8 teams who were selected to represent BC at the Semi Finals against other schools, one of our teams came 1st place! The boys were Chris Simcock-8TRSJ, Reuben Phillips-8KHLA, Max Joubert-8KHLA, and Brendon Lee-8TRSJ.

These boys will now be going through to the Grand Final in Rotorua on Thursday 16th of June. Our second team just missed out on 3rd place and finished in 4th overall.



One of our Senior teams, with Year 11 students Archie Cook, Mattheson Keys, Callum Brown and Matthew Graney, all also came third overall in the Senior Semi Final and will also be attending their Grand Final. Well done to all our students for their outstanding effort and for representing BC so well.

YEAR 13ODE

Students in the Year 13 Outdoor Education classes went to Adrenalin Forest. Their aim was to achieve the highest levels they could in the fastest times. Student really enjoyed themselves as they worked alongside their peers on this challenging course. We even had some students get within minutes of the courses record for the hardest level. It was a beautiful day with little wind - a great success all round.



DEBATES



During Weeks 4 and 5, Bethlehem College held its annual House Debates. The Academic Captains, Cory Brown and Jade Chin, organised the series of debates and were supported by adjudicators from the English department. Teams of three from each house competed against one another, debating on various topics. The first round of debates was held. Following this, the four winning houses, Scott, Aylward, Hudson Taylor and Brown, debated in the Semi-Finals. Lastly, Scott and Aylward moved on to the Finals, debating on the topic 'New Zealand Armed Forces should be deployed to help Ukraine against Putin's invasion.' It was an outstanding debate, with commendable effort put in from both teams. This year's House debates went to Aylward. Congratulations to Daniel Aneke, Sam Tapper, and Chloe Loh, who represented Aylward in this event.

Four BC teams competed in the BOP regional debating tournament. First time debaters, Sarah Taylor, Chloe Loh and Sienna Tang (Year 11), made it all the way through the preliminary rounds with no defeats, landing them in the final against Tauranga Boys' College, a team of more experienced Year 13s. The girls did a fabulous job, affirming the topic that schools should not be allowed to offer sports scholarships, and while they lost the final, still picked up the 'Best Junior Team' of the competition.

In other successes, Arcadia Wardley (Year 13) made it into the BOP regional team for the second year in a row, while Sophia Mitchell made it into the reserve team. Both Chloe Loh and Sarah Taylor were picked for the development team for younger debaters who show great potential.



BAKE SALE FOR UKRAINE

Bethlehem College, Tauranga is committed to providing Christ-centered, biblically based education that prepares our young people for a life of effective service and leadership, and thus, the pursuit of excellence through Christ. To contribute to outwork our mission, the Student Council hold various donation collection efforts to nominated charities. World Vision was chosen as a recipient of our Bethlehem College bake sale fundraiser for Ukrainian Refugees Crisis collection all together we have raised \$952.40 through bake sales and appreciate all the donations we have received.



CROSS COUNTRY



Tuesday 17th May saw the Senior Students Years 7-13 go off-road in the school Cross Country. The rain stayed away long enough for students and teachers alike to make their way around the 3km course. It was a great atmosphere with a high level of effort and enthusiasm brought by all involved. It was very pleasing to see the level of achievement gained by students, whether it was winning an age group, gaining a place for their house, or completing the course with their friends.

GATEWAY

Gateway students received the opportunity to apply and be selected to complete a Forklift Certificate onsite here at Bethlehem College this term. These young men worked hard on the theory and practical testing required and all succeeded! This certificate has been added to their C.V.'s with the aim of giving them that little extra edge when applying for trades apprenticeships next year...also helps with part time jobs. Well, done to Riley, Samuel F, Matty, Jesse, Seb, Samuel R, Corey and Saul.



General Notices

Career in Law Seminars

Local law firm HOBEC has kindly offered to run 'Career in Law' seminars on **Wednesday 15 June, 4.00pm- 5.30pm** and **Wednesday June 21st, 4.00pm- 5.30pm** for students (and their parents/caregivers) who are interested in learning more about a career in law. Places are limited. To sign up [Click this link](#) – both seminars are the same so please only sign up for one.

University of Waikato, Tauranga Campus, Open Day:

Friday, June 17th & Saturday, June 18th

On the Friday, BC Careers Department will be taking a trip of interested Year 13 students. Students sign up via information emailed to them. Alternatively, students of any year level may like to attend with their whanau on the Saturday. Event details are [here](#)