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Secondary News

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

Warm greetings everyone. Here at Bethlehem College, we seek to be a Christian learning community of excellence, where manaakitanga, that is, a genuine culture of care, abounds. In the Bible, in chapter 13, verses 34-35 in the book of John, Jesus gave a new command, "Love one another, as I have loved you", and followed by saying, "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples". This beautifully encapsulates 'he whanaungatanga tika', the kind of 'right' relationships we aspire to grow within our community.

Like in every school, we know some students, at times, don't always get this right. We, however, are completely committed to journeying with all our young people, to help individuals 'put things right', restore relationships, and see transformation take place within their character and in their lives. As a school we do not tolerate bullying or the use of any form of offensive language, this is simply not who we are. Our pastoral team is always available for support and guidance to anyone who needs it. Overwhelmingly, we know that the Bethlehem College community is kind, caring, and committed to excellence. Thank you for being part of this community and partnering with us in this.

Steve Te Whaiti - Head of Secondary (HOS)



Faith

Bethlehem College has a strong mission statement that clearly states the foundation all that we do is built on, and the destination of a student on the learning journey. Learning is not just about the head; we have to pay attention to the heart and hands as well. Truth must fill hearts as well as heads and becomes visible in the work of our hands.

We are clear that at the heart of the gospel is the message to love God and love others following the example of Jesus, and that this is best worked out in 'effective service and leadership'.

KEY DATES

Year 7-8 Dental Van
Monday, 27th June - All week

Year 11 Gold Mine Field Trip
Thursday, 30th June

Year 13 ODE – High Rope Course
Thursday, 30th June

K-Group Bake Sale- World Vision
Thursday, 30th June

Year 9-13 Rock Quest Regional Heats
Friday, 1st July

Year 12-13 Senior Ball
Saturday, 2nd July

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Junior Secondary Sports Camp

Our Year 7 and 8 Sports Camp students did us extremely proud at this year's Sports Camp at Totara Springs, Matamata last week. After highly competitive trials, two terms of intensive coaching and preparation, three teams with a total of 104 students, competed courageously with grit, great sportsmanship, and enthusiasm, across over 30 sports codes, against other school teams from Waikato and Auckland.

Our Year 8 Eagles team were the overall tournament champions and for the first time, BC won the Team Cheer Competition, a demonstration of unity, school spirit, school pride and the values we represent. Year 9 Captains, Rose Scott, Maeve Pacey and Sophie Neustroski choreographed and coached our cheer, which also included a powerful rendition of our school haka. Congratulations also goes to Tommy Davies who not only led our haka but received the 2022 Sports Camp Sportsmanship Award.

As well as Rose, Maeve and Sophie, Year 9 Captains Willem Engelbrecht, Isaac Llosa and Devan Botha also attended the camp as student leaders, assisting with coaching, and serving tirelessly over the week, as well as being outstanding role models. A HUGE thanks to Mr. Lambert -TIC, Mrs. Roser, Mrs. Hill and Mr. Duffett, and our parent helpers who made attending Sports Camp possible for our students, an incredibly transformative experience for them.



Junior Secondary Science Roadshow

This week all our Year 7 and 8 students, and our Year 3 to 6 BC Primary students, were fortunate to experience New Zealand's Science Roadshow, here in our BC PAC Hall. As a host school, we also welcomed students from other local primary schools.

This year's demonstrations and interactive exhibits included exciting presentations on Astronomy, Ecology and the Environment, Heat, the Human Lab, Sound, The Dynamics of Electricity and The Amazing Properties of Water.

As well as the Road Show staff, 12 of our Junior Secondary Captains, served the hundreds of students who visited the Road Show, by being trained to host many of the exhibits. We were very proud to hear from the Roadshow Staff that our Captains were the best student leaders they had ever had!

The Science Roadshow was such a great, hands-on, fun and inspiring educational experience for all our students who attended.



Junior Secondary Craft Club

Sharing our latest creations from the JSec Craft Club, hand knitted teddy bears! Craft Club meets every Tuesday Lunchtime with Mrs. Russell in T106, newcomers always welcome. Another place to grow friendships and talents.



Big Sing

Our Animoso and BC Sound Collective choirs had a great time competing in the Big Sing regional choir competition at Holy Trinity Church. Both choirs performed beautifully and represented the school in a God-honouring way. BC Sound Collective were thrilled to win two awards on the night, winning an award for the "Best Impact" and also the 'Sprit of the Festival - Youth Ambassador's Award'.



Rock Band Workshop

With the Rock Quest Regional Heats on the horizon, we were blessed to have Joel Shadbolt from L.A.B. as a guest mentor for our band workshop on Friday of Week 7. Six of our rock bands spent the afternoon writing, practicing, refining and receiving incredible mentoring and advice from an expert musician. The workshop ended with a short concert to parents where bands were able to share what they had come up with, fresh off the press. All the best with Rock Quest Bethlehem College bands, you rock!"



Chamber Music

Congratulations to our flute quartet 'Piano Flauti' who competed at the Bay of Plenty Chamber Music Contest last week.

The group, consisting of Sarah Taylor, Enoch Tie, Sienna Tang and Emily Gillingham, were awarded first place, and now move on to the District Finals in Auckland on the 2nd July.

We are very proud of how well they represented Bethlehem College and wish them all the best for the next round of competition!



NZ Cross Country Championships



Elliott Pugh in his first year in the Senior Boys 6000m event ran incredibly well to finish 2nd.

At the prize giving he was named as one of eight boys selected for the New Zealand Schools Cross Country team to compete at the Australian championships in August in Adelaide.

Eleanor Pugh placed 5th in the Year 9 Girls 3000m event missing the bronze medal by 1 second in a three-way sprint for the medals.



Mt Richmond School Sports Exchange

The annual Mount Richmond Sports exchange is always a highlight in the sporting calendar, and this year was no exception. Our Boy's 2nd XI and Girls 1st XI teams played a Mount Richmond combined team in a friendly match here on the Bethlehem College fields. The weather was beautiful, and the students had a great time, finishing up with Pizza and Coca Cola. We look forward to next year's exchange with a new sport. Thank you, Mount Richmond!



Rock Climbing

Students in the Year 13 Outdoor Education classes recently went to Rocktopia as a part of their training program for Adrenalin Forest. They enjoyed going to a different venue for climbing and testing their skills on the speed wall. They have another trip coming up this week. We are lucky to have quality facilities in the area.



Year 10 Market Day

Our annual year 10 enterprise market day was a huge success. Every year the year 10 enterprise classes prepare and undertake this event in a creative manner.



Beca Careers Course

A group of our students considering a career in engineering, architecture, digital technology, planning or project delivery were able to attend the Beca Careers Day yesterday. They heard from Beca's young professionals about their experiences in coming up with smart solutions to real-life problems and then got hands-on with their own problem-solving activity. Thank you Beca and Priority One for hosting our students; they came away inspired!



First Aid Course

Our students were able to gain their Advanced Work Based First Aid Certificate by participating in a two-day course organized by our Careers Department. Students opted to take part if it was relevant to their future pathway, for example those intending on entering nursing, healthcare or trades. Feedback from students included, *"incredibly useful in the workforce and in everyday life; saving someone's life shouldn't be taken lightly"* and *"if I see any medical problems in the future, I will have a better understanding of what's happening and a better idea of what to do"*. Thank you to Wes from Lifecare for your wonderful facilitation of the course.



"Choices we make"

On Thursday, 19th May, Pat Buckley came to share his presentation on "the choices we make" to our year 10 students. Pat has been sharing this presentation with our students for almost 20 years. His delivery and ability to share experiences brings home to our students the realness and importance of the choices we make, from who our friends are to choices about drugs and alcohol etc. Pat's hope is that by sharing his message he can help the next generation to make wise choices and think for themselves



General Notices

Defensive Driving Course: Starts **Monday, 27th June** 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 afterward.