

Newsletter / Pānui

SECONDARY

Secondary News

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

Warm greetings to you all as I write this on a beautiful mid- winter's day. Our student profiles are being courageous, equipped, transformed, wise, strong and compassionate. They focus and point towards the mission and vision of BC.

Scripture unwraps these profiles and aligns a Biblical view. For example, Colossians 3:12 outlines behavioural standards to aspire to in the classroom and within every co-curricular activity. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with *compassion*, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Hearing stories where students, teachers and coaches display these characteristics is encouraging and influential. Teachers also weave into their lessons, aspects of the profiles as appropriate. This enables our vision: to be a Christian learning community of excellence where lives are transformed. It also points to the heart of what we do on a day-by-day basis. Our Mission is to provide a Biblically based, Christ-centred education equipping students for effective service and leadership.

Thank you for engaging in the teacher/ student/ parent conferences during weeks 1 and 2. These are such important times to share information and collaborate as a community.

Ngā mihi
Steve Te Whaiti
Head of Secondary



Famine 'The Block'

During the last week of term 2 students again competed in their House groups to build a habitable shack out of scavenged and reusable materials. This has become an annual event that forms part of our 40-hour Famine participation. Building these structures challenges students to work collaboratively and to consider how people in another setting may live out of necessity.

The theme of the 2022 Famine was around water, so particular attention was paid to how these structures might be able to collect and conserve water, something we often take for granted. The competition is named after the popular TV show 'The Block' where teams compete to complete a new home.

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KEY DATES

Year 8-12 Subject Selections
Closes Friday, 19th August.

Accord Day/Staff Only Day
25th August

Year 9-13 Winter Tournament
28th August to 4th September

Year 7-8 AIMS Games
3rd September to 9th September

Year 11-13 Practice Exams
8th to 15th September

Grandparents Tea
Friday, 30th September

Foodbank
Begins Monday, 15th August

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Dance NZ



Congratulations to **Amelia Tapsell** (Solo) on her stunning performance. Amelia won a golden ticket which means, after an intense audition process, could see her win \$1000 towards dance training. Bethlehem College also entered five student led dance groups who performed with passion and emotion. Genres included contemporary, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and ballet.

Netball

Congratulations to the 7A Netball team who won the Netball Tournament. They came first out of all the year 7 teams in the tournament without losing a game. These girls have shown great development and worked extremely hard as a team!



NZ Fist Ball @ WorldGames

Past Bethlehem College students - Kelsey Randrup and Briana Booth were selected as part of New Zealand's first ever women's Fist Ball team to represent our country at the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, USA. Kelsey was also named captain of the team, which played exceptionally well during the tournament defeating hosts USA to finish 5th overall.

Fist Ball is thought to be of Italian origin and dates back to 1786. Played like Volleyball, teams attempt to hit the ball into the oppositions court in a way that they cannot return it over the net. The first IFA world championships were held in 1968 and the first women's world championships were held in 1994.



Commerce Wellington Trip

On the 7th July, 29 commerce students undertook a journey to Wellington. Our first stop was the DeBretts Spa in Taupo where we soaked up the complexities of running a business. After we arrived in Wellington, we enjoyed authentic Japanese cuisine at Fujiyama Teppanyaki and made our way to Mt Victoria Hill to enjoy the beautiful city views. The following day we visited Victoria University, Parliament, the Reserve Bank and Te Papa. The feedback we received from everyone involved was very positive. The behaviour, attitude and manners of all the students on the trip were exceptional.



Founders Day

On Founders Day we celebrate the beginning of our school with the building of A Block in 1988. Graham Preston carried the vision for the school for many years and as we look back, we can see God's faithfulness to us as the BC Whanau. From 4 classrooms we now have grown to over 1800 students across the Tauranga and BC Chapman Rotorua Campus! We also had guest speaker Jimmy Bos, Head Boy in 2015, who joined BC as a Y7 student and was involved in many areas of the school, including 1st XV rugby and Animoso.



Music Concert

The end of Term 2 was wrapped up in spectacular fashion, with our Music Department's 'Winter Warm up' Concert. Featuring our Orchestra, Concert Band, String Group, Jazz Band, Sound Collective, Animoso and Rock bands, the night was a beautiful celebration of our student's hard work. We really loved the chance to finally share our music with our community, along with devouring delicious warm goodies and hot chocolates thanks to our wonderful Hospitality department! A big thank you to our community for coming along to support us, and to all those who made the evening such a great success!



Search and rescue program

Applications for the 2023 Youth Search and Rescue program are now open for 14-16 year old students. Any interested students please see Mr. Te Whaiti.

YSAR is the youth training organisation to Search and Rescue and Emergency management organisations



Applications close 30th September
You must be 14 years old at 1 February
For more info and application forms: www.YSAR.org.nz

General Notices

Student BOT Elections

Nominations open 22 Aug > Nominations Closes on 02 Sep > Election Day 20 Sep

2023 Subject Selection

Senior Secondary (Year 8 to Year 12) students are currently undergoing subject selection for 2023, which closes on 19th August 2022. We would like to recommend this excellent resource for students and their whanau to use when making subject choices: "[How to choose NCEA subjects](#)". Please ensure your son or daughter has chosen their subjects for next year.

Grandparents Morning Tea Friday 30th September

Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) to join us for a morning to celebrate and honour your treasured role in the life of our children at BC. You are most welcome to attend any part of the morning programme. Please RSVP [here](#).

09:30 am	Class with Grandchild (Years 0-6) / Principal Tour (Years 7-13)
10:30 am	Morning Tea (Performing Arts Centre Foyer)
11:00 am	Talent Quest Years 4-6 (Performing Arts Centre)
12:30 pm	Finish

Defensive Driving Course

Defensive driving courses at Bethlehem College begin Monday 8th August at 6pm (then 5pm) in BC Library. To find out more information please contact Sue on 021 2153548 or drivesafesue@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/Drive-Safe-Driving-School-105761203104722

Trophies

We need all Sports Trophies to be returned to the Sports office by Tuesday 9th of August. All academic and cultural trophies need to be returned to the SLT office by the 26th of August.

Year 13: 2023 University Course Planning Assistance

We have arranged for a Future-Student Liaison Representative from each university to come to BC to meet with students intending on studying at their campus in 2023. They will assist students with enrolment, course planning/paper selection and they may also be able to assist with scholarship and Halls of Residence queries. Please find dates, times and further info about these sessions [Term 3 Uni Course Planning Sessions.pdf](#)

University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is holding a Bay of Plenty regional information evening for students and their whanau on Tuesday, 9th August 6:30 – 8:00 pm. It will be at Tauranga Boys' College, 664 Cameron Road. For more information and to register please [click here](#).

Billboard Advertising Availability

Billboard Advertising Availability: Are you interested in advertising your business to other BC parents? Spots are available around the pickup/drop off bay at the Bethlehem Campus. The cost is \$2,000 per year (with a one-off \$450 design fee) for a 2.4m long x 0.6m high sign. All proceeds go to the BC Sports Department, with the ability to earmark those funds towards a particular sport/team. Please contact sport@beth.school.nz to secure your spot.

PTA

Thank you PTA! The PTA has allocated funds for a new BC school van for use by staff and parents for school, sporting and other activities. The PTA includes parents and teachers united in encouraging community while fundraising for the school. The PTA meets in the function room of the Administration block generally on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm (excluding holidays). If you're interested in being a part of this amazing stewardship and fundraising efforts, come along to a meeting or contact them via email at pta@beth.school.nz.

Mental Health & Resilience for your Whanau

Mark your calendars for Thursday, 18th August at 7 pm to hear Jordan Smith teach skills and understanding of mental health for families. Tickets are \$10pp or \$15 for couples and can be purchased [here](#).