

Newsletter

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Secondary News

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

Winter sports tournament has just finished and the AIMS sports tournament is just about to begin. It is a busy time for sport. On Friday, 26th August, when we held Daffodil day to support the Cancer society, many students sent messages of encouragement to other students and teachers. It certainly brightened the day with a sea of yellow throughout the school and again pointed to a school which is Christ centred and service focussed.

We also had Cultural Day on Friday and were able to experience the wonderful cuisine from different countries. Having a multi-cultural community does strengthen who we are, as we honour and value the rich history of our BC community in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Ngā mihi
Steve Te Whaiti
Head of Secondary



Faith – Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day is an annual fundraiser for the Cancer Society that Bethlehem College supports. Students not only purchase fresh daffodils, but they give those daffodils away to others they wish to encourage. Handwritten notes are attached to each daffodil containing encouraging words and affirmations. Staff and teachers have also been seen writing notes and giving flowers and for a short period of time classrooms and the campus become a sea of bright yellow joy. This year 5000 daffodils were sold raising approximately \$2000 for the work of the Cancer Society.



KEY DATES

Year 7-8 AIMS Games
Saturday, 3rd - 9th September

Parent BOT election day
Wednesday, 7th September

**Year Y10MAA, Year 11-Y13
Practice Exams**
Thursday, 8th – 15th September

**Year 7-13
Grandparents Morning Tea**
Friday, 30th September

Arotahi Magazine- Last orders
Monday, 31st October

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Big Sing Festival

BC Sound Collective have had quite the year, winning two awards at the regional Big Sing festival and then being invited to compete at the Cadenza festival in Rotorua. Twelve top choirs from around the upper North Island were selected, and we felt very privileged to be included. The event was held at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre and consisted of performances and workshops led by internationally renowned conductor Elise Bradley and finishing with a Gala concert in the evening. BC Sound Collective were thrilled to be awarded a Korimako award (Silver). Congratulations to all the students and staff involved, we are very proud of you!



PISA – Programme for International Student Assessment



On Friday, 19th August a group of 15-year-old students did the Programme for International Student Assessment. The objective of PISA testing is to measure education systems in the OECD, or what skills and competencies students have acquired and can apply in reading, mathematics, and science to real-world contexts by age 15. We had some Pizza and lucky draw vouchers on the day.

MathsMind Competition

On Friday, 19th August, several students represented Bethlehem College in the Bay of Plenty MathsMind competition. This is where Year 9 and 10 students in the wider Bay of Plenty, compete against each other in teams of 4, in solving mathematical problems. This was the first time that the competition has been held since 2019, and it was good to see a total of 64 teams from 18 different schools participating. Our students acquitted themselves well, with one of our Year 9 teams coming third (out of 33 Year 9 teams), and our combined Year 9 score coming in 3rd overall. Bethlehem College also won the Henry Dixon Cup for the best medium size school, out of 11 schools in that category.



Geography Field Trip

The Year 13 Geographers headed to Rotorua on Friday, 19th August to observe how tourism has impacted people and the environment. We were subject to horizontal drizzle all day, but our BC students showed fortitude and resilience as we collected data and flew through the mist and puddles at the Luge. Some were better at staying on the track than others. The tour of the thermal activity at Te Puia was a winner as we watched the dramatic Pohutu Geyser erupt in the grey mist. Thank you to Sue Davies, Mr Addinall and Mr Farr for looking after us.



Cultural Day

As part of the celebrations of culture, BC students and staff prepared kai to acknowledge, celebrate and experience culture. Students arrived with foods from different continents and had them available to buy and try in the Event Centre. Formal costume and music accentuated this vibrant atmosphere. We thank the many parents also, who assisted in preparations and guiding the cooking for what was a bright and honouring time.



Band Quest

Three Year 7-8 bands recently competed at BandQuest, a national rock band competition. Silent District, Conflicts, and The Hammerheads each performed to a high standard and wowed the crowd. Huge congratulations to three of our students who won awards: Nathaniel Mafi won killer guitarist, Lucy Clayton won best keyboardist and Tristan Sparks won the musicianship award.”



Chess

On Friday, 26th August, 12 students from across Junior and Senior Secondary participated in the Bay of Plenty Interschool Chess Championship. Competing in teams of four, students played six rounds of chess, displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. A special mention goes to Ephram Tito, who placed fourth in his division. The students had a fun day strategizing and socializing with students from other schools. Many of the students are looking forward to competing again next year.



Early Childhood Practicum 2022

A highlight of the year for the Y12 and Y13 Early Childhood Education (ECE) students is attending a week-long practicum in a chosen EC Centre. The lead up to this event is always exciting as students prepare to practice the skills they have learnt during the year. They create introductory posters and write their pepeha. They also make and gather resource material that will help them during the week. Having visited the students on their practicums, it was evident that they enjoyed their time at the centers, and some have been asked to return. This is very positive feedback – Well done Year 12 and 13 ECE students!



Talent Quest

This year the Talent Quest was yet again a perfect demonstration of the very many and varied gifts God has given to an extremely talented group of young people.

Junior Winners: Solo Dance – Amelia Tapsell; Group Dance – Sariah Kraenzlin & Alexandra Murray, Instrumental – JSEC Band Conflication; Drama-Jasmine Smart and Bailee dos Santos; Solo Vocal – Ella Mafi; Audience Appeal – Nathaniel Mafi

Senior Awards: Best Performance Instrumental - Minjae Kim & David Jiang; Hip Hop Dance: Olivia Day, Georgina Han, Ava-Rose Sauni, Afuhia Uilou; Best Solo Vocals - Afuhia Uilou; Audience Appeal – Kaito Igawa



Water Polo- Bayfest Tournament

BC water polo entered the Bayfest tournament over the weekend of 20th of August. Bayfest is a local tournament that hosts school and club teams from the Upper North Island, and it is the first time we have been able to field both a boys and a girls' team. Both teams competed exceptionally well, with the boy's coming 5th in A grade, winning their final against Tauranga Intermediate School. The pioneering girls held their own against some strong Auckland and club teams and had loads of fun along the way. We would love to see more students join this growing sport as it starts up again at the end of this term!



Tough Guy and Gal

Our year 12 & 13 Sports Science students took part in the Tough Guy & Gal Mud Run at Lakes Ranch in Rotorua on Friday, 26th of August. The purpose was to gain an experience of the event that they would later write about as part of their assessments. As you can see from the images, it was a wet and muddy day filled with lots of water, mud throwing and the odd electric fence!



IBOP Year 8 Leadership Day

Recently ten year 8 students were selected to attend the IBOP Young Leader's Day hosted at Otumoetai College. This exciting opportunity was an initiative of the local Secondary school head students. The selected students represented Bethlehem College well, demonstrating courage in stepping out of their comfort zone to complete tasks designed to challenge and develop their thinking around leadership. The keynote speaker, Anne Tolley, shared generously about what she has discovered about leadership, stating that leaders make decisions and get things done, but truly great leaders do this, as well as ensuring they take people along with them to build strong resilient teams.

General Notices

1. Student Leavers

As matter of courtesy and to assist us with planning, can we ask that should you be intending to withdraw your child/ren (**currently in Y1-Y12**) at the end of 2022, that you please ensure you notify us by the end of Term 3 (or at the commencement of Term 4), via email to registrar@beth.school.nz. Please advise whether your child/ren are:

1. Transferring to another school, and if so, which school.
2. Going to Polytech/University, and if so, advise the course(s) they plan to enter.
3. Entering the workforce.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and in sharing any feedback to help us in serving families with excellence.
NB: We do NOT need to be advised of Y13's leaving at the end of the year.

2. Saturday, 3rd September – Friday, 9th September AIMS Tournament

3. Wednesday 7th September – School of Engineering

The School of Engineering invites future students and their whānau to attend an information evening at our Tauranga campus. 5:30pm – 7:00pm at The University of Waikato Tauranga Campus TCBD.2.08

4. Thursday 8th – Thursday 15th September - Library Closed

From Thursday 8th to Thursday 15th September, the library will only be open to senior students for practice exams. Parent help would be most appreciated over this week to assist with library stocktake. If you have any spare time please contact [Megan Zingel](#) (Librarian) with your availability. Thank you!

5. Donations needed

This week the Christian studies classes participated in a car wash fundraiser and we have raised \$219.20 up to date. The fundraiser is to help Mayfair primary school in Hawkes Bay. They are a decile 2 school. They do not have enough PE gear for their students and we would like to help them with that need. The next step we would like to take is to find out if any families or businesses would sponsor a ball or any secondhand sport goods or be willing to support us further in blessing Mayfair primary school. All donations can be sent to the secondary school office.