

Secondary Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

The heart of the last 2 weeks has been consumed with sport for the Secondary School. First the Winter tournament and then Tauranga Moana's very own AIMS games. This was such a great opportunity to express and grow talent. Our students were terrific stewards of themselves, their families (you) and all that Bethlehem College stands for. There were so many parents and teachers who partnered with us to manage, coach, assist teams and individuals to perform to their very best and also at school carrying out extra duties. We honour you all for creating an environment where character can flourish. There were many students who achieved terrific results and improved their personal best and conversely, times when things did not go the way they expected. These too are learning opportunities.

At the assembly prior to competition, they received the following guidance from Hebrews 12:1 "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." No matter the sport you play, endurance is required to win. We are not just talking about the endurance to win a marathon; endurance is also the ability to withstand long practices and long seasons. Endurance is required to maintain good health and stay positive throughout competition. Many times, during the season we need to summon God's strength to persevere.

Ngā mihi
Steve Te Whaiti
Head of Secondary



FAITH

AIMS Junior Secondary Captains' Report by Sally Gerritsen and Willem Engelbrecht

Congratulations to all our AIMS Competitors who performed so well last week at the Aims Games. During our Junior Secondary Assembly, the week prior, we spoke about what it meant to represent us well, to be ambassadors of our BC whānau and for God, and to compete with outstanding Christian character at all times. We have been so proud to hear of how well organized, punctual, helpful, respectful, encouraging and humble our teams played in both victory and defeat. Even in the pouring rain, our students were courageous, enthusiastic, servant-hearted and played wholeheartedly. As Colossians 3:23 states, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...", and they did just that! We are all extremely proud of the accomplishments of all our AIMS participants, showing once again that putting your faith in the Lord will always put you on top, no matter if you win or lose.

KEY DATES

Student BOT Election Day
Tuesday, 20th September

Queen Elizabeth – Memorial Day
Monday, 26th September

Mufti Day
Thursday, 29th September

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

Arotahi Magazine- Last orders
Monday, 31st October

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Zespri AIMS Games

The AIMS games have grown into a unique event in the nation's sporting calendar that has well and truly been the highlight of the year. This year 323 schools and almost 11,000 students competed across 23 sports. For many students, the Zespri AIMS Games was an opportunity to compete in a national tournament. The children got a massive thrill out of the event and it was a great blend of children that wanted to be competitive and other children who just wanted to have the experience of a lifetime.

This year three individual athletes won the Gold Medal for their various codes. This is the best BC has done in AIMS history. These individuals are: Bruno Nemedi – BMX Time Trial and BMX Race, Vihan Chathury – Squash and Austen Keni – Tennis. Logan Pinkerton In addition, Logan Pinkerton finished in the Top 10 of individual rock climbing. The team results included Hip Hop 5th, Boys Hockey 11th, Girls Hockey and Girls Futsal 13th, Water Polo 20th, Boys Football 23rd, Boys Futsal 24th, Quick Rip 33rd, Netball 43rd, and Boys Basketball 59th. Ka Pai athletes!





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Winter Tournament

After a two-year hiatus, Winter Tournament Week finally happened! It was a fantastic week filled with positive sporting behaviour, fierce competition and team bonding. Our First Teams played all across the North Island and came home with some incredible results:

Girls Football - Bronze Medal / Boys Hockey - 4th / Boys Football - 8th / Boys Basketball - 10th / Netball - 11th / Girls Hockey - 13th



Pacific Speech and Language Competition

Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka!

On 5th September, five students represented BC in the annual Pacific Speech and Language Competition. The event was hosted by Pasifika in the Bay Trust, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education. Students were able to present speeches in Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Samoan, Kiribati or English. Many schools across the Bay of Plenty were represented, and we had a great day listening and celebrating Pasifika culture and food. Year 9 student Mele Paletu'a was awarded third place in the Junior English division with a speech about how the traditional Tongan art of weaving can be connected to our Christian Life. We are proud of all our participants and a huge Meitaki Ma'ata to you all for your effort and achievements.



International Adventure Day



The week that Ruapehu announced its “worst ski season in decades”, was the week a group of eight international students were booked to go on their annual winter ski trip! But “all things work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28) and instead these students from China, Japan, Korea and Thailand had the best adventure day in Rotorua. The morning started off rolling downhill in a giant inflatable Zorb ball, followed by speeding around a racetrack karting at Off Road NZ. Canopy Ziplining concluded the day with ziplines, swing bridges, treetop platforms and cliff walks in an ancient forest in Rotorua. Their adrenaline was pumping, fears were overcome, and their smiles were huge!!!!



General Notices

1. Animoso Choir Auditions for 2023

"Our auditioned choir, Animoso, is doing auditions for 2023 members in Week 2 of Term 4. To sign-up for an audition, you can use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/fr0r5aQXxn>, or find one of the QR code posters in the Music Department."

2. Media Council rules in Bethlehem College's favour against Stuff.co.nz

You may recall a story in June from Stuff which alleged there were 'death threats, violence, and sexual shaming,' and 'chants of "kill the gays"' at Bethlehem College, during an anti-bullying demonstration — claims that were later repeated by Stuff and others. Given Stuff did not give the school an opportunity to comment on these allegations (which our investigation found were false or highly exaggerated), we complained to the Media Council.

The Media Council upheld our complaint, ruling that Stuff breached principle one of accuracy, fairness and balance, and Stuff was required to publish the ruling on their website that week (August 30th). We asked Stuff if they would apologise to students, parents and staff at Bethlehem College, and if they will be changing their approach and/or assigning a different reporter to report on Bethlehem College in future. They replied, "Stuff has published the Media Council response and has no further comment".

3. Electrical Apprenticeship Open Evening

Students and their wahanu are invited on Monday, 26th October 6:00 – 7:30pm to ETCO, 2 Ke Ahi Rise, Tauriko. Click here [Whanau evening.pdf](#) for more info.

4. Whakapiki Ake Hui A Rohe information Evening

"Rangatahi Years 9-13 and their wahanu are invited to this hui to discuss how we can support tairā to uncover their future Māori potential. Please [click here](#) for more information and register via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKNGJKQ>

5. Canteen Purchases

Can we please ask that students bring loose change, notes of \$20 or less to pay for items at the Canteen? Students are also able to pay with a debit card. Thank you for your consideration.

6. Summer Uniforms

It's that time of year again to have your students try on their summer uniforms. BC will be changing to the summer uniform for Term 4 and now is the time to beat the rush to make sure that your student's size is in stock. If you would like personalised assistance from Lis, our fabulous Uniform Shop Manager, please make sure to book an appointment.

Online Ordering: If you know your student's size, please use the [online shop](#)

Shop Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Tuesday 8:30 am – 4 pm, Thursday [by appointment](#)

School Holidays: Closed first week and open second week and staff only day [by appointment](#)

7. COVID-19 Update

The key changes to COVID-19 management impacting the College are:

- Household contacts are no longer required to isolate but are asked to test for COVID-19 for five days.
- Masks are no longer required on school transport and are no longer strongly recommended in school settings.
- Positive cases remain legally required to isolate for seven days. Anyone who is symptomatic, including household contacts, should stay at home and get tested for COVID-19.

8. Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day - Monday 26th September

School will be closed for instruction on this day.

9. House Sing and Haka Competition

Due to the observance of the public holiday on Monday 26th September, and associated scheduling restrictions, 'House Sing' is cancelled and will be replaced by the House Haka Competition on Friday 23rd September. This will be a fitting conclusion to our celebration of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

10. Gobsmacked Ministries

Gobsmacked Ministries is running a school holiday programme at Bethlehem Baptist Church on 3-4 October for ages 6-13 and a [senior leadership programme](#) alongside this for ages 14-18. To find out more information [click here](#)