

Secondary Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

Term 3 has been vibrant, full of opportunities to learn, grow and fine tune talents. AIMS students have been settling into normal classroom routines and Y11-13 students receiving grades from the recent practical examinations. For the seniors, the holiday break will be an important time to learn from examination errors. There are still 2.5 weeks of teaching and the importance to finishing well cannot be overstated.

The much-anticipated Year 8 social was again a fabulous evening. The Year 13 crew also had a quiz night with many groups dressing up with a movie theme.

Lamentations 3:22-24 states, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'" As we wake, we pray the steadfast love of the Lord becomes the fragrance of the day.

Ngā mihi
Steve Te Whaiti
Head of Secondary



FAITH

This is a well-known quote from CS Lewis, author of the Narnia series and many other books:

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

These words also describe why we work to integrate faith into all our learning activities at Bethlehem College. We believe God is the author of all truth and the way to truly understand the world he has created is to approach our learning from his perspective, and we are all learning to do this together.

KEY DATES

First Day Term 4
Tuesday, 18th October

Mufti Day: Royalty
Friday, 28th October

Arotahi Magazine- Last orders
Monday, 31st October

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House Haka Competition

Last week we held our annual House Haka Competition, with **Tarore** judged the winners for 2022! The Houses performed wholeheartedly: with honour, gusto, and respect, and with every student from every House participating.

Written and gifted to us by ex-BC student Elisha Rolleston, our school haka encourages us to stand together in unity, in support, giving our absolute best, drawing strength, courage and power from our Heavenly Father. (See the Maori and English Translation of the Haka, right).

Participating in haka builds whānaungatanga (strong relationships), unity, connection and belonging and gives honour and respect to those it is performed to. Our students perform our haka at our Leavers' Assembly, to honour dignitaries, farewell staff, at Sports Camp, sports events, and other important events. It's an honour and a privilege to participate in our haka.

<p>Tuturu whakamaua ki a tina! Tina! Haumie hui e! Taiki e!</p> <p>Torona tītaha! Titaha! Papa i te whatatiri Hiko hiko te uira I kanapu ki te rangi! Ru ana te whenua I a haha!</p> <p>Ka oreore te kaha o te runga rawa!</p> <p>Ka tiritiria! ka poupoua! i te rangi me te whenua!</p> <p>Tēna i kutia! Kutia! Kutia! Tū hikitia rā tū hapainga rā!</p> <p>Tēna i karawhiua! Karawhiua! Karawhiua! Tū hikitia rā tū hapainga rā!</p> <p>Kia kaha, kia maia, kia toa!</p> <p>I te Ariki, i te mana, hoki ō tōna mārohirohi! Au, au, aue x2 Hiiiiiii!!!</p>	<p>Be staunch, be firm, We're firm Are we in alliance and agreement? We are in agreement</p> <p>Thrust forward The thunder claps The lightning flashes The sky is filled with light The earth vibrates and shudders</p> <p>We're stimulated and press into the strength given from above</p> <p>We're planted, and grounded in the heavens and the earth</p> <p>Draw together Draw together, lift up, take up, support, shoulder to shoulder</p> <p>Give it everything, act with vigour Give it everything, act with vigour, lift up, take up, support and shoulder to shoulder</p> <p>Be strong, courageous, and brave</p> <p>In the power of Gods might</p>
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International

Bethlehem College International Department hosted 31 Japanese students for a one-day visit as part of their study at Bay Learning Academy. Their school, Toogijuku, has a long-standing relationship with BC and were grateful to be back post Covid.

The day began with a pōwhiri welcome performed by our very talented school Kapa Haka group, Te Rongopai o te Wairoa, sang “Hareruia” and “Ko koe Io”. They were outstanding! This was followed by handshakes and yummy kai. The Japanese students were then buddied up with our BC students and off to classes for two periods where they got to experience PE, Science, Maori, Christian Studies and English, to name a few. After spending lunch with their buddies, they met back at the bus ready to depart. There were lots of hugs, photos and gift giving as we farewelled our new friends from Toogijuku. The International Department would like to thank both the incredible Kapa Haka group for their performance and welcome, as well as the generous buddies who looked after the Japanese students so well. Ka pail!!!!



Scott House World Vision Fundraiser



On Wednesday, 21st September Scott house hosted a fundraising event in the PAC Hall. Our Op-Shop fundraiser was a major hit!

The support and enthusiasm from all the secondary students were warmly received and Scott House would like to thank everyone who supported them in this event.

It was truly appreciated, and all the money raised will go to refugees in need.

Year 8 Dance

We were delighted to be able to host the Year 8 Social Dance on Wednesday, 28th of September. This much anticipated and long-standing tradition marks a key occasion in the lives of Year 8 students at Bethlehem College.

Growth and maturity were displayed by our students as they learnt the various traditional dances. It was a wonderful evening with students conducting themselves with decorum. It was a joy to have our parents participate and celebrate with their children. We want to show our appreciation for the Year 7 and 8 teachers who enthusiastically contributed to make this evening a success. We would also like to acknowledge the Year 9 Student Leaders who served (and danced) during the event.



Grandparents' Morning Tea

We had the pleasure of hosting over 200 of our Grandparents on the last day of Term 3. Those with grandchildren in Primary, shared time with their grandchild in class and were entertained with the amazing Primary Talent Quest. While grandparents of Secondary, strolled the campus with BC Principal Larne Edmeades through classrooms of technology, science and performing arts and attended Assembly with their grandchild. All enjoyed morning tea together with sweet treats and savouries, reminiscing of days past and those to come as their grandchildren grow in excellence through Jesus Christ at BC.



Music Festival

Bethlehem College was thrilled to host the inaugural WBOP ITM Music Festival last week. Five other local schools came to join us, with 32 ensembles/bands competing throughout the day. It was a great day of music making, with all groups happy to be performing again after such a long break from festivals!

Our Rock Band 'Deeds of Mars' won the 'Best of Festival - Small Group' award, with our Concert band winning the 'Best of Festival Symphonic/Orchestral' award. Further to this, our groups came away with the following placings: Orchestra – Gold, Concert Band – Gold, Deeds of Mars – Gold, String Group – Silver, Jazz Band – Silver, Art of War – Silver and Second-hand Originals – Silver. Congratulations to all our students on all their hard work and results – we are very proud of you!



Outdoor Education

In week 9 our Year 13 Outdoor Education classes spent three days in Whangamata Mountain biking, kayaking, paddle boarding and surfing.

The purpose of the trip was to identify safety issues in the outdoors and plan strategies to prevent or minimize their effects. The weather was a bit hit and miss, but the group made the most of their last ever school camp.



Animoso

Animoso was blessed to take a trip to BC Chapman. They started with a workshop with the BCC Choir, including some fun warmups and learning a new song. Then they performed in the school assembly, finishing with some Q&As and sharing lunch together. The tamariki at Chapman had plenty of questions and were left inspired. Animoso students found the experience rewarding and refreshing to see the enthusiasm of the young singers! Finally, a visit to the luge on the way home was an excellent team-building and bonding activity – spirits remained high despite the rain!



General Notices

1. Board of Trustees Student Election

Congratulations to Archie Cook who has been elected the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, click here [BOT Student Election Results.pdf](#) for full results.

2. Teacher Education Online Info Session

Bethlehem Tertiary Institute has several opportunities for students to check out our campus and learn more about the School of Teacher Education. Our School of Teacher Education offers degrees in Early Childhood Education and Primary Teaching, as well as a post-graduate diploma in Secondary Teaching programs. SoTE information evening Tuesday, 4th October 7:00 to 8:00pm
Register: www.bti.ac.nz or **Book a Tour of the BTI campus**
Tuesday, 4th October at 10.30am-12.00pm OR 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Register: www.bti.ac.nz

3. 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: M/W/F 10 am – 4 pm, Tue 8:30 am – 4 pm, Thu by [Appointment](#)
School Holidays: Closed first week and open second week and staff only day by [Appointment](#)

4. Gobsmailed Leadership Opportunity!

(Leadership Training for students aged 14-18 years)

We're looking for enthusiastic high schoolers who would love to help out with our *Gobsmailed Ministries Outreach 2-day Holiday Programme* (Monday, **3rd October** from 9 - 3pm & **Tuesday, 4th October** from 12-7:30pm) at Bethlehem Baptist Church. You will help teach singing, dance, drama or art alongside talented volunteers from all over NZ. We're doing a high school leadership training and event prep on Sun 2/10 from 2 - 5:30 pm) with the infamous Cool Bananas great Grant Vincent. For your heart of service, you will be blessed with a fabulous experience teaching, meeting new friends AND receive a FREE Gobsmailed t-shirt!!! Turn up Sunday at 2pm at BBC Church to register or go to: https://gobsmailed.nz/holiday_signup. Watch Patrice explain more about this awesome opportunity here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcyRL9_kcvQ

5. PTA Coffee Cart Tuesday, 18th October

Parents, please join us for a complimentary cuppa at the Fire truck coffee cart (near the Chapel) on the first day of Term 4 (Tuesday) during drop off times.

6. PTA Family Picnic Thursday, 20th October 5:30pm

PTA Family Picnic is happening on Thursday 20th October, with a free icy treat on offer! Bring picnic mats and some dinner to have with your family. All BC Primary and Secondary family's welcome.

7. Art Expo Thursday, 20th October

For more info click here [Art Expo 2022.docx](#)

8. PTA Meeting Wednesday, 2nd November

Come & join us at the next PTA meeting on Wednesday 2nd November 6pm in the staff room. Please RSVP to pta@beth.school.nz

9. BC Chapman Spring Fair Friday 11th November 4:00pm to 7:30pm

Head to Rotorua to support our BC Chapman school! Students and their whānau create art and crafts, cook a myriad of delicious foods, and present a range of dance and musical items. There is a smorgasbord of activities, art, gifts, novelty items, jewellery, plants and crafts for sale. It's wonderful family entertainment and fun!

10. Why you should not use a free VPN

If you are not paying for the product... you are the product! VPN's require resources, services and people to make them work. None of this is free and to make money VPN suppliers will use the data that you give them.

- 1. No personal data protection:** Free VPN providers embed tracking mechanisms in their service and collect users' data. Also, websites with newer and stronger tracking mechanisms like browser fingerprinting would be able to track and collect your data despite using a VPN. A CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) study in Australia found that 72 percent of free VPN providers use embedded third-party trackers for analytics, tracking, or advertising.
- 2. Increase in phishing and direct marketing:** Free VPN providers don't charge for their services, and it is usually through ads that they generate revenue. They display pop-ups or occasionally redirect you to pages with malicious content. These ads pop up anytime during your browsing sessions and can make the experience frustrating. If you knowingly or accidentally, click on these pop-ups, you could be risking a phishing attack and your device could easily be infected with malware.
- 3. Third party data:** A free VPN often has long legalised, T&Cs. When you sign this, you may be agreeing to the VPN selling your information to third party advertisers/hackers and can hijack your browser redirecting you to advertiser sites.

Our school network provides the best protection we can against malicious sites and inappropriate content.