

# Secondary Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

The beginning of Term 4 for senior secondary students is all about finishing well.

Academically, senior teachers are preparing students for external examinations. There is often an edge of urgency and sometimes nervousness as the first examination looms large. 'Leaving' students look back and ponder how fast time has appeared to move as they walk down the "Way" towards the chapel to meet whanau. This symbolic event is an important part of our cultural heritage and as parents you are warmly invited to attend and support loved ones who are leaving. Pray for a fine day!

The legacy we leave behind is so important and the manner that we, as a community, participate by lining 'the Way' and farewelling, encouraging, remembering and uplifting our community is a special time.

Ngā mihi  
Steve Te Whaiti  
Head of Secondary



## FAITH

Recently the answers of 250,000 Christian young people from around the world were published. They were asked questions about Jesus, how they view the Bible, and ideas on making an impact. Answers varied depending on country and culture, but overall today's young people were described as optimistic, malleable, curious, authentic, *inclusive*, *collaborative*, and justice motivated. Interestingly, Christian teenagers in NZ noted their greatest concern as mental health and this has been highlighted in many media platforms lately. A wise Christian writer said; "***The ultimate freedom we have as humans is the power to select what we will allow our minds to dwell upon***" (Dallas Willard).

## KEY DATES

**Arotahi Magazine- Last orders**  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October

**International Leavers dinner**  
Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Leavers Day & Assembly**  
Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Senior Prizegiving**  
Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**NZQA Exams Begin**  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

**BC Chapman Fair**  
11<sup>th</sup> November 4-7:30 pm

## QUICK LINKS

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## Art Display

The Year 11 – 13 Art Folio Exhibition was a wonderful celebration of our senior students' Art, Painting and Design portfolios, including Moving Image this year. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents, Hospitality Team, and student musicians who attended and supported this event.



## Music Concert

**BRAVO!** This was the theme of our End of Year Music Department Concert which was held earlier this week. *“Silent gratitude isn’t very much to anyone” (Gertrude Stein)*, and so the night was an opportunity to give thanks for the blessing of music and all those who help us in our journey. All of our instrumental ensembles and choirs performed exceptionally well, including our JSec Girls and Boys choirs who both had their first public performance. We are very proud of all those who performed! *“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving.” - Psalm 69:30*



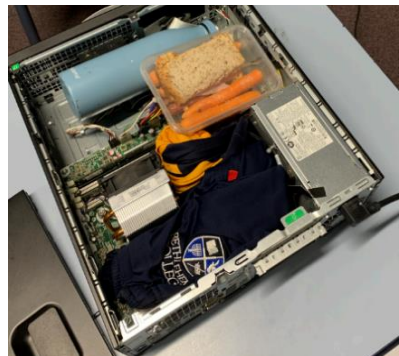
## The Royals Mufti Day

Crowns, robes and scepters could be seen gracing the quad this morning as secondary students dressed as “The Royals” for mufti day. All contributions will be going to the Heart Foundation.



## Student Service Council

The 2022 BOT Student representative, Jemima Thomas, and the four Head Students lead the Student Service Council, which is made up of students across Year 7 - 13. The Council organise a mufti day each term to raise money for their chosen charities. One fun theme we had was 'Anything but your schoolbag.' Creative ways students carried their books and lunch boxes for the day ranged from broken computers to toolboxes and even a rubbish bin. In Term 2, we had a schoolwide, massive game of Super Tag. The year's highlight was Cultural Day, where students showcased and celebrated different cultures represented at BC. The EC was turned into a colourful food court where could taste cuisine from across the world. The Service Council also organised a special morning tea for students new to BC to mix and mingle.



## Sports Camp

During Labour Weekend, 24 of Bethlehem College students travelled down to Hawkes Bay to attend the Riverbend Church Sports Camp. We were one of the youngest teams and the students thoroughly enjoyed the weekend away. There were a number of weekend highlights. The boys volleyball and girls netball team made the semifinals of the competition. In the individual events Millie Roest & Jacob Orton won the darts title. Steve Ahearn, Ryan Lee & Madison Duncan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Kayaking. Steve Ahearn had the fastest time overall for Kayaking. Minjae Kim, Victoria Evetts-Jones, Joshua Cremer, Charlotte McColl all made finals and placed in the swimming races. Great weekend with a powerful message about Jesus: *Why does it matter?*



## Market Day

The Year 10's hosted an Enterprise Market Day on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October. A great variety of food, some fun game stalls and the school's band provided entertainment for the students.



## PTA Picnic

It was fantastic to see so many families come and enjoy part of the school campus! Many picnic blankets were set up, kids of all ages playing together, and families connecting along with some staff. From the free icy treat, jellybean contest and kids' activity, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We now look forward to the next one!



## General Notices

### **1. Arotahi Magazine: Last Chance to Order Extra Copies!**

BC's annual yearbook, The Arotahi, will be delivered to the eldest child at BC and Chapman this term. Each family receives **one free magazine**. For those families wishing to order additional copies, these can be purchased for \$20 per copy [here](#) by Mon 31 October.

**2. Leavers Assembly:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Whānau of students who are leaving school this year are most welcome to attend the 'leavers assembly'. You may park your car in the BTI carpark. Please be seated in the Event Centre by 1:35pm. You will be directed to seating areas once you arrive at the main entrance.

### **3. PTA Meeting Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Come & join us at the next PTA meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 6pm in the staff room. Please RSVP to [pta@beth.school.nz](mailto:pta@beth.school.nz).

### **4. Senior Prizegiving**

This year we will celebrate Senior Prizegiving on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 6pm. Together we will celebrate Y11-13 students who have excelled in all aspects of the curriculum. An email has been sent to those students receiving an award. Student recipients need to find their seats by 5:30pm. Current and potential student leaders need to attend as future student leaders will be announced on the evening. We look forward to you joining us.

### **5. YR 9 Girls Uniform Fittings for YR10**

It's a very exciting time for Year 9 girls as they are fitted for their year 10 summer uniform this term. Please ensure that your Year 9 daughter goes to the uniform shop at lunchtime or make an appointment [online](#) to ensure that your student's size is available.