

Secondary Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, haere mai.

Classes continue for Years 7-10 post the examinations, with various aspects of the curriculum still requiring attention. At this time of the year, it is important for students to stay focussed on the classroom, routines and established expectations. Please encourage and support our BC teachers as they continue to teach with excellence through to the end of the year.

There are some wonderful events planned, with camps, tramps, caving and day trips. All of these events reveal the beauty of the New Zealand outdoors where God and His creation can be appreciated, and affirm God exists. Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from *what has been made*, so that people are without excuse." We can learn much of the character and attributes of God through nature if we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Ngā mihi
Steve Te Whaiti



FAITH

We think, talk, and pray a lot about the faith of our students. We want them to have a faith that is both their own and also strong enough to sustain them. Children from strong Christian homes may experience a number of times when they are moved towards belief in and obedience to Christ. Every year or two a child may have a season in which they seem to grow in faith, and then cool off, and later express a renewed desire to believe. Rather than worrying over whether these are conversions, re-commitments, or something else, what is happening is a 12-year-old is coming to understand the world and his or her own heart far better than an 8 year old. It means that, essentially, children growing up in the faith have to continually 'go back to the foundations and 'rethink' what they believe and, we hope, grow stronger through it. Keep on praying for our young people.



KEY DATES

Year 11-13 NCEA Exams

Monday, 7th November – Friday
2nd December.

Accord day – Teacher only day

Monday, 28th November

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, 30th November

Library Dates

Monday 5th Dec-All books due back
Monday 12th-14th December –
Summer reading books issued.

Year 10 Prizegiving

Friday, 9th December

Junior Secondary Prizegiving

Thursday, 15th December

Last School Day of Term4

Thursday, 15th December

QUICK LINKS

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COVID CASE NOTIFICATIONS

Please report all positive Covid
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Athletics Day Year 7 & 8

The Year 7/8 Athletics was held on Tuesday, 15th November. This was a fantastic event where students and staff were able to come together to support and celebrate athletic success. The Year 9 Student Leaders did a phenomenal job assisting Sports Staff and Year 7 and 8 teachers run the events. Many staff commented how excellent our student helpers were. Another highlight of the day was having Olympian and past BC student Sam Tanner run for the teachers in the House race.

All of the students were very excited to see Sam run and compete against him. We sent 66 Year 7/8 students to the Bay of Plenty Zone Championships at Tauranga Domain on Wednesday, 23rd November.





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Volleyball

Junior Bay of Plenty Volleyball Championships concluded on Sunday, 13th November. For the first time in school history for both Juniors and Seniors, both our boys' and girls' teams made the final. This was also the first time the Junior Boys got into the top four. The boys' team won the championship and the girls' were runners-up. Both teams showed incredible sportsmanship, resiliency, and determination throughout the entire tournament. Both teams and coaches Phil Browne (girls), Adam Tyson, and Erin Barnes (boys) should be highly commended for their efforts. We look forward to seeing these teams compete at the North Island Championship Tuesday, 22nd to Friday, 25th November at Trust Power Arena.



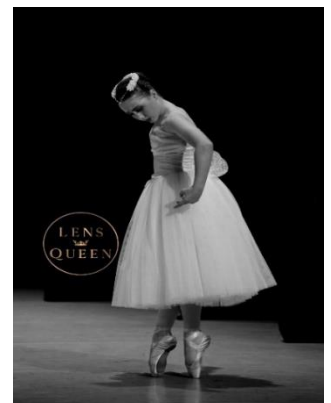
Performance Arts

Congratulations to Amelia Tapsell who was accepted into the New Zealand School of Dance Associates' Contemporary Programme.

Students are chosen from all over New Zealand by audition, ensuring those with aptitude can take classes with similarly talented dancers. Classes complement the student's current dance training while providing first-hand experience of the school's teachers' training style and facilities.

The Associates' Programme identifies ballet and contemporary dance students who have the talent for a career in dance performance.

Amelia is such a talented dancer and received a Bethlehem College Emerging Artist Award at this year's Cultural Prizegiving.



Careers Future

This month Mrs. Fredrickson and Mrs. George had the pleasure of accompanying 10 of our wonderful Māori and Pasifika students to Auckland University 'Future Me' open day. We stayed in Waipārūrū University Hall, ate a lot, got beaten by the teachers at Monopoly Deal and then in the morning got up early and headed to the University.

The day was very busy, and there was a great deal of walking – 8000 steps just walking around the hilly university campus!

We did workshops in different faculties, with students from 18 other schools from across the motu. It was an inspiring look at what the future could hold for our learners with dreams!



Leaders 2023

Congratulations to our newly elected Senior Leaders! We look forward to a great 2023 year with you in your new leadership roles.

House Leaders:

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| • Aylward House Leaders | Joseph Duffett | Honey Drew |
| • Brown House Leaders | Lewis Taylor | Leanne Raja |
| • Carmichael House Leaders | Nathaniel Cahill | Natasha Bowen |
| • Hudson-Taylor House Leaders | Luke Tuhairwe | Gabrielle Stacey |
| • Scott House Leaders | Rhett Graham | Grace Adler |
| • Tarore House Leaders | Dylan Russel-Rockliff | Zaviera Clarke |

BOT Student Rep:

Archie Cook

Head Students:

Samuel Tapper

Tara Isaacs

Deputy Head Students:

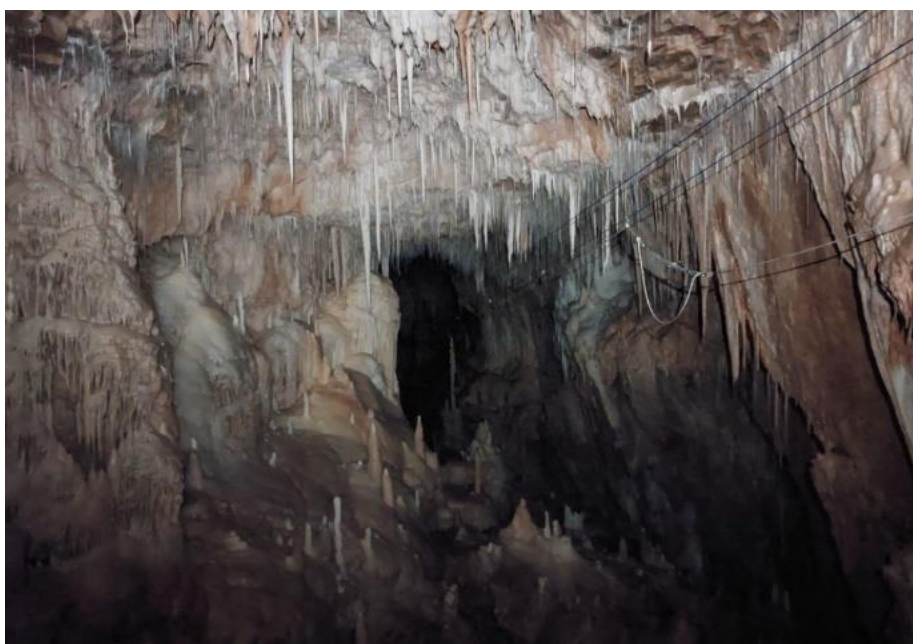
Joseph Pacey

Alivia Soltwedel

Student Leaders: Mateo Sutton, Peter Tautali, Luca Romersa, Jemima Thomas, Leva Faletau, Jemimah Miller, Connor Settle-Smith, Ashton Cameron, Elliot Pugh, Ella Pederson, Paris McConnell, Emily Moodie, Leina Han, Rola Oh

Caving

The Year 10 Day trips have begun. The first trip went to Saint Benedict's cave. This cave was spectacular and is described like a cathedral. The students were amazing and participated in all aspects of the journey.



General Notices

1. Paid Union Meeting

There will be a Paid Union Meeting on Friday, 2nd December. Formal schooling for Year 8 to 10 as per normal 8:30am to 3:15pm. Buses will run as normal.

2. Library Dates

All BC Library books are due back on Monday, 5th December
Summer reading books will be issued on – 12th to 14th December

3. Year 9 Girls' Uniform Fittings for Year 10

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.

4. Year 10 Prizegiving

The Year 10 Prizegiving will take place at 2:15pm on Friday, 9th December in the Events Centre. You are warmly invited to attend.

5. Junior Secondary Prizegiving

The Junior Secondary, Year 7-9 Prizegiving will take place on the last day of the Term, Thursday the 15th of December from 10:15am - 12:00pm in the Events Centre. The school day will finish at the completion of the Prizegiving. You are warmly invited to attend.

6. Last School Day of Term 4

The last school day of Term 4 is Thursday, 15th December at 12:00pm. Buses will leave at 12:30pm.

7. Summer Sports Registrations for Term 1, 2023 Opening Soon

Registrations for summer sports for Term 1 in 2023 will open on Thursday, 1st December 2022. Summer sports available are Badminton (Y7-13), Futsal (Y3-13), Kiwi Tag (Y0-8), Volleyball (Y3-13) and Water Polo/ Mini Polo (Y3 to 13). Registrations will close on Wednesday, 31st January 2023. Rowing is run through Bay Coast Rowing Club (Y9-13). Please register on the website <https://www.beth.school.nz/secondary/physical/secondary-sports>

