

# Secondary Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

This morning I had the pleasure of speaking to student leaders from 2023 and 2024 (pictured below). This was part of a day of activities and handover, where departing leaders share wisdom, encouragement and tips to inspire the future leaders in their new roles and responsibilities. Larne Edmeades shared that none of us are truly ready for leadership. We are committed to serve, and God will give us all we need to complete the task before us. We explained that our approach to leadership is team-based, where students are part of a team who, together, learn to organise, mobilise and ultimately serve those in their teams and the wider school.

The remainder of the term continues to be an important time for learning across the year groups. This takes place in the classroom and beyond through various camps, trips and activities. None of these are possible without the commitment and energy of our excellent staff, to whom I am incredibly grateful.

Ngā mihi

Tom Jarrett  
Head of Secondary



## FAITH

Did you know that this year denim jeans are 150 years old? How old is your oldest pair? Originally, they were worn by poor workers, immigrants, and slaves – people who worked with their hands. God too is a working-class God.

He got his hands dirty to create us. Jesus got his hands dirty to heal the blind man. That's why the Bible promotes 'working with your hands'. Jesus was an immigrant, leaving his home to become a servant and dying a slave's death on the cross. Jesus calls on us to serve and give up our lives in the same way he did for us. Behind the fabric of this universe is a God who champions the weak, poor, and oppressed – a designer of all. Read more in [Philippians 2:5-11](#).

## KEY DATES

**Year 11-13 NCEA**  
Until Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Year 9 BMAC Camp**  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> – Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov (Blue Mtn)

**Y13 Leavers' Dinner**  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:15pm – 9:45pm

**Chapel Carols**  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 8 am – 4 pm

## QUICK LINKS

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*Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTA picnic. It was a lovely time together!*



## INTERNATIONAL

For the few senior international students not doing external exams at the moment, we have been having fun doing a 'Special Programme'. This has included trips to Rainbows End, Adrenalin Forest, kayaking in Cathedral Cove, Hot Water Beach, black water rafting, white water rafting, sailing in Taupo, Waimarino, and even serving at Good Neighbour.



## TALENT QUEST

Our Junior Secondary students had the opportunity to showcase their talent at our very own BC Talent Quest on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. What a fantastic turnout it was! We had song performances that pampered our ears. Dance performances that feasted our eyes. Actors, who invited us into their world. And musicians, who mesmerised us with their spectacular talent. *Talent is like electricity; we need to use it so that others can see it!* Many were amazed by the talented students, who had the courage to perform in front of a huge crowd. This not only helps the participants to show their abilities, but also motivates others to be brave.



Overall Winner: Asher Love-Frost | Runner Up: Joshua McFarlane  
Most Memorable: Grace Cumming and Sophie Young | Most Skilful: Joshua McFarlane | Most Courageous: Leila Stewart  
Most Creative: Amber Beisly | Most Dramatic: Ruan Botha | Most Talented: Asher Love-Frost | Special Character: Jasmine Bonello



## STUDENT LEADERS 2024

The following students have been appointed to leadership positions for 2024. We congratulate them as a school community and thank the many applicants interested in serving at BC.

### HEAD STUDENTS 2024



Archie Cook



Kristin Rippey

### DEPUTY HEAD STUDENTS 2024



Adam Horne



Isabel Turner

### BOT STUDENT REP 2024



Harrison Read

#### YEAR 13



Luke Tuhairwe



Leanne Raja

#### CULTURAL



Joseph Duffett



Hannah Renner

#### ACADEMIC



Greta Nemedi



Lana Leaf

#### SPORT



Luke Morton



Grace Adler

#### PEER SUPPORT



Kadie Borrows



Natasha Bowen

#### HAUORA



Danika Wilson



Rebekah Simmons

#### INTERNATIONAL



Ian Shin



Yufan Yang

#### POUWHAKARAE



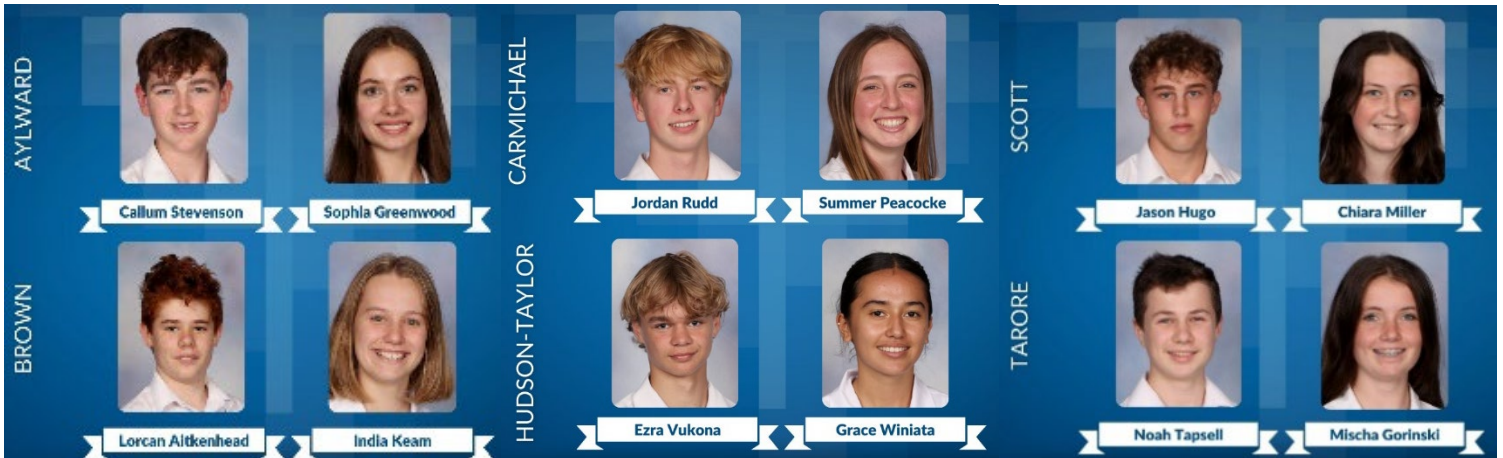
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## ATHLETICS

Athletics Day is always a great time of competitive performances. Students do an excellent job motivating and encouraging each other. Congratulations to all the participants in the 2023 Athletics Day. We are proud of the way that students showed sportsmanship in their wins and losses. The following students are our athletics age group overall champions: Elana Mostert Y7 girls, Hwanhee Choi year 7 boys, Taliah Bayly Y8 Girls and Malachi Kenyon-Slade Y8 boys. We also had one record broken: Ryan van Blerk broke the Y8 boys High Jump record with a jump of 1.55m breaking the record previously held by Julian Stockdale at 1.54m.



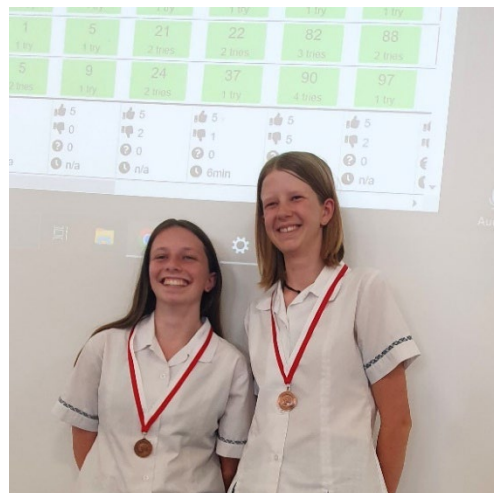
*Our Vision: To be a Christian learning community of excellence where lives are transformed.*

## CAREERS

### Programming Challenge 4 Girls

Congratulations to Heidi Blanchard and Corban Stock who competed as a team in the national Programming Challenge 4 Girls at the University of Waikato. This Y10 contest allows students to experience programming and enjoy the combination of logic, problem-solving and creativity.

Heidi and Corban came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Bay of Plenty and 20<sup>th</sup> place nationally. Congratulations girls - ka pai tō mahi.



## GENERAL NOTICES

### 1. CHAPEL CAROLS

Mark your calendars for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and join us anytime from 8 am – 4 pm to celebrate this special time of year. Local artists Hans Kraenzlin and Steve Turner will be playing, BC Kindy performing, songs of the nations sung, BC Secondary Choirs in chorus, piano concertos and more! The fabulous Hospitality Team will have an array of festive treats on offer as well.

### 2. SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Sports registrations for Term 1 2024 are open NOW via the Sports Page on the [BC website](#). Y7-13 sports include Badminton, Futsal, Water Polo and Volleyball, with Kiwi Tag also available for Year 7/8 students.

### 3. CAMBRIDGE ROAD UPDATES

Please check out the latest updates here: [Takitimu North Link project \(cmail20.com\)](#)

### 4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Please join us in extending our congratulations to Angus Duffett on his appointment to the position of Deputy Principal. Angus has consistently displayed a deep commitment to our mission and vision, and we are thankful that he is willing to serve the BC community in this role. We have every confidence that Angus will continue to make significant contributions in his new role as Deputy Principal and invite you to pray for Angus as he adjusts, learns, settles, and enjoys the challenge. We also acknowledge Angus for his dedication during his time in the role as interim Assistant Principal, (all while at the same time maintaining oversight and responsibility for Learning Support and SENCO functions). Thank you, Angus, and again our congratulations.

### 5. LIBRARY

A reminder to please return all BC library books by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. The BC library will be closed 4-8 December and open again the week of 11<sup>th</sup> December to issue summer reading books to those who have signed up. (Forms available at library desk.)

### 6. UNIFORM SHOP - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Holiday Closures: The Uniform Shop will be closed from Thursday 21/12/23 and re-opened on Monday 8/01/24. All online orders will be fulfilled and available for collection (or couriered) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. January 2024 Hours: Beginning Monday, 8th January the shop will be open weekdays M-F from 10am-4pm by [appointment](#). Please note that for the month of January, the shop will be open on Tuesdays.

### 7. YEAR 12/13 WILDERNESS JOURNEY

Travelling as a small community through remote wilderness areas of Aotearoa New Zealand, each expedition is focused on developing the character of participants and strengthening their connections with God, others and creation. Cost is \$500 for 11 days. Scholarships available for fees & travel. Find out more info here: [www.sunz.org.nz/youth/e3/](http://www.sunz.org.nz/youth/e3/)