



From the Principal

While the residual of pandemic challenges inevitably remain present in almost all areas of our community, equally 2023 has provided tremendous opportunities to re-establish and enjoy many of the activities that form the extensive cocurricular life of the school. A clear highlight has been the emergence of our focus on 'growth in service' where under the direction of Mr Te Whaiti we have recommenced offshore mission opportunities to the Solomon Islands and Fiji. It has been a great highlight to see students return and speak of the ways in which they have grown in knowing and understanding the ways of sacrifice, service and humility.

By any standard, the College is blessed with extraordinary teaching and learning facilities and the completion of 'T Block extension' in April, has provided additional specialist facilities that are outstanding. I offer my thanks to all those who have worked so generously, skilfully and thoughtfully to see this significant project to completion.

This year marks 35 years of Christian education at Bethlehem College, which is truly something to celebrate and be grateful for. May we continue to always recognise that the College community is living and growing, active and strengthening, all by God's grace.

I wish to extend my thanks to all of our parents, guardians and grandparents for your generous support of the College in 2023. Thank you for being committed in prayer for the Bethlehem community and for your generosity in sharing your energy, resources and time to the betterment of others. I would particularly extend my deep appreciation to our Chapman Parent Teacher Association (PTA) known as 'waka tautoko' for their extensive generosity and support again, in 2023.

Our 2023 Year 13 group have been both widely admired and appreciated for being characterised by a spirit of unity. While there have been the inevitable challenges, their example in serving and supporting the wider school community in planning, organising and leading activities and events has been superb. Our hope is that like all other graduates of Bethlehem College, the cohort of 2023 will leave with perhaps four things - still loving to learn, with the skills to continue to learn, with good friends and most importantly, loving Jesus. We will all follow your progress keenly and of course you are always welcome back to visit at your 'old school'. Bless your hearts.

Our sincere thanks to our Head students Tara Isaacs and Samuel Tapper. The prime focus in all of their interactions, in all areas of the College, has been to serve and love the students and staff. Their example in leading with courage, gentleness, humility and integrity has been a gift to the Bethlehem community in 2023 and we thank them both for their commitment and example. At the same time I would acknowledge our Deputy Head students Alivia Soltwedel and Joseph Pacey and thank them for supporting Tara and Samuel so ably.

I wish to commend the staff of the College for their daily example to all our students in firstly choosing to know, love and trust God. As parents, I think we are truly blessed by the myriad of interactions that our children enjoy with staff who as men and women of faith, model what it is to be people for whom God is everything and for whom God is enough. In particular, I would pay tribute to Mrs Warnes, Mrs Whenuaroa and Mr Jarrett for leading our schools with one heart and purpose.

I am sure that you will join me in offering our grateful thanks to Mrs Angell-Donaldson and her team for the hours of thoughtful, loving care that have been invested in drawing together this wonderful edition of the Arotahi. I trust that as you enjoy this publication, that page by page, you will take time to pause and be reminded afresh of the overwhelming goodness and faithfulness of our God.

The rich blessing of our God upon you all this Christmas, and always.

Larne Edmeades

Principal

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StaffActivities





























Staff Activities























Bethlehem College

35th Founders' Day









Chapman



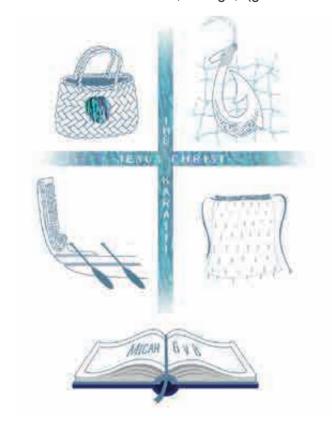
Connections and Celebrations

'And now these three remain: faith, hope & love. But the greatest of these is love' (1Cor 13: 13).

Ehara tāku toa I te toa takatahi, engari he toa takitini. Our strength is not made from us alone, but made from many. He waka eke noa. We are all in this together.

We pushed out our BC Chapman waka & looked at what 'Connections and Celebrations' could mean, as our overarching Curriculum 2023 theme. Undoubtedly, it would extend knowledge, skills, and understandings, grow character and strengthen our community. Christian education is centred on connection to Jesus & to expressing faith, hope and love.

In Term 1, unexpected flooding devastation in Gisborne and Eskdale near Napier, gave us our first opportunity to connect and serve other communities, by sharing our resources and raising financial support. Next, the study of NZ History led us to Te Tiriti and to Rotorua settlement. We learned about several significant historical figures: Tamatekapua, Commander of the Te Arawa canoe; Ihenga, (grandson of



Tamatekapua), a curious local explorer; and Rev Thomas Chapman, the first missionary to Rotorua - all of whom connect to our history and heritage.

Our 'Celebration' wall generated endless interest as a focal point of kura-wide, relational connection. Tamariki chatted animatedly, sharing stories of their whānau, which increased their appreciation and understanding of one another. Regular Powhiri to welcome new whānau members, 'tuakana/teina' activities, and 'Blokes 'n Kids' breakfast are a few of the many occasions where our whānau made deeper relational connections.

In Terms 2 & 3, our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi built on the theme. After examining the 'parable of the talents' in Matthew 25 v 14-30, they were each given \$20 to steward and two terms to invest and enable it to grow. The variation in how this was done reflected unique talents and creativity as well as genuine motivation to express the love of Jesus to others at home and overseas. Commitment and effort yielded a final total of \$4,000. Class discussion led to a decision, to give one third locally, one third nationally, and one third sent to an international mission context. The connection between mission and service was explored and practised, ending with the joy of being able to invest in the lives of others.

Sporting events, Choir Concerts, House competitions, speech final, and finally in Term 4, we presented our whole kura production, 'Heart to Change the World'. The latter is the apex of who we are and why we exist. Jesus chose 12. He commanded them to go, to make disciples, to change the world. We have 120 tamariki, tenfold 12, and we cannot but imagine what He might do through these precious young lives as they express their faith, hope and love for Jesus. As connections are restored. May His glory shine brightly and may we be a community who point to Jesus and the truth of His Word, as we humbly serve with love.

Me te aroha tonu

Hazel Warnes

Head of Chapman

Chapman

Activities



































































Mrs Isaacs

























































































Alyssa Goodchild









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Joshua Jackson





Eli Bell





Ariana Simpson





Jadon Magill



Arkisha Madric



Rebecca Vijo Madappilly



Ezekiel Aneke















Mrs Potgieter



























Latu Paletu'a





Miria Maxwell-Crawford















































Mrs 'Alofi





Flynn Goodchild



Ihaia Longbottom

Freya Parker





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Primary



Bethlehem College Primary is dedicated to partnering with families and children in providing a Christ-centered, biblically-based education that seeks to transform lives and prepare students for leadership and service. Our mission is to cultivate active learners, courageous thinkers, team players, and servant-hearted children.

Our February community picnic and 'meet the teacher evening' was a fantastic opportunity to welcome new families. BC Primary introduced new staff members, including Joel Devcich Y6, Glen McCullough Y6, and Holly Martin Y4.

Term 1 was filled with highlights, such as the Totara Springs camp for our Year 6 children, swimming sports for Y5 and Y6 children, and parent/teacher/child conferences. The theme 'God is love' was integrated across each team, focusing on how God loves us and encourages harmonious relationships within our community. Our annual Easter Service was well attended by whānau and friends from Chapman in Rotorua. The service concluded with a whānau picnic on the field.

Term 2 saw our Epro8 children represent BC Primary admirably with their exceptional engineering skills. We were also busy with our Junior Showcase, Cross Country, and many children participating in winter



sports. Book week was a highlight, featuring a Reada-thon, encouraging children to read extensively and frequently. The week culminated in a book character parade. The theme for the term, 'God has purpose' focused on the physical world through a science lens, providing excellent learning opportunities. Our Y6 classes shared their learning in a Science Fair during the last week of term. The term concluded with parent/ teacher/child conferences for all our whānau, and four of our classes relocated as renovations began in D block.

Term 3 offered many chances for our children to be involved in activities that fostered skills, courage, and perseverance. Such activities included Y3 and Y4 oral presentations, as well as Y5 and Y6 speeches. Maths week and Bike week for Y5 and Y6 children. A significant portion of the term was dedicated to preparing for our biannual production, "Trek to the Top," which celebrated the 70th anniversary of Sir Edmund Hillary climbing Mt. Everest. This Gobsmacked production showcased the talents of our Y2 to Y6 children on stage in week 8. Te Wiki o te Māori (Māori language week) and Grandparents Day in week 9 provided additional opportunities for meaningful sharing. The theme for the second half of the term and into Term 4 was 'God our faithful provider". Inquiries into famous and significant people were taught within this theme, along with the Living World Science strand.

Term 4 included activities such as athletics, Kapa haka, and various learning trips across the Primary. The range of meaningful Biblically underpinned learning activities continued to be a hallmark of our Primary through the final term, culminating in a celebration of Godly character traits awards for each class and our end-of-year celebration.

We are incredibly grateful that 2023 has been a positive year for BC Primary. Our dedicated staff, wonderful children, and supportive whānau make each day a blessing.

Karen Whenuaroa Head of Primary

Primary

Activities











BC Primary Leaders



Alexia Bezuidenhout, Claire Clarke, Reynhardt Du Plessis, Zierra Gorinski, Joseph Lavender, Orlando Lietze, Gabriella Murray, Caitlin Roser, Eden-May Smith, Poppy Smart

The 2023 Primary Student Leaders have demonstrated an extraordinary willingness to serve Primary and have done this in so many ways. They have welcomed guests to our school and have been committed to supporting students in the playground every lunchtime through 'Peer Support'. Championing tidiness around the school, they have awarded a weekly Cloak Bay Trophy, in addition to collecting lost property. It has been a privilege to walk alongside these students as they have collectively improved their leadership Highlights have included watching each student share a devotion at the Primary Worship Assembly, attending the National Young Leaders Day in Hamilton and seeing them work together to raise money for a local charity.

















Mrs Pulman















Max Sanderson













Louis Thompson



















Alyvia Childerhouse



Zara Mulholland





Elias Pace





Noah Pulman





Lexis Smith





Hunter Urquhart





Annabelle Wratten



Annabel Lake





Mrs Martin



















Mrs Ransley



Carmen Labuschagne



Bonnie McCullough





Georgia Raleigh





Kayden Sutcliffe



































































Hazel Zimmerman

Josiah Tablac

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Charlotte Hurley



Merania-grace Tahi





Nikau Te Aotonga



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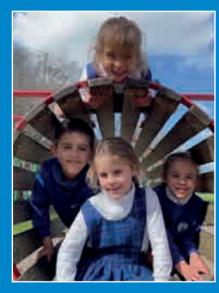
































Gillian McDougall



Georgia Cousins





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Phoebe Runciman



Scott Jefferys



Rowan van Emmenes





Leah Venter



Mrs Graham

















Mrs Gilchrist







Peter Schulz







Grace Kenney





Kaylee Swanepoel



Billie King



Abigail Bourne





Isla Williams







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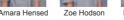
















Mrs Phelps





















Ryan Taylor

















Isabella Zhang



















Mrs Martin









Karla Eades





Jayden Bezuidenhout







Lucy King



Brody Mowbray



Nina Wilson Daniel Ye

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Keziah Runciman

Harry Savage

Mia Schultz

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David Gwanpua



Talia Lotter



Xanthe Wong



Luke Pedersen



Astrid Jordaan

Samuel Schulz



Levi Joyce

Cassandra Seaward





Yena Kim



Flynn Staunton



Roma Leemans

Sophia Wen



Charlene Whakaue Taua



Eden Whistler



















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Callum Raleigh Levi Roper













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Nathaniel Andrews









Lucy Barraclough





Annabelle Comely





Matthew Nonweiler







Donnie Yang



Emersyn Davis

Ella Pearson



Mila Ponder



Rachel Lashbrooke

Nike Rongo



Smit Shah



Charlotte Medwin

Asher Soltwedel



Spencer Mockett

Sarah Wallace



Miriam Newson

Cheryl Wang



Ross Ward-Able





























































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Naomi Klopper





















Jasper Zhang





















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Alexia Bezuidenhout







Adam O'Reilly



Jonah Campbel



Jaydon Prinsloo



Joshua Rippey



Sandra de Laborde







Benna Simons



Alexander Douglas



Eva Simpkin



Poppy Smart





Benjamin Murray



Gabriella Murray



Bria Ssekajja



Yannick Swanepoel



















Esther Bijo



Bethany Chen



Sungwon Cho















Mrs Manson















Claire Clarke



Ryan Thornton





James Todd-McKeown







Kingston Zhong

Olivia Rusk

Manmeet Sandhu

Amrit Shergill





Eden-May Smith

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Claire Zhu



Laura Ruegg



Sofia Sanders



Abhay Sarao



Sanel Schultz



Tony Shen



Milan Steyn





Geofferson Tana



Timothy Ye

PrimaryProduction





















Primary

Sport



Basketball Year 3 & 4 Pacers



Basketball Year 5 Celtics



Basketball Year 6 Breakers



Football G9 Rapids Boys



Football G10 Fire Boys



Football G11 Galaxy Boys



Hockey Primary Year 3 & 4 Tigers



Hockey Primary Year 5 Panthers

Primary

Sport



Hockey Primary Year 6 Topsticks



Netball Year 1 & 2 Future Ferns



Netball Year 3 Roses



Netball Year 4 Comets



Netball Year 5 Tactix



Netball Year 6 Ferns



Netball Year 6 Stars

Struction and music









The Senior Production 'Fiddler on the Roof' was the highlight of the year for most senior students. The cast was inspirational in their performance and selfless in their commitment. Many memories were made and friendships formed. Lachlan Fraser (Tevye) and Erin Faber (Golde) were the two leads who led the cast with passion and direction. The school orchestra was phenomenal and diverse in its talent.

Fiddler on the Roof' will be a school production that will be remembered for its high-quality performance, colourful costumes, outstanding music and beautiful singing.

















Getting locked out of Band Camp cabins, McDonalds at sunrise, donuts at Animoso camp, sausage rolls on repeat for Sound Collective, Mrs Ahler's Talent Quest costume, balloon solos, Mrs Blake's water gun, ear plugs at Rockquest, and sticky date pudding at the Winter Warmup concert. These were all highlights, and then there was the Music!

It was a full year, featuring Animoso and Band camps, Easter Jazz Fest, the Chapel Concert, Big Sing, Rock Quest, Band Quest, Kidz Rock, Chamber Music, the Rest Home concert, ITM Festival, 'Fiddler on the Roof', Wellington Big Band trip and two Music Department Concerts. Our groups continue to grow, both in size and in skill, and we feel very blessed to be able to be part of such a wonderful community!











Congratulations to Connor Settle-Smith for winning Bronze at the World Hip Hop Competition in Phoenix, Arizona. What an incredible achievement as his dance group called Outkast performed a creative dance routine and stunned the world. Furthermore, Connor and his team went on to be placed 7th out of 320 teams in The World of Dance competition. A world-class dancer making his mark in the world! Congratulations Connor.

DanceNZmade is a highly successful event for Bethlehem College. Our dancers performed with skill and energy. Amelia Tapsell performed at the Regionals in Hamilton and won the solo Year 10 category, as well as being an overall winner. Furthermore, Amelia has been selected into the New Zealand School of Dance. Quite amazing! Lexie Sullivan and Aria Kidd were awarded 1st Runner-up in the Year 9/10 Duo/Trio category and also the 1st Runner-up for Overall Duo/Trio. Their performance at the National competition was captivating and passionate. Well done girls.

The Sheila Winn Festival was also attended this year, with Keon Hansed and Sarah Taylor performing an extract from Othello. They received many favourable comments regarding their performance and interpretation.









Tangi o le Lupe is the name of our Pasifika Group here at Bethlehem College. This name means the 'song of the dove'. The Lupe or Dove symbolises the PEACE of God. Our purpose and vision is to give honour and glory to God and to share the good news of Jesus Christ through our worship, dance and praises.

This year is the first time that our Pasifika group performed to the school in assembly and we also participated in the local Pasifika in the Bay Festival. We have learnt Samoan, Tongan, Hawaiian and Fijian dances and songs this year, and we want to say a huge Fa'afetai Lava, Malo, Meitaki and Vinaka to our whānau who have supported us on our journey to form this group.

A special thank you to our Year 13 leaders, Peter Tautali and Leva Faletau, who have been instrumental in getting this group off the ground this year, sharing the love of their culture, and encouraging students to come along and join in.

Dance, Pasifika and Cultural Day

















Learning Support and International



































































Big Sing and Market Day

















Haka Comp. 40hr Sport and Worship













































































Service and mission at Bethlehem College was once again in action locally, nationally and internationally. Groups throughout the school served in Secondary and in the Primary classrooms through the Year 9,11,12 and 13 Christian Studies classes and Peer Support.

Students served in Good Neighbour projects, Preston's Park, our local marae, Waipuna Hospice, Riding for the Disabled, and contributed to Women's Refuge and Foodbank. Nationally, students engaged in World Vision challenges, the Cancer Foundation Daffodil Day and Christmas boxes with Samaritan's Purse. Three overseas service and mission trips took place in 2023. Senior students went to Fiji and the Solomon Islands and a Year 9 group went to Suva, Fiji. These overseas trips allowed BC students to serve, learn and grow in a cross-cultural setting. a cross-cultural setting.

Missions and Service Trips

















Careers, Cross-country and Sports Camp













Whaia te pae tawhiti kia tata, Whakamaua te pae tata kia tina!

Explore beyond the distant horizon and draw it near, take hold of your potential so it becomes your reality!

The Careers Department commends all students who have chosen to engage with opportunities to explore their options for the future. Ka pai to all tauira who have practised taking hold of their potential and are boldly starting to make it reality.

We have had students go on Work Experience in community businesses. Others have participated in trips like the Automotive Industry Bus Tour, BECA Engineering Day, Wāhine in Trades, Girls in Hi-Vis Whakapike Ake Health Careers Awareness Day, Kingitanga Day, Canvas Careers Expo and more. Some have chosen to be part of programmes like the Climate Ambassadors which was delivered by the University of Waikato and saw tauira learning to make changes for a better future. We've also had Open Days, university rep visits, a First Aid course, Fork Lift Driving course, personality quizzes.

Keep up the great work everyone. Your future awaits!















Secondary Sport

Sports



Golf



Syncronized Swimming



Rock Climbing





Cross-country



Badminton Senior Qualifier



NISS Rowing



Waterpolo Senior A



Waterpolo Development

Secondary Sport

Basketball



Basketball Senior A Boys



Basketball Senior B Boys



Basketball Junior A Girls



Basketball Junior A Boys



Basketball Int A Girls



Basketball Int A Boys



Winners of the BBNZ Central Cup

Seconday Sport

Hockey



Hockey 1st XI Boys



Hockey 1st XI Girls



Hockey 2nd XI Boys



Hockey 2nd XI Girls



Hockey 6-aside Girls Blue



2023 Winners





Secondary Sport

Football



Football 1st XI Boys



Football 1st XI Girls



Football 2nd XI Boys



Football 2nd XI Girls



Football U12 Diamonds Girls



Football U14 Development Girls



Football G14_15 Milan Boys



Football G14_15 Barcelona Boys

Seconday Sport

Netball



Netball Prem 1



Netball Prem 2



Netball Junior A



Netball Junior B



Netball 8A



Netball 8B



Netball 7A



Netball 7B

Seconday Sport

Volleyball



Volleyball Senior A Boys



Volleyball Senior A Girls



Volleyball Senior B Boys



Volleyball Senior B Girls



Volleyball Girls Junior Squad



Volleyball Avengers Junior Boys



Volleyball Green Junior Girls



Volleyball Maroon Year 8 Boys

Secondary



With so many activities taking place during the school year, it is hard to choose a few to celebrate here. There have been sports tournaments and camps, music trips and concerts, academic competitions and examinations, a 'musical extrodinaire', trips outside of the classroom and service trips and opportunities. So many ways for students to get involved, stretch themselves and grow. As a school we trust this will lead to students developing an awareness of who they are, help them strengthen their God-given talents, and understand how they can give back to the school, wider community and importantly their own whānau.

The common threads running through all this activity is the enthusiasam of students, the commitment of staff and the support of families. I am very thankful for all of this and reflecting on the year reminds me that Bethlehem College is a very special place to be. My thanks once again to all the Secondary staff for their hard work and energy demonstrated daily in classrooms, playgrounds and on the sports field throughout 2023.

I trust all our students and whānau have seen God at work in their lives this year.

Every blessing for 2024.

Tom Jarrett
Head of Secondary

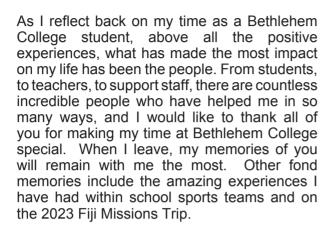






Student Leaders

Secondary



My final year at Bethlehem College has been a very special experience. I am wholeheartedly grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Head Student this year. Working with fellow student leaders has been a privilege, and I want to honour them for all the work that they have done. Thank you for your help, support and fun. Notably running the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge and organising Daffodil Day.

Looking back, my advice for younger students is to enjoy your time at school by taking advantage of every opportunity, because before you know it, you're at the end of Year 13 and about to walk down The Way into a new adventure.

Samuel Tapper

Head Boy 2023





2023 was a year of rebuilding. For three years COVID had turned our 'normal' upside down, but finally, after being on hold for so long, our lives from before resumed. However, 'normal' did not last long. The teacher strikes changed things, but once again we learnt to adapt. The truth is, though routine may be comfortable, we are created to grow and change. Bethlehem College is a place that allows us to grow and challenges us to do our best. I have been privileged to go to Bethlehem College, and even more so, to lead this year alongside some incredible people. Together we have grown so much. I think back to all the opportunities I have had throughout my time here. From Kindergarten to High School, every student at Bethlehem College is sown into and prayed for, and for that I am grateful.

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua. I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on the past.

As 2023 comes to a close, we cross the finish line with our eyes fixed on the past, the things we have done, the ways we have grown and the people we have become. We head into the future, equipped and ready for whatever might come next.

Tara Isaacs

Head Girl 2023

Senior Student Leaders































Levi Shepherd



Jocelyn Kenney





Maximus Mathews





Maia McDermott

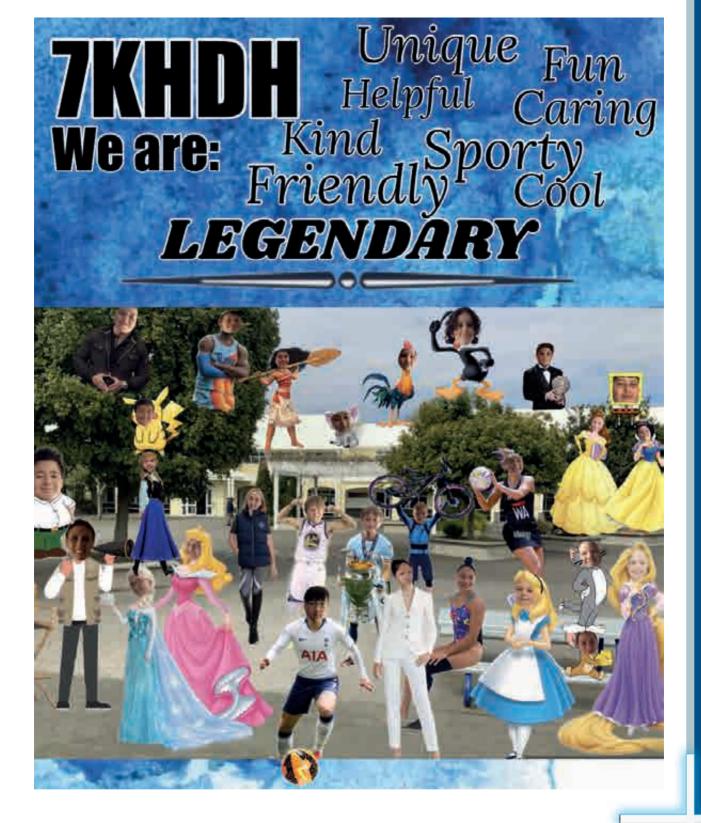








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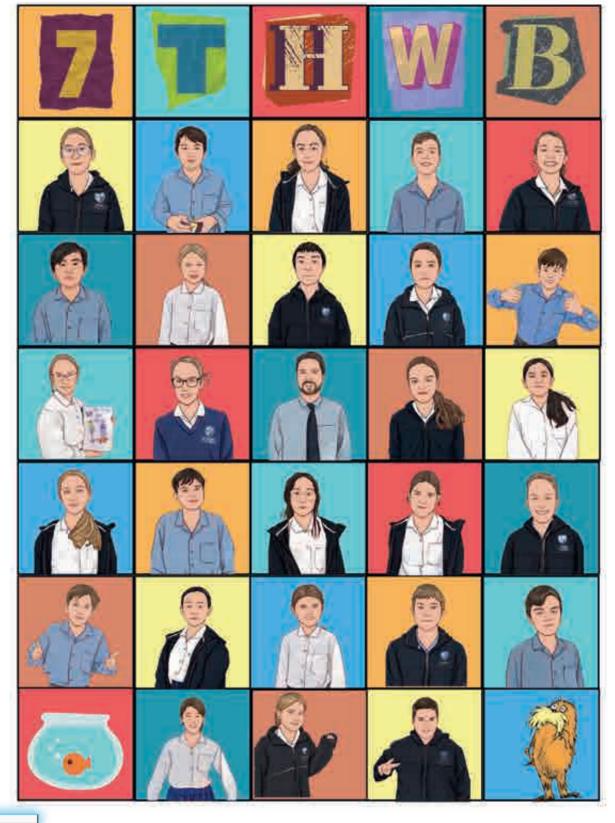














Mr Howell































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Ariella Werahiko

Joshua McFarlane



Carter White



Lacey Wilkinson















Gemma Swanepoel























Mr Miller







Caelyn Thompson



Amelia Thorne George









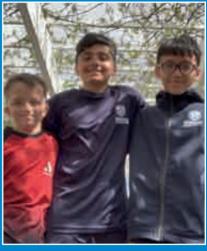














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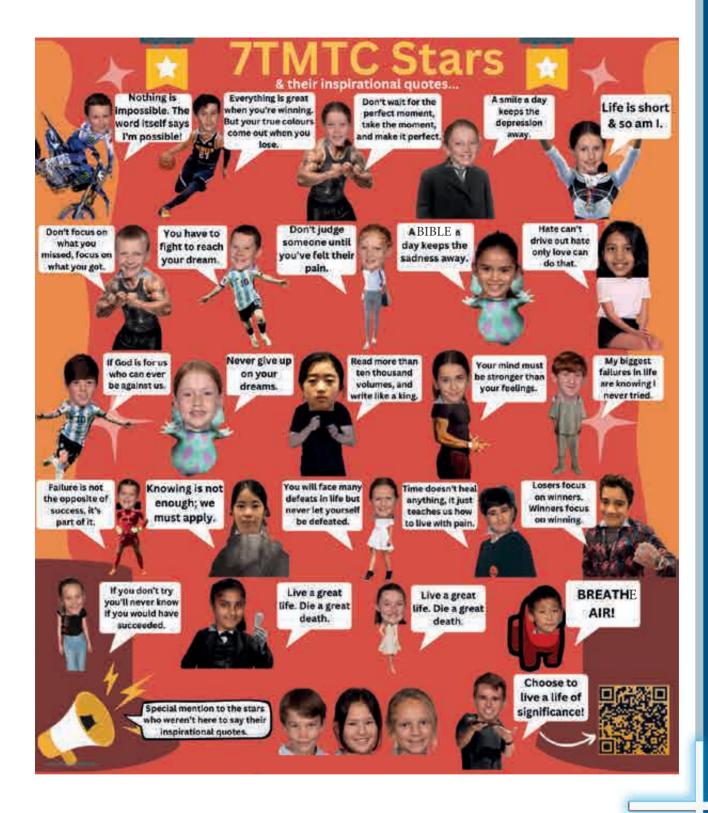


















Sophia Matuschka











































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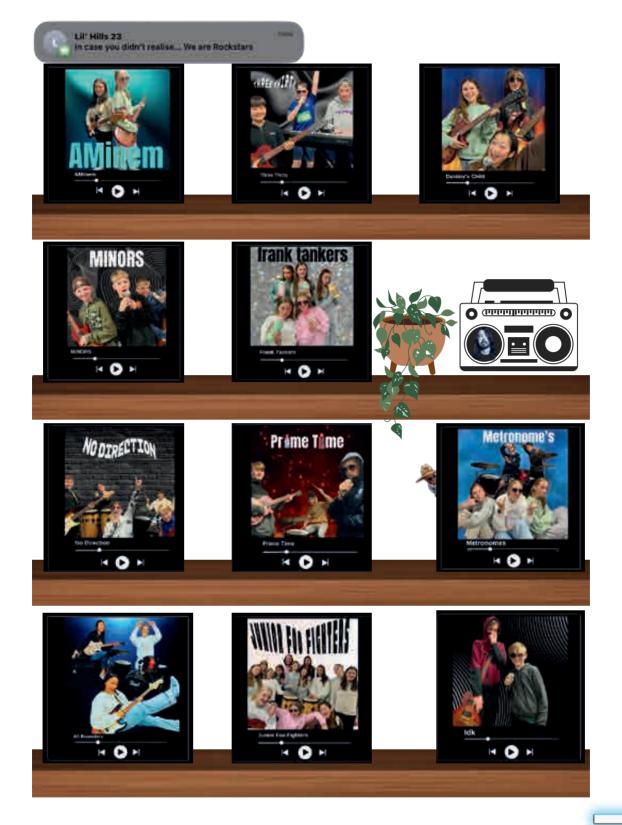






























Honor Campion



Mrs Hill









Isabel Mayston Keira O'Hanlon





Liam Rusk



































































































FINN- I do all my addition in my head. It's the thought that counts.



AMELIA- My neighbour couldn't afford his water bill, so I got him a get well soon card



SAHIBA- The knowledge I had had had had no effect on this sentence.



JAZLYNN- I'm going to buy some new glasses today. After that, I guess l'II see.



JAS- To the person who stole my energy drinks... I hope you can't sleep at night.



KAITLIN- I do all my addition in my head. It's the thought that counts.



SASHA- Do racehorses slow down when they see police horses?



LUCCA- Stop killing ducks to make duck tape.



AUBREY- Great hide and seek players are really hard to find.



JAKIN- I've always wanted to play with a kangaroo. I think I'd get a kick out of it.



MIA-What do you call a boomerang that doesn't return? A stick



JUSTUS- 5 ants rented an apartment with 5 other ants. Now they're tenants.



KATE- When Jeff Bezos goes to bed, he puts his pajamazon



SKYLER- Cat puns freak meowt.



SAM- I bought a fake koi fish- It's my dekoi



EZRA- If ignorance is bliss, there should be more happy people.



ERIC- Ants never get sick because they have little anty bodies



BAYLEY- If you wear a sweater and sweat, are you this sweater?



YUNJI- Dogs can't operate MRI scanners but catscan.



JAPMAN- A frog's motto- Time's fun when you're having flies.



CHARLIE- It doesn't make any cents, but volunteering is rewarding



MARTHA- Taking steps to overcome my addiction to hiking, but I'm not out of the woods yet



JOSHUA- Letting the cat out of the bag is easier than putting it back in.



GRACE- If I have to choose between 'Kind' or 'Right', I'll go with kinda right.



HEEJUN- To spell the word panda you just need a P and A.



ABI- Swarms of flying insects threaten town! Police deploy a swat team!























Mrs Roser















Skylei



















Corben Connolly













Alexandra Murray











Abigail Richards



Karlyn Richardson



Samantha Roser





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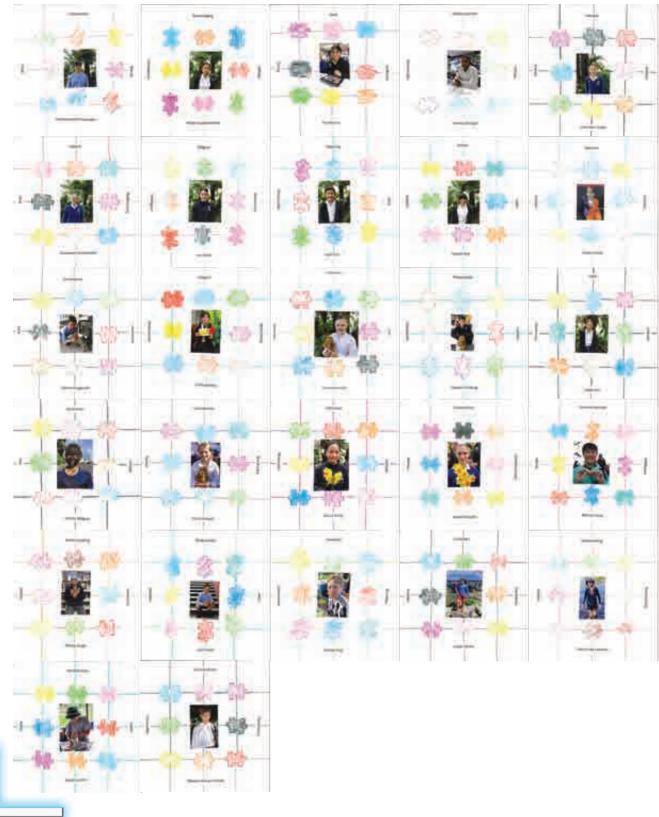






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Rachael Ward-Able













































































Madison Symes

In this class we are friends, teammates, world changers, authors, family and children of God. A Teacher's prayer for hIS students is that of wisdom, truth, vision and LOVE; These incredible students have embraced all that year 9 has had to offer thus far. Highlights from Term 1 include, making new friends and the Year 9 flags interclass competition. Futsal in Term 2 was great fun with the netball competition in Term 3 further fostering unity among the Year 9's. The much anticipated Tongariro National Park trip in Term 4 couldn't come soon enough.

Nelson Mandela said 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' A huge well done 9BNA for your commendable efforts in learning and character building this year. Keep growing in your love for Jesus and trying your best in all you do.





"Year 9 has been a good, fun year! Even though it had a lot of ups and downs we've made the most of our opportunities and experiences. The year has been full of fun things like interclass competitions, speeches, pizza parties, and lots of learning opportunities'.

-Gabriella Bothma and Aive Kc

"Ever since the start of 2023, it has been a wild ride. Learning survival skills on BMAC and discovering New Zealand culture on The Elms trip. Preparing for 2024, we have learned so much to be able to grow and thrive in the world. Thank you to all the teachers for teaching me this year." -Jesse Pedersen



Mr Bartlett





































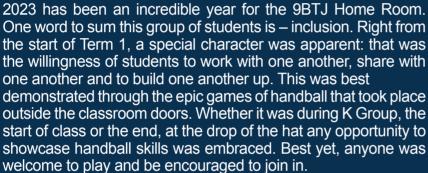






Tangviriyarojku





We explored many topics together such as Leadership, Persuasive Writing, Natural Disasters and Christian Character. It seemed the most valued learning opportunity was undoubtedly a class guiz, via Kahoot, that had to result in the victors claiming a Chupa-Chup as their prize.

May all class members be able to look back upon this year and identify the positive ways in which they grew. May they take forward with them the awareness of others and how they can share God's love through their words and actions. To all class members, thank you for the wonderful memories you created























































Poipoia te kākano, kia puawai. Nuture the seed, and it will grow.

As we say Sayonara to 2023, we remember a year of learning and laughter, building great friendships and unforgettable memories. Interclass sports brought out the competitive spirit in all of us (especially Mrs Fredrickson) and we gave it our all! We learned that winning isn't everything, but it is the bonds that are formed between us all that give us the real victory! A highlight from the year was sharing our unique cultures and diverse backgrounds with a shared lunch of special cultural food. We sampled foods from all around the globe! We look forward to the adventures that await us, in Year 10 and beyond!



Mrs Fredrickson



























Malakai









2023 has been guite the eventful year for the best class in Year 9: 9GOM. We started off the year with a couple new faces, but very quickly they became part of the fabric of BC.

At the start of Term 1 we were treated to a fun trip to the Elms where we learnt about some of Tauranga's history. Then our

interclass sport had begun, and our first sport was 'Capture the Flags'; we managed to get far, but not far enough. And with every game we played, the worse our grammar became. Constantly, we were receiving reminders that 'versing' is not a word,

but somehow we just couldn't erase it from our vocabularies.







Then came Term 2, everyone had just warmed up to each other, maybe a bit too much. We sure were a chatty bunch! We had used up our voices in class so much that when the interclass futsal came along. we had nothing left to support our team. Yet, we still managed to beat HYS in the final 7-0 (losing by 7 in a final is outrageous, HA). But suddenly, so many essays, so many posters, and too many tests came our way. Our two week break couldn't come soon enough!

Finally, two weeks of rest, but of course we had another essay due in the week back. This was the term where we could finally relax with some more fun learning. We just had to watch a movie and write about it; how hard could that be? Very hard. As a class with five Star Wars lovers, it left 22 of us stressing out to write down every shot, every angle, and every camera adjustment. Not to mention our natural disasters poster we had to submit in that same week!

The end of the year was a great one for 9GOM 2023 with movie making, BMAC camp, interclass volleyball, and of course exams! At least we were well prepared.













































Mr Goddard













It has been an amazing year for everyone in 9HDL. After taking over from Mrs Davis, Mrs Hardy showed a deep passion, kindness and curiosity towards every student in this class, helping us all to thrive in our learning. She took the time to get to know us all and we are very grateful.

At the start of the year, we got to go to the Elms where we learnt heaps about our heritage in New Zealand. Some other highlights were when we had a massive pizza party, watched some intense movies, and made it to the final of the Year 9 Netball competition. We also experienced challenges, like getting up in front of the class to perform a speech. Many people didn't want to do it, but we all got up there and gave it a go. Tristan Strachan got through to the speech finals for 9HDL and won the competition with his speech on 'Why Teens Shouldn't Have Social Media'.

It's been a crazy 2023 and we have all enjoyed it immensly, meeting new people, making new friends, taking risks, and lots and lots of essays! We are very excited for BMAC and what comes in 2024!!!

Christian Ussher & Tristan Strachan













Mrs Hardy



































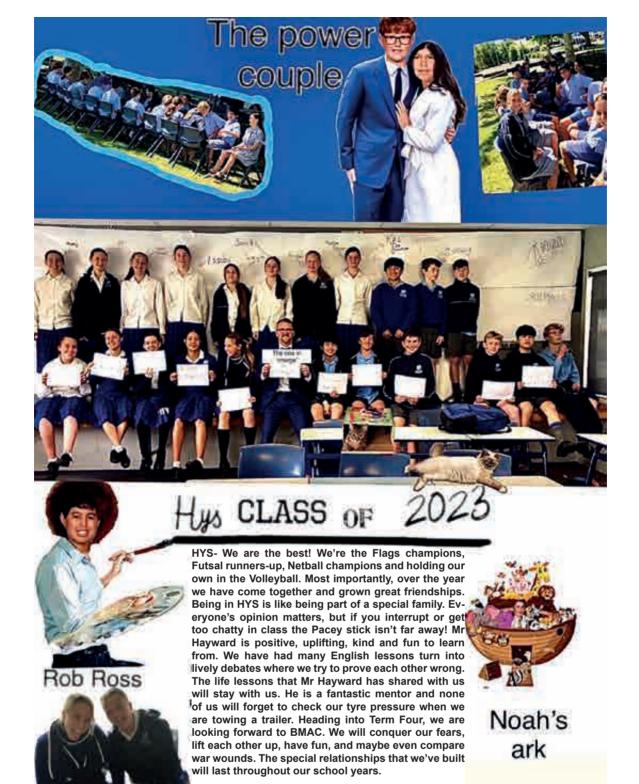












Sam (Megan Markle) Fowler



































Mr Hayward





















































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Tuesday Morning

It's Tuesday morning; the bell rings signalling the start of story time. I sit between a group of boys that are talking about dinosaurs, and the new girl that has tears welling in her eyes after saying bye to her mum. My best friend is sitting way at the back on what's left of the discoloured, decade-old mat that the whole class is squished on, and I wish I was sitting next to her instead. As Mrs. Morris reads the first page of 'Winnie the Pooh', our fidgety six-year-old selves start to settle, and we do our best to stay still and quiet. The subtle scent of Play-Doh and drying paint is still lingering from Monday's art lesson. Abstract masterpieces are drying in the warm sun, which shimmers as it greets us through the window covered in sticky handprints. We are all waiting in anticipation for it to join our previous work on the wall, although I'm not sure if there will be room alongside our family trees, watercolour pets, and self-portraits. I love hearing our teacher read in her silly voice at an amusingly high volume, and seeing the multiple lines that form on her forehead as her mature eyes lift with enthusiasm. But as she's reading to us about a living toy bear that loves honey, I can't help but wish I was grown up in Year 11, doing real learning instead.

It's Tuesday morning; and the bell rings signalling the start of my exam. By now we know what to do, put phones and bags at the front of the room and find a desk, in complete silence. We open up our computers, and seconds later we receive the small white slips revealing our log-in codes from the narrow-eyed, red-cheeked teacher walking through the classroom. I already recognise the hard and fast pounding in my chest, my leg bobbing up and down at an increasing speed, and moisture starting to collect in the palms of my cold hands. As we wait for the signal to start, with the only thing on the bare, beige walls being a clock, my eyes seem to focus on the thin black arm, tick, tick, ticking as the seconds pass in patience. A deep, monotone voice interrupts my thoughts: "You may begin." I take a deep breath, trying to prevent a racing heart, but it doesn't work and the beating only speeds up as I am officially off on my mental marathon. The silence is deafening, and the sound of fingers all around me hitting plastic computer keys at a remarkable pace, makes my mind, already caught in a hurricane of thoughts, believe that I am somehow behind in the race. Staring intently at the blank page in front of me, I procrastinate writing my first paragraph. I can't help but wish I was little again, back in Year listening to stories instead of having to write one myself. Alexia Le Roux, Year 11.



Today
Ko au, Ko Papatūānuku
Ko au, te whaea o te ao
My breath is your survival
My heartbeat starts yours
I am the mother
I am Papatūānuku

Aue, my mokopuna
For you are blind to see
Fleas, you are to your mother
Like a constant itch
Scratching, stealing, selfish
You take and take but never give

The strength of your greediness outweighs the strength of Tangaroa
His life vanishes, and therefore yours
Grey is the new blue
Plastic is your catch of the day
What you catch in your waka
Well, seek for now, isn't it?

The smell of your fumes fills the sky
Of my Tāne, Ranginui
Cancerous are his lungs
Clear skies are his assignment
The suffer of him is the suffer of I, and
therefore the suffer of you
Souls, stolen so you succeed

My body aches tamariki mā
Your life is easy and now mine suffers
War between your own kind bring others
suffering
The suffering that will eventually come back
around
to you
Because it's all about you, isn't it?

My mokopuna are you blind to see The way you kill me Will kill you Find a drive in your heart Smart you think you are? Change my mokopuna is smart

My breath is your survival My heart starts your heart Save me to save you Ko au, ko Papatūānuku I am the mother I am Papatūānuku

Mikaela Ketu, Year 12.

The NHE department moved into the T-block extension at the end of Term 1. We now have the blessing of two new kitchens. We have stainless steel benches, induction cooktops and can cater for growing student numbers in our department, accommodating up to 28 students in each kitchen. The senior kitchen has two commercial ovens which have been extensively used. As a highlight of their learning experience, students from Year 7 to 13 enjoy preparing, cooking, and eating a diverse range of food. These include pizza, pasta, pies, sushi, lasagna, cakes, cookies, sandwiches, and salads. We are grateful to Mrs Kilfoil, who prepares ingredients for our classes.

In addition to cooking, Senior Nutrition and Health students, capably taught by Mrs Winslade and Mrs Kent, have explored various topics, including sustainable food, child poverty, food security, as well as dietary requirements for people with special needs. The students have become familiar with the Te Whare Tapa Whā model of health and wellbeing.

This year, we received a monetary grant from the Bethlehem Community Church, which allowed us to prepare meals for the local community. The meals have made a significant impact on the recipients' lives, and they have expressed their immense gratitude for this blessing. Many year levels made meals for the community as part of our NHE department's mission-driven focus for the year.

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. With your basket and my basket the people will thrive

















Our Hospitality students have perfected the art of cooking individually to industry standards, while Barista students have earned their Barista certificate by making 100 cups of coffee. We express our gratitude to Mrs Kilfoil for training and guiding the students as they pulled their shots and steamed the milk. As part of the training, students worked in the new Barista Training Centre by providing staff with fresh, Barista-made coffee. This ensured relevant industry

experience for the students as staff paid, and waited, for their coffee. This resulted in students learning to work under pressure.

The students enjoyed cheeseboards as part of their assessment, enjoying different cheeses and commenting on the varying flavour profiles and textures. They also made ice cream for the first time, using their coffee shots to flavour the ice cream.

Our school library has continued to be a hub of reading and learning throughout the year. It has been a place where students have been able to delve into a rich collection of books, enjoy reading, researching, studying and learning, individually or collaboratively, in class time or at their free time.

It has served as a space for community activities such as hosting visiting authors, puppet show, career and life skill events, House and Year Group Assemblies, literature competitions, and various meetings and parties. Some of the highlights for students during the year included dressing up as a book character at the end of a fun Book Week, reading more widely with the Read-A-Thon, serving the library community as a library monitor, having chess battles during the cold winter lunch times and reading lots and lots of new and fabulous books! Some things the librarians were grateful for included the purchase of a new tower display to showcase interesting displays and new books, new soft seating and bean bags to create dedicated reading only zones, the addition of over 1,000 new books, with a lot more to come.









Students have been very busy in Early Childhood Education (ECE) this year. The Year 11 class created learning resources for mission trips. In March all students visited Bethlehem Tertiary Institute for a day and heard about the ECE programme offered there. During their visit, they learned about the value of play for children. Students also completed a Babysitting course in June and received certificates for this. The highlight of the year for the Y12 and Y13 ECE class was attending a week-long practicum in a chosen EC Centre. They created introductory posters and wrote their pepeha. Students enjoyed their time at the centres, and some have decided to make Early Childhood their career. Well done ECE students for a great 2023.





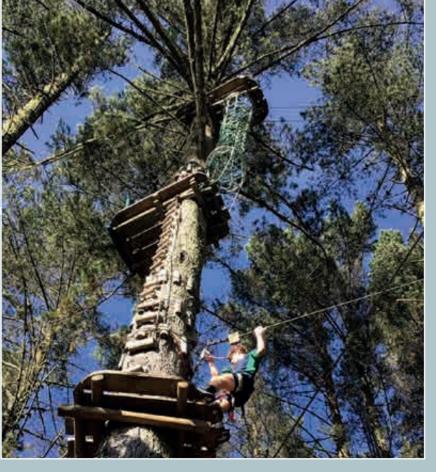
Across Year 7-13, music students at BC have been busy stretching themselves and growing their God-given talents. In the rotations band programme, students have had the exciting opportunity of learning an instrument and playing a new Queen inspired piece named Power Rock. Music education in the classroom plays a vital role in the success of the co-curricular programmes. Sound production students have kept busy filming and recording some high-quality projects. BC has so many students thriving in their musical journey God has placed them on. Tino pai to all students who have tasted the reward that comes from hours of creating, studying, practising and performing.















Health & Physical Education at Bethlehem College is broken up into two schools and four learning areas. The two schools are Junior Secondary Years 7 - 9, and Senior Secondary Years 10 - 13. The four learning areas are Physical Education, Sports Science, Outdoor Education, and Health. Health and Physical Education go hand in hand and are taught as part of the Core Health & Physical Education Curriculum. Health is then also spread over other areas of the school and

includes outside providers and health assemblies. Sports Science is a class that is run in the senior school from years 11 - 13 and includes High Performance Sports Science for those students who have an interest in performance sport. Outdoor Education is focussed on the outdoors and is again only available in the Senior school from years 12 - 13. Students in Outdoor Education go camping, hiking, mountain biking, caving, kayaking, and many other fun outdoor activities.















Science is thriving at Bethlehem College.
Chicks have been hatched and raised.
Gardens have been planted and harvested.
Experiments have deepened understanding.
Field trips have brought new insights.
Learning and fun have been weaved together.





































In the Geography Department, we study how people interact with the world around them. This requires us to get out of the classroom and into the environment conducting fieldwork. In 2023, we learnt in diverse locations like Tongariro National Park and Waihi Gold Mine. This allowed us to develop research skills, make connections, examine our choices, and practise kaitiakitanga as caretakers of the earth.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). Manaaki whenua. Manaaki tangata. Haere whakamua. Care for the land. Care for the people. Go forward.



















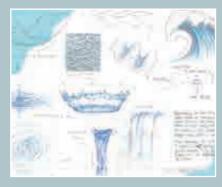


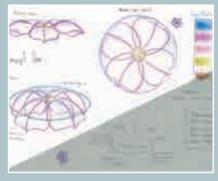








































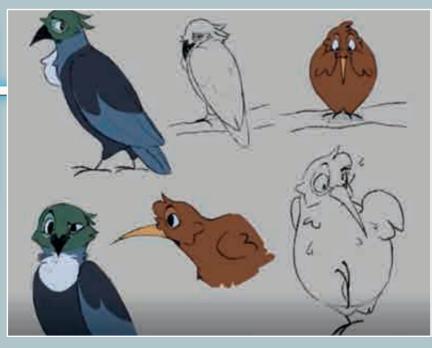






















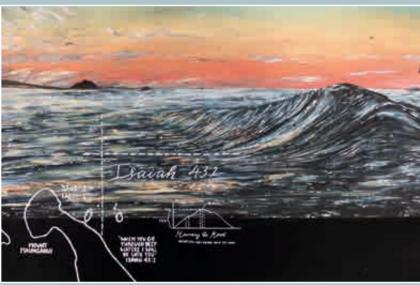




















Textile Technology 2023 has had some exciting developments. We are extremely grateful to have moved into our new Textiles classrooms this year. These rooms allow more space for creativity and individual exploration of design. We are already reaping the benefits with students showing how much more they can accomplish with greater opportunity for independent learning.

Year 7 - 9 students followed the design process to develop their original designs with delightfully diverse results. Many displayed an incredible aptitude for both design and production, which we would love to see developed in their Senior years. Y10-13 students have been building on their technical skills and developing design ideas that are setting them up well for years to come.

A group of Y13 students headed down to Wellington in September to see the WoW show. This was a hugely inspiring experience, and we had a fantastic time. We also visited the Kowtow design workroom and learnt a lot about sustainable practices within a fashion business and how ethics can be profitable in a myriad of contexts.

Y13 students Jemima Thomas, Emily Moodie and Olivia Sanders were the winners of the High School Category of the Bay of Plenty Envirohub Sustainable Art Challenge. Mikaela Ketu received the award for second place. All students created innovative, on trend, high quality up-cycled outfits. Congratulations girls!

















Year 10 K-Group



Mr Arden



































Danika van Rooyen



Indiana Wright



Mrs Cason

























Damian Stevens



Daniel Taylor





Andy Te



Selena Turner



Brayden van Rooi



Simeon Van Schalkwyk



Wilco Vermeulen







Mr Horner



Ephraim Baker-Taingahue



























Year 10 K-Group



Mrs Hay





























Isaac Rowden Llosa













Mrs Philip



























Rebecca











Miss Smith







Mitchell Lawrence

Daniel Barraclough





















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Year 10 K-Group



Miss Walker



















Shiven Oza





Dominic Peterson-Guy



Natasha Salmon





Kaeley Terblanche









Mr Winslade









Helena Henning































Nevaeh Naeff



Nevaeh Redwood-Bell



Jonathan Wallis

Year 11 K-Group



Dr Black









Lochlan Cumming





























Mr Dennis































Sahilpreet Singh Khehra



Nadine Soonthornpan





Matthew Tapper





Mr Te Whaiti



Mr Thompson







Callum Stevenson



Tangviriyarojku



















Year 11 K-Group



Mrs Kent

































Jethro Labuschagne



Rivah McCafferty









Arshdeep Singh Malhi











Mr Kim











































Maximilian Yates



Miu Yoshimura







Mrs van Tonder



Lorcan Aitkenhead





















Mathew Schumacher



Year 11 K-Group









































































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Ms Baronian



Daniel Anderton

























Elijah Tie



Lucy Turner



Kaleb Vukona















Mr Clarke



Luke Hendra



Kaleb Boettcher















Luke Morton



Isabel Parker





Mrs Croukamp

















Emily Gillingham



Lawson Greenway



Oliver Gregor



William Stephenson







Year 12 K-Group



Ms L de Kock















Joshua Peterson-Guy

































Mrs George























Mr Pierce



























Hugo Rowden Llosa



Sienna Tang



Sylvia Thompson

















Year 12 K-Group



Ms Sweeney





























Imme' van den Berg



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Yufan Yang





Alex Young



Mrs Hotta



Campbell Ardern

Benjamin Hulbert

Runhan Wang







Oliver Jurgeleit











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Aleshia Coughey







Abigail Santhosh



Isobel



Sophie Van Der Jagt

Year 13 K-Group



Mr Addinall



Georgia Anderton







Amy-Lee Dennehy





















Emma Neustroski





Rubina Royal-









Peter Tautali









Mrs Ardern



Jesse Mutton



Ella Pedersen



Bayley Rowe

























Rubina Royal-



Dylan Russell-Rockliff



Gabrielle



Nina Steyn



Matilda Thomas



Courtney Wheeler

Year 13 K-Group



Mr Crowther



Miss Silva Perez





























Dylan Russell-Rockliff



Nathan Seal









Mr Haumaha































Year 13 K-Group



Mrs Hassett





















Jemima Thomas





Courtney Wheeler









Paris McConnell



Poppy Roberts





Mrs Slater



Nathaniel Cahill





























Matilda Thomas



Beam Trirungkit



Rachel Vallim Ribeiro



Stephen Worsnop







Celebration Night

















Celebrations Vear 12 and 13 Ball



























































































Celeavers Assembly and The Way



























Prizegiving

Vahid Flores Anderson Trophy

Sophia Chadwick New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra

Braeya Embling Outstanding Service to the Arts

Wilkins Cup for Choir

Erin Faber Mikyla Thompson Trophy

Lachlan Fraser Lund Trophy

Connor Settle-Smith Bright Memorial Shield

Mateo Sutton Linda Anderson/Miranda Howell Cup

Matilda Thomas Outstanding Senior Visual Art
Leva Faletau Linda Anderson/Miranda Howell Cup

Scholarships

Connor Settle Smith Acorn Foundation Bob and Joy Owens Family Trust Scholarship Noelle Tito Acorn Foundation Bethlehem College International Travel Award Ella Pedersen Acorn Foundation Bethlehem College International Travel Award

Ben Salmon Bay of Plenty Education Trust

Kylan Ellis The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award

Elliott Pugh Providence College,

Rhode Island, USA Full Track and Field Scholarship

Joseph Pacey Pricewaterhouse Cooper Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Samuel Tapper Auckland University Top Achiever

Mateo Sutton Auckland University Pacific Excellence Academic

Emily Rowe Academic Potential Scholarship

Chloe Kemble University of Technology Welcome to Auckland Scholarship
Tara Isaacs Canterbury University UC Hiranga Scholarship

Luca Romersa Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship
Lucy McLeay Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Lucy McLeay Otago University Foundation of Salmond College and Knox College Scholarships
Esther Mee Otago University Vice Chancellors Scholarship

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Lilliana Guy Victoria University Tangiwai Scholarship Jazette Bonthuys Waikato University Principal's Scholarship Abigail Moa Waikato University Ko Te Tangata Scholarship Ko Te Tangata Scholarship Matilda Thomas Waikato University Ko Te Tangata Scholarship Toby Hendra Waikato University Louis Taylor Waikato University Ko Te Tangata Scholarship Ella Pedersen Waikato University Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship

Sports Awards

Rola Oh

Jack van Rooven Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Tommy Davies Josh Mathfield Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Devan Botha Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Jacob Martin Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Jamie Love Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Joshua Cremer Ethan Norrish Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Aaron Taylor Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Jason Hugo Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Joseph Duffett Isaac Schoen Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Caleb Davel Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year Aiden Taylor Jackson Bell Smiths Sports Shoes Cup - Team of the Year

Sports Awards

Joseph Duffett Whenuaroa Cup Kate Crosby Whenuaroa Cup Chloe Kemble Almond Cup

Cooper Hurley Board of Trustees Cup
Grace Winiata Board of Trustees Cup
Georgia Brell Highest Achieving Team
Chloe Kemble Highest Achieving Team

Elliott Pugh ME Bailey Cup Sophia Chadwick SBS Cup

Awards of Honour

Tara Isaacs Head Girl Samuel Tapper Head Boy

Georgia Anderton Kimber-Craven Family Cup

Kate Crosby Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust Award

Kylan Ellis Frew Cup for Diligence

Braeya Embling Outstanding Initiative in Service

Braeya Embling Caitlin Dickson Kenyan Memorial Award

Lachlan Fraser Outstanding Initiative in Service

Lachlan Fraser Promise Keepers' Trophy

Thea Roest Rae Cup for Fortitude and Endeavour Paris McConnell Turner Cup for Student Leadership Mateo Sutton Coxhead Cup for Student Leadership

Jemima Thomas
Cici Zhang
Joseph Pacey
Leva Faletau
Ruby Lampp
Samuel Tapper

Coxnead Cup for Stude
Blair Citizenship Cup
International Cup
Phillipians Award
Living Testimony Award
Satekeepers Cup

Principals Awards

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Esther Mee Dux Chaeyun Han Dux

Luca Romersa Principal's Cup























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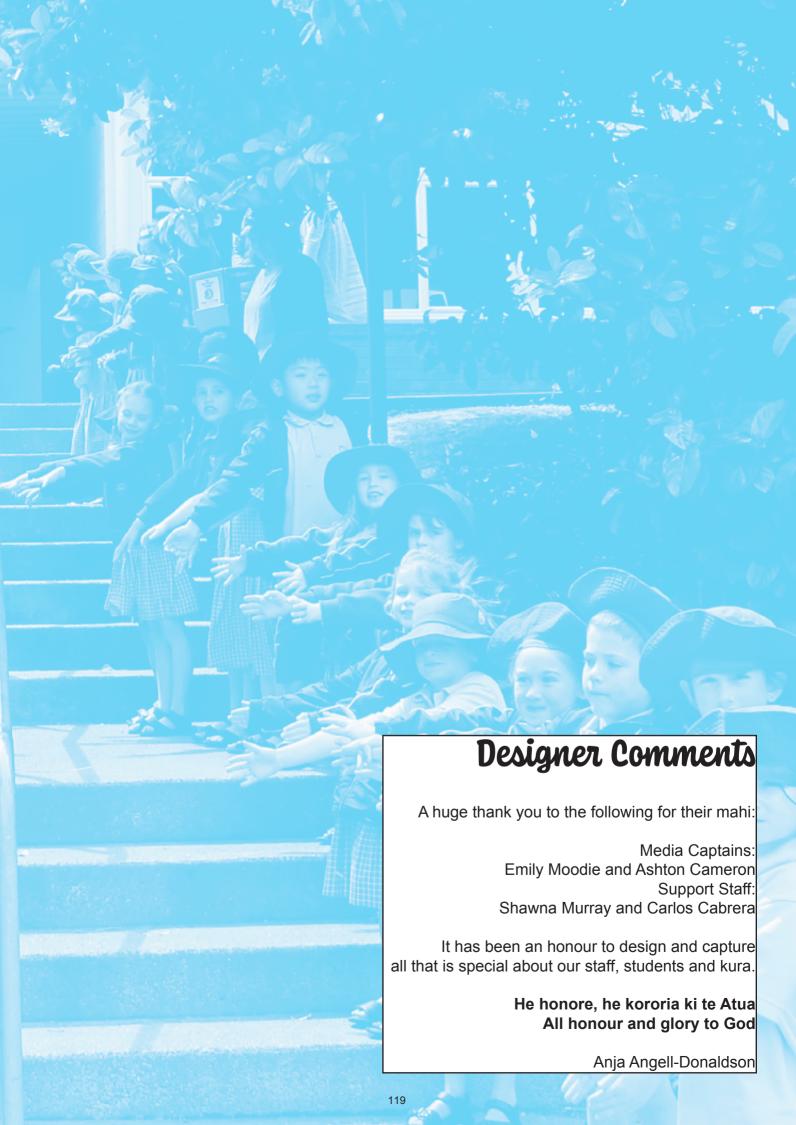












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