

Secondary Newsletter

TERM 1 | 2024
ISSUE 5

Tēnā koutou whānau, parents and caregivers,

As we approach the end of term, I reflect upon the essence of journeying with Jesus— a journey marked by generosity and selflessness, mirroring His own example. Generosity, indeed, reflects the very nature of God.

With this in mind, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students for their acts of service, kindness, and encouragement throughout this term, both seen and unseen. Your daily, selfless efforts for others reflect the maturity of a caring God-honouring community.

I also want to express my gratitude to our parents for their generous support of the school. Your active involvement enriches the broader curriculum and fosters a sense of belonging for our students. A special thank you to those who have dedicated their time to coaching and managing sports teams, enhancing the experience for all.

To our dedicated staff, I offer my sincere appreciation for your tireless dedication to purposeful teaching and creating a fun learning environment. Your efforts, both inside and outside the classroom, make a significant impact on our students, instilling courage, hope, and wisdom as they navigate their journey of generosity and cheerful living.

As we prepare to rest and recharge during the holiday break, may we carry with us the spirit of generosity and selflessness, embodying the values of our faith and community.

Wishing everyone a restful and rejuvenating holiday break.

Warm regards,

Christopher Niles
Head of Secondary (2024)



FAITH

After the original Easter, two followers of Jesus were very sad. Walking away from Jerusalem dragging their feet in the dust, mumbling to each other about their dashed hope in Jesus, and now his tomb was empty, his body stolen. They were discouraged and confused. Without warning, a stranger asked *'What are you so sad about?'* *'Are you the only one who doesn't know?'* they snapped back. And in reply the stranger started with Moses, then all the other writings, and told them about himself. The stranger was Jesus. He was God's son, the fulfilment of everything people had hoped for. The Easter story is bigger than us. It is the central event in a story that has changed the world forever. But it does issue an invitation to us, an invitation to become part of God's family. His love calls us and names us children of the living God. We are children of the living and loving Father, receiving his love and living to please him.

KEY DATES

School Holidays
13-29 Apr

Term 2 Begins
Tue 30th Apr

Tertiary Awareness Day
Tue 7th May

PPTA MEETING ½ Day
13 May Y7-13 Finish 12.15pm

Y7-13 Cross Country
Tue 14th May

Market Day
Fri 17th May

Sports Camps
20-24 May Y10 & 10-14 Jun Y7/8

No School
Mon 29 Apr – Teacher Only Day
Fri 31 May - Accord Day
Mon 3 Jun - King's Birthday

QUICK LINKS

[ENROLLED FAMILIES](#)

[BC CALENDAR](#)

[STUDENT DAILY NOTICES](#)

CONNECT WITH BC



Congratulations to BC's **Mele Paletua** for 2nd in the Senior Girls BOP Pasifika Speech Competition.

UNIFORMS

WINTER TERMS 2 & 3

As we enter our winter school terms, we would like to thank parents in advance for your vigilance in ensuring that students are in the correct uniform, footwear (any exceptions will need a dean pass) and accessories. With your help, we can help students focus on their character, decrease peer pressure and bullying, reduce distractions, and foster a sense of belonging and confidence.

To find out more about uniforms and guidelines, please visit our [Uniform Page](#). (Posters correct, with additions and updates below.)

- Girls Trousers: Beginning in Term 2 2024 Y7-13 girls can wear trousers in both winter and summer terms
- BC Cap: Year 7-9 students can wear either the wide brimmed hat or the BC cap in Terms 1 & 4
- Sandals: Years 0-13 can wear black sandals with both a heel strap and a strap over their foot in Terms 1 & 4 (no Crocs)

As a reminder, students are required to wear formal black leather lace-up shoes in winter terms. No sports, boots or canvas styles.

Uniform Shop

There is a campus and [online uniform shop](#) which provides for all uniform requirements. The shop is open M/W/T/F during term from 10 am - 4 pm (closed Tuesdays) and school holidays by appointment M-F 10am-4pm (closed Anzac Day).



****IMPORTANT**** Students not adhering to uniform guidelines will go through the school disciplinary [process](#).

CULTURAL

MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Renowned German Cellist Naotaka was on campus in Week 10 working with students towards a July performance. Naotaka is pictured below with Itinerant teacher Therese Ahlers, who also leads the string orchestra, and BC Director of Music Kelly Hayward.



DEPARTMENTS

HISTORY Y13 TRIP

The Year 13 History students had a fantastic time away learning about NZ history and visiting key sites in the Bay of Islands. We went to expand our knowledge about early New Zealand History, including early missionary activity and the conflicts that arose at this time. We visited many places, such as the Treaty grounds, Pā sites, mission stations, and even went sailing on the old school schooner the Tucker-Thompson, which was a highlight for most students. We had a wonderful time exploring the sunny Bay of Islands and putting into perspective what we had learned in the classroom.

~Words by Greta Nemedi & Sophie Bridgman, Y13 History students



INTERNATIONAL

Term 1 has been a super busy, but fun, term for our International students. We have enjoyed orientation, the Auckland Lantern Festival, the Welcome Back Party, Summer Camp and of course the Ball. We also farewell Haruka, Haruto, Hikari, Hiromi, Kosei, Shogo and Yuki who are all heading back to Japan. さようなら、そして幸運を祈ります



YEAR 13 BALL

Whilst the Year 12s milled around with slight apprehension, the Year 13s entered the C3 auditorium with a collective sense of "Here we go again!" confidently shaking hands with Mr Edmeades and the head students. 'Mamma Mia' was the perfect theme for the BC Ball this year. It appealed to everyone and meant that the songs we all know and love pulsed through the DJ's speakers throughout the night. The ball is always one of the biggest highlights for the Year 12s and 13s, and this year's ball did not disappoint. Food and drink flowed from elegantly set up tables, photo booths were flooded with students and upbeat music enlivened even the most reluctant dancers. One thing I love about the ball is seeing everyone all spruced up. The girls wore gorgeous dresses, had exquisite hair and makeup and the boys wore striking suits of black, navy and even pink. Everyone looked amazing, including the teachers. When the Ball finished a few hours later, ball-goers returned home, their voices hoarse from singing the irreplaceable anthems of 'Mamma Mia' but happy from a night well spent. A huge thank you must go to the senior leadership team and particularly Mrs Freeman for her untiring dedication to organising the ball and the many sleepless nights she endured because of it. A big thank you to Luke Tuhairwe and Leanne Raja, the Year 13 leaders who began planning the Ball months beforehand. Also thank you to the Ball Committee, who spent many lunchtimes and after school hours painstakingly painting scenery, planning areas, purchasing decorations, setting up and packing down the Ball. It was an exceptional evening full of colour, music and life!

~Words by Rebekah Simmons, Y13 Student Leader and Ball Committee Member





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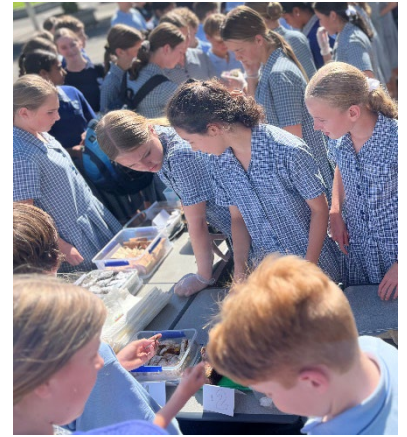
BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR MAXIMUS

Thank you to the teachers, students and families who helped to raise \$1,867.70 for Maximus on Monday! There was a feast of baking including biscuits and brownies, cupcakes and cake pops, rice krispy treats and slices.

Update: Maximus returned to NZ last Friday with improving mobility each day.

A Message from Maximus' parents, Chris, and Lisa Mathews

'How do we even begin to express our gratitude towards you all? We have been wholeheartedly humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity and love that has been poured out towards Maximus and our family. Every kind word has built us up and your giving has not only lightened the financial load tremendously, but has brought a formidable, communal solidarity. For this our hearts are forever grateful.'



MUFTI DAY – DRESS AS YOUR TEACHER



STAFF?



STUDENT?

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



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GENERAL NOTICES

1. ABSENCE REPORTING

NEW! You can now report your student's absence digitally through SchoolBridge (via BC [website](#) 'sign in' or [app](#)).

2. WORSHIP WEEK

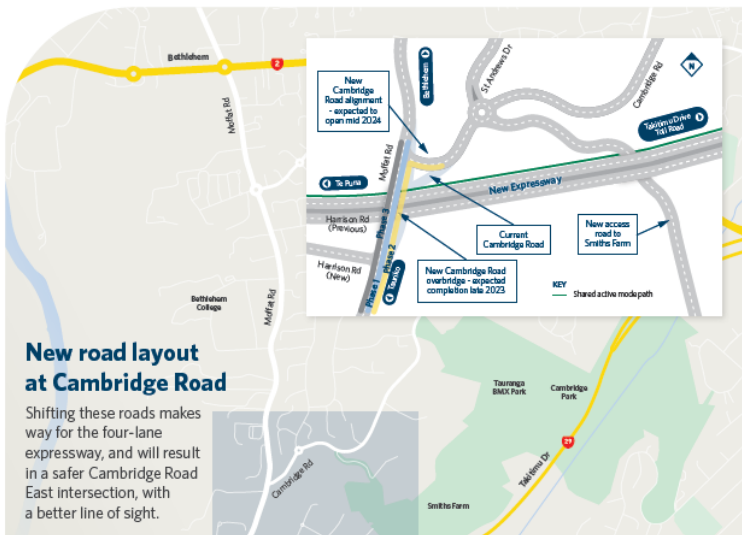
Calling all musicians, singers, dancers, artists, actors and more to sign up for Worship Week taking place at the BC Chapel 17-21 June from 8am-4pm daily. Sign up [here](#) or visit www.beth.school.nz/worship-week to find out more.

3. SLOWER SPEEDS AROUND SCHOOLS

Tauranga City Council is seeking feedback on a plan to reduce speed limits to 30km/h in the city centre, near schools and some marae. To find out more and take a survey, open through Friday 3 May visit <https://letstalk.tauranga.govt.nz/projects/safer-speeds>.

4. CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE OPENS MONDAY 15th

Exciting News! The new 100m bridge at Cambridge Road (between Bethlehem and Tauriko) will be open to traffic beginning Monday 15th April. This means that the expressway is now able to be built underneath it. As the bridge opens, Cambridge Road East (between Moffat and St Andrews Drive) will be closed to continue works. For more information and progress photos click [here](#).



Construction phases

Construction of the new road layout and the overbridge will be completed in three phases. While these works take place there will be slower speed limits in place on Cambridge Road, shoulder closures and when necessary, stop/go traffic management.

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
(Late 2023 to Early 2024) During this phase, we will remove vegetation, relocate services and overhead powerlines, and a temporary diversion road will be constructed south/east of Cambridge Road. Reconstruction of the new alignment of Cambridge Road to meet with the Cambridge Road overbridge will be completed.	(January 2024 - April 2024) During this phase, Moffat Road will be closed outside the Tauranga Adventist School to Cambridge Road East. Reconstruction of the new alignment of Moffat Road to meet with the Cambridge Road overbridge will be completed and the bridge will open for traffic to be diverted along this route.	(Spring 2024 - Mid 2024) During this phase, Cambridge Road East will be closed from the intersection of Cambridge and Moffat roads to the St Andrews Drive roundabout and traffic will be diverted. Reconstruction of the new alignment of Cambridge Road East to meet with the St Andrews Drive roundabout will be completed.

Worship
RUSHING WIND
Week

BC CHAPEL
17-21 June 2024 | 8 am - 4 pm

BRING YOUR VOICE, INSTRUMENTS, TALENTS
SUPPORTING WORLD VISION 40 HOUR CHALLENGE

SIGN UP AT WWW.BETH.SCHOOL.NZ/WORSHIP-WEEK