

Secondary Newsletter

TERM 2 | 2024
ISSUE 1

Tēnā koutou whānau, parents and caregivers,

As we reflect on the past two weeks, we are reminded of the symphony of life. Just as Joshua Bell's poignant performance in the subway went unnoticed, so too can the presence of our Saviour - and His peace – be overlooked in our busy days.

In our school, we witness faith in action through the activities and achievements of our students. From the exhilarating Cross-Country where determination and perseverance were on display, to the enlightening Tertiary Awareness Day where seniors explored God's plans for their futures – each event reflects the guiding hand of Providence.

Our recent Mission trip to Honiara is a testament to the transformative power of service and faith. Through acts of kindness and cultural exchange, our students embodied Christ's love, enriching lives and nurturing spirits.

In and outside of the classroom, the wonders of creation are explored. From the microbial world in Science to the majesty of Mt Ruapehu in Geography we glimpse the beauty of God's handiwork and marvel at His infinite wisdom.

As we journey forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to nurture hearts, minds, and souls in the light of His Word.

With warm regards and in His service,

Christopher Niles
Head of Secondary (2024)



FAITH

Joshua Bell is a Grammy Award winning violinist. He's performed with pretty much every major orchestra in the world on his violin reputedly worth \$14 million. He is famous. One day in 2007 he played his violin in a bustling subway, but nobody stopped to listen. If he had been in a concert hall, people would've noticed. But because he was dressed like a busker, no one stopped. There is a guy I pass on the highway who invites people to stop for a chat. At 7 in the morning, we can't afford to stop, we're in too much of a rush. Perhaps that is why we pay money to go to concerts. So that we can stop and listen. It costs money to stop. That's why God sent us Jesus, so that we might stop rushing and rest. In Jesus we can find peace and Jesus paid the cost for our rest...the cross. If life is too much of a rush, it's time to stop, come to Jesus, and enjoy His rest.

KEY DATES

Paid Union Meeting ½ Day
13 May Y7-13 finish at 12.15pm

Uni Scholarship Workshop
Wed 15 May 1.30 pm (Rm T219)

Market Day
Fri 17 May 1.25 pm

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

Year 11-13 House Debates
20-23 May Lunch

No School
Fri 31 May - Accord Day
Mon 3 Jun - King's Birthday

QUICK LINKS

- [ENROLLED FAMILIES](#)
- [SCHOOLBRIDGE](#)
- [BC CALENDAR](#)
- [STUDENT DAILY NOTICES](#)

CONNECT WITH BC



Congratulations to *Isla Bircham* whose cheer team received Gold at the recent Cheerleading Worlds in Florida, USA.



CROSS-COUNTRY

RESULTS

Well done Secondary students for taking part in the Cross-Country races held at BC on Monday afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many parents cheering from the sidelines and students giving it heaps as they neared the finish line. Congratulations to the following students for their placements within their year groups:

YEAR GROUP	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Year 7 Boys	Noah Eades	Austin Campion	Troy Murdoch
Year 7 Girls	Eva Brewerton	Kate Balmer	Rosa Reid
Year 8 Boys	Flynn Holmes	Samuel Brooking	Levi Timms
Year 8 Girls	Sonja Copeland	Sienna Brewerton	Addy Lichtwark
Junior Boys	Taylor Holmes	Logan Pinkerton	Zac Muir
Junior Girls	Taliah Bayly	Aria Parker	Lillian Dallas
Intermediate Boys	Corban Holmes	Caleb Boyd	Tre O'Sullivan
Intermediate Girls	Eleanor Pugh	Dulcie Copeland	Ingrid Stripling
Senior Boys	Ethan Norrish	Issac Ryan	Shaun Borrows
Senior Girls	Nachalah Smith	Isla Bircham	Mikaela Ketu





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CAREER PATHWAYS

TERTIARY AWARENESS DAY

Wow, what an amazing opportunity our senior students had on Tuesday. Thank you to Anna Exelby and Charlotte Hartley from our Careers Department for putting on such an excellent event. Over 30 providers from Universities, Polytech, Trade and Faith-based organisations spent the day offering classroom presentations and being available at a lunchtime expo for students to research the numerous post-school opportunities available to them. We pray for continued guidance and wisdom for each of our seniors and their families as they contemplate God's plans for their futures. How exciting!



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



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MISSIONS

SOLOMON ISLANDS

A team of 25 students and 4 Leaders undertook a Service and Mission trip to Honiara in the Solomon Islands over the April holiday break. The 10 weeks of preparation enabled us all to serve well and honour God in all our activities. We were primarily serving at Florence Young Christian School doing a mix of maintenance, teaching, teacher professional development, evangelism and cultural interactions – all designed to enlarge our faith, serve and help us grow in all aspects of our being. There were impromptu football games with local village children, children's church with over 300 in attendance, waiata and drama in the Primary school and church, traditional evening meal via a lulunga (hangi), traditional dancing and numerous conversations with students and teachers. These activities coalesced to allow Christ to be magnified and everyone to grow. A huge thank you to the many parents and helpers who supported with driving vehicles, making meals and sponsorship. This was a wonderful chapter in all of our lives.



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DEPARTMENTS

SCIENCE

Throughout Term 1 Year 10 and 11 Science students investigated how micro-organisms can be used to make food and drink items. Students enjoyed making products in the laboratory including sauerkraut, kimchi, yoghurt and apple cider. Some classes were also able to make bread and enjoy eating this afterwards! It was a wonderful time of learning about the importance of small things – ie bacteria, fungi and viruses, and how these can either serve us or work against us. (Also pictured on right are Jr Secondary Science students.



GEOGRAPHY

The Year 12 Geography class recently went on an overnight trip to Mt Ruapehu. We visited 3 different locations collecting data during the day and that night enjoyed a great dinner discussing our data findings with classmates. The next day we woke up to watch the sunrise on the mountain and stopped off in Tūrangi at the thermal pools for a quick swim. Overall, we had a great trip exploring new locations on Mt Ruapehu and seeing our learning in class applied to a real environment. ~Written by India Keam

'Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God' (Psalm 90:2).



ART

The Year 12 and 13 Art and Design students had an exciting trip to Auckland during Week 1 of Term 2. They began the day at Pukekohe High School, who were hosting the Top Level 3 Art folio boards from 2023. The Art Students then went on to tour Elam, School of Fine Arts at the University of Auckland. We finished the day by viewing the Gui Pei exhibition displayed at the Auckland Art Gallery. It was an amazing day filled with creativity and inspiration!



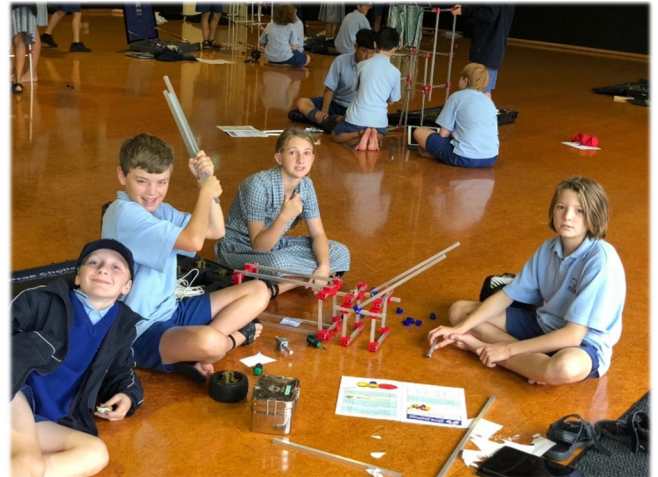
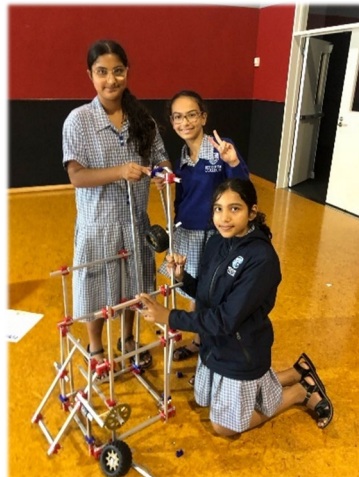
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

What fabulous progress our talented cast and crew have made to date! There was clearly diligent learning of lines, choreography and music over the break. Rehearsals have been progressing well with students embracing their roles and bringing great energy and enthusiasm. Please mark your calendars and keep the week of 5th August free. Stay tuned for further ticket and showtime information.



EPRO 8 COMPETITION

On Thursday, 11th April we held the Year 7 and 8 Epro8 competition at Bethlehem College. This was a fantastic event with 28 students participating in a variety of mathematics, problem-solving and engineering challenges. The top two teams from the competition will now go through to participate against other schools from around the Bay of Plenty Region.



LIBRARY

The library has been a busy place. Classes are coming in for reading times (enjoying the large rug provided by the PTA) and our study tables are in constant use. Student Librarians assist with creativity, including sharing the latest items with patrons such as the National Library coffee table books. Beginning 15th May we will be starting a Circular Book Club on Wednesdays.



Student Librarians Charlie and Seben in front of a display they created.



Junior Secondary classes enjoying the Reading zone.



Zeb reading a National Library book.

INTERNATIONAL

A warm welcome to our Term 2 students from Japan, Korea, Thailand and Chile. Our student from Chile has come to play rugby and is the younger brother of an alumni student who was here 10 years ago!



GENERAL NOTICES

1. SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to parents to please ensure that you are sending your child to school in their correct [uniform](#), footwear, and accessories. With your help we can help focus on learning and instil the value of respect at school and at home.

2. ABSENCE REPORTING

Please report your student's absence digitally through SchoolBridge (via BC [website](#) 'sign in' or [app](#)).

3. 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.

4. TEACHER - PAID UNION MEETING

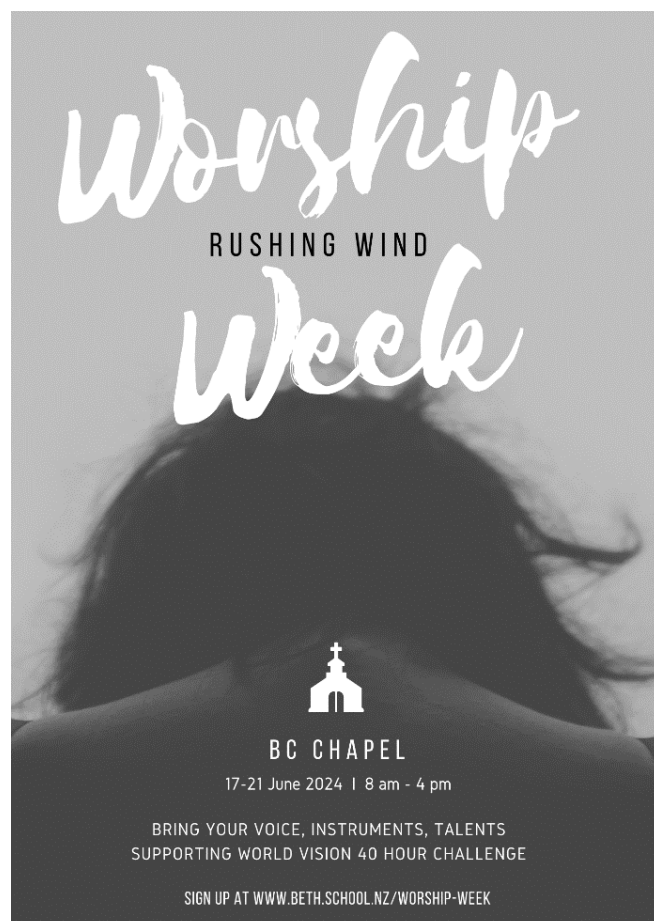
On 13th May there is a Paid Union Meeting for all union member teachers. This will occur during the second half of the school day. School finishes at 12:15pm for all Y7-13 students. We will have afternoon programmes in place for students whose parents have arranged for them to stay until the end of the day. Buses will leave at the end of the school day as usual.

5. THINKING MATTERS CONFERENCE

Sign up for this year's Thinking Matters conference being held at Mount Curate 26 & 27 July titled 'Confusion to Clarity'. Click [here](#) to find out more and sign up.



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THINKING MATTERS CONFERENCE 2024



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