

Secondary Newsletter

TERM 2 | 2024
ISSUE 5

Tēnā koutou whānau, parents, and caregivers,

As we reach the end of Term Two, many of you might be thinking, 'July already'? Time certainly flies when we're engaged in the important work of education. We know that educational success happens when teachers, students, and caregivers are fully committed, and I've seen that commitment shining through this term. There have been wonderful times of affirmations and others with challenges, but when we all work together, I am confident that each student can reach their full potential. Our shared faith and values continue to guide us in this journey.

We close our term with the annual Haka competition. This powerful expression of Māori culture is a fitting culmination to our recent Matariki celebrations. Just as Matariki is a time for reflection and gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father, our Haka competition allows us to collectively celebrate the rich cultural heritage that enriches our nation. Through the haka, our students will demonstrate unity, strength, and respect - values that align beautifully with both our Christian faith and Māori traditions. This event serves as a reminder of the diverse blessings we enjoy in Aotearoa New Zealand and our calling to be stewards of this cultural legacy.

As we close this term, we sadly bid farewell to two valued members of our staff: Mr C Cabrera and Mr N Miller. We wish them all the best on their new journeys and thank them for their dedication to our school community. The greatest asset we have here is our people, and I thank each one for their contribution to making Bethlehem College a place of growth, learning, and faith.

Looking ahead, I encourage students to use the upcoming break as a time for rest, reflection, and renewal. May you find opportunities to apply the lessons learned this term to grow in your faith, and to return refreshed for the challenges and opportunities that await in Term 3. Let us continue to support one another in prayer and in practice, embodying the love and teachings of Christ in all we do. Wishing you a blessed and restful break.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Christopher Niles
Head of Secondary (2024)



FAITH

We usually think of worship as part of religious gatherings. Author David Foster Wallace wrote, "In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping, everyone worships. The only choice is what to worship". Wallace is right, worship is a common practice.

We worship at sporting events when our personal sense of well-being is impacted by the outcome. We worship when we gather to honour a political leader, a musician, or a celebrity. The question for all of us is not whether we worship, but what and whom do we worship?

KEY DATES

School Holidays
6 July – 21 July

Teacher Only Day
Mon 22 July

First Day Term 3
Tue 23 July

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thu 25 July 3.30-7.30 pm
Food truck will be onsite

Subject Selection Opens
Wed 31 Jul

High School Musical Junior
Wed 7, Thu 8 & Fri 9 Aug 6.30 pm
Tickets [here](#)

QUICK LINKS

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Congratulations James Rudd on being awarded Best Guitarist at the Smokefree RockQuest Regional Finals!



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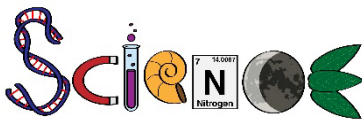
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EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

SCIENCE ROAD SHOW

Junior Secondary enjoyed a visit from the Science Roadshow earlier in the week, along with a visit by MP Sam Uffindell. The Roadshow annually traverses the length of New Zealand in a 15-metre truck and trailer bringing interactive science and technology exhibits directly into communities.

The Science Roadshow's mission is to bolster science education in New Zealand schools through science outreach supported by [Science Alive](#) and the [Ministry of Education](#).



'Everything is theoretically impossible until it is done'. ~Robert A Heinlein



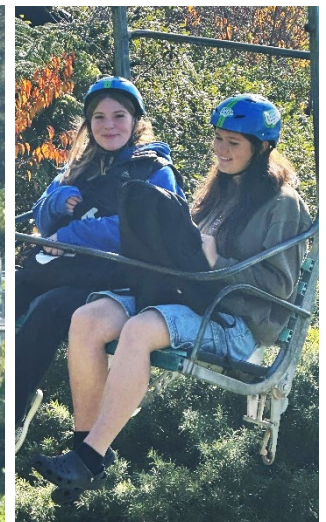
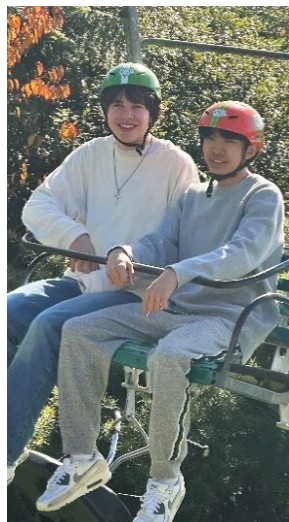
20 HOURS OF SPORT



ECONOMICS TRIP

Students taking Y11 Economics travelled to Rotorua to study how Skyline Rotorua makes decisions around land use, people management and their attractions...and, of course, to ride the Luge! An executive from Skyline's leadership team outlined how the business sees itself and how it relates to both the local and national economy.

Afterwards we rode the Luge! Mr Addinall was challenged to a race and had to pay for ice cream as a forfeit.





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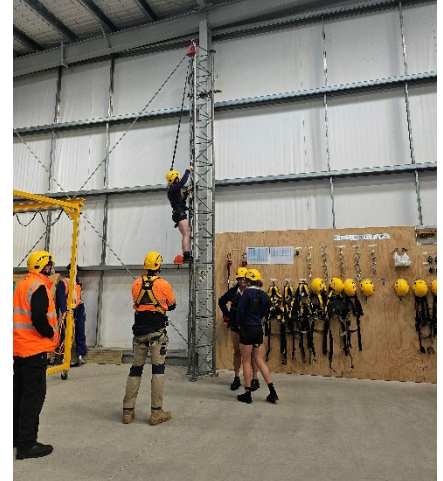
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CAREER PATHWAYS

WOMEN IN TRADES

A group of Year 10-13 students were excited to attend a Wāhine in Trades event held at Vertical Horizons. The event was dedicated to promoting women in the trades and was packed full of hands-on experiences for the students.

They had the chance to operate diggers, scissor lifts and cranes. They also climbed rigging using a safety harness and attended sessions on wellbeing in the workplace. What a fantastic opportunity for our girls to connect with trade employers and explore the range of options for the career paths ahead.



CULTURAL

WINTER WARM-UP CONCERT

Our annual 'Winter Warm-Up' concert was held last week. The audience was treated to a wonderful evening that showcased our main ensembles and RockQuest bands. It was a real highlight to see so many students on stage, doing what they enjoy and love, and sharing their hard work and talents with family and friends. Along with the great music, we were treated to some delicious dessert at intermission, provided by the Year 12 and 13 Nutrition and Health students. A big thank you to those who came to support us, and to all the Music and Itinerant teachers who pour so much time and energy into our Co-Curricular program.



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INTERNATIONAL

SPEECH NIGHT & AWARDS

Last month 16 International students competed in the annual International Speech Night. Topics included 'The Art of Laziness', 'Doping in Sport', 'What can we do for the Earth', 'Is Fast Fashion Wasting Resources' and more. All the finalists spoke beautifully, especially given English is their second language. Kaho Takahashi, who only arrived this term, won the 11ENGA section for her speech on 'The importance of Reading'. Honoka Michiue took out the top spot for the 12ENGA section with her topic on 'Academic Success and Happiness'. Well done everyone on such an informative and entertaining evening. Thank you to our judges Mr Chris Niles and Mrs Alison Hassett for kindly giving up their evening for our students. And thank you to all the parents, host parents, caregivers and fellow classmates who came out to support our finalists.



Well done to Temo Jariyanupattanakul, our Year 13 Thai student pictured above centre, who was awarded the 'Student of Excellence' for her servant heart. She helps out in our school in so many ways – the Ball Committee, sound for assemblies, backstage for the Winter Warm-Up concert and regularly in the International office.

UNIFORMS

UNIFORM UPDATES (2 yr phase in/out)

- **Shoes:** Summer (Black leather or leather look sandals with a front and heel strap OR winter shoes) & Winter (Black leather or leather-look polishable, lace up shoes [no sports, boots/fashion or canvas shoes] accompanied with BC uniform sock)
- **Primary:** Boys (Long sleeve polo shirt for Years 3-6 for winter to replace the tucked in shirt) & Girls (Option in winter and summer to have existing dress OR skort/polo shirt combo. Long sleeve polo with winter pinafore, replacing winter blouse)
- **Junior Secondary:** Hat (Choice of BC cap or wide brimmed hat) & Girls (Knee length summer skirt and polo shirt for summer to replace the summer tunic. Option for girls to wear trousers year-round.)
- **Senior Secondary:** Boys (Optional Pasifika lavalava/sulu with sandals year-round. Trousers change to clerical grey.) & Girls (Optional trousers year-round. New open neck winter blouse to replace current winter blouse with bow.)

DISCONTINUED ITEMS

The uniform shop is preparing to offload excess stock being discontinued in 2025 and phasing in new uniform items. **2nd Hand Items:** The following are no longer accepted, including Senior Girls winter blouse with bowtie/summer blouse, Senior Boys winter trousers, Junior Secondary Girls tunic dress, Primary Boys winter shirts size 4/6/8. We will still accept Primary Girls blouses in size 4/6/8 for donation to BC Chapman. Discounts on Discontinued Stock: Senior Girls summer blouse \$33/winter blouse with bowtie \$40, Senior Boys trousers \$55, Junior Secondary tunic \$85, Primary/Junior Secondary Boys winter shirt size 4/6/8 \$40.



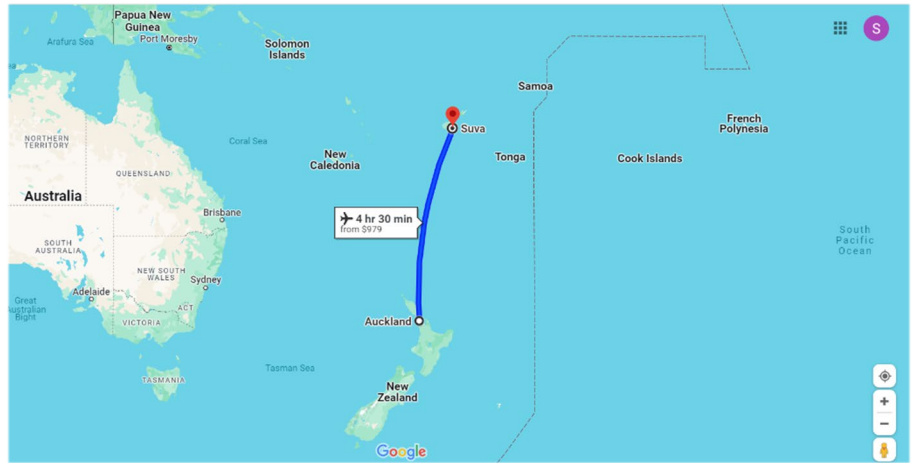
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SERVICE

SUVA STUDENT MISSION TRIP

Today we send out a team of 23 students, led by 4 staff, to Suva, Fiji on a 2-week mission trip over the July school holidays. These Year 11-13 students have been meeting and prepping weekly for their time overseas where they will work on maintenance projects with International Needs and a local Methodist community, be involved in classroom presentations at an AOG school, lead church services and a youth night, and participate in community sport. This will be a great opportunity for character growth and service, and we can't wait to see pics and hear all about it!



MATARIKI WEEK

A number of activities took place during intervals and lunchtimes celebrating Matariki. Students and staff wrote names on 'stars' and posted them on the Matariki honour board. These were to honour and remember loved ones who have passed, and to acknowledge people in our lives who have significantly influenced and impacted us in a positive way. K-Group quizzes, rakau competitions and a pukana competition also continued through the week. The events were coordinated by Mikaela Ketu, our Powhakarae Student Leader. 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness' (Lam 3:22-23). It is a great time to remember, reflect and acknowledge the faithfulness of our God.



FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT

On Wednesday 19th June, we had a visit from students attending Mount Richmond Special School in Auckland. This sports exchange has been in play for around ten years across sporting codes. On this visit, the lads had a fun game of basketball with our Junior B Boys team, followed by pizza. We thank the Mount Richmond students, teachers and families for coming to visit and enjoying a great night of sport together. We look forward to our next visit and wish you all the best for the season!



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SCHOOLBRIDGE

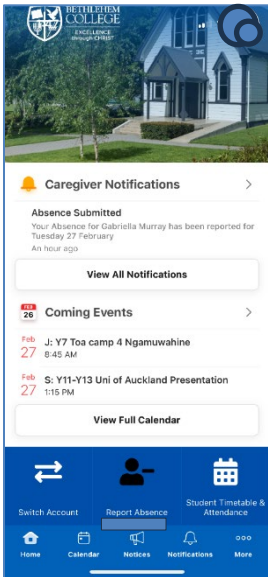
REPORTING ABSENCES

Thank you to the many who are using SchoolBridge to report absences. Phone-in absences have decreased by an estimated 80%, which frees up valuable time for our office staff to attend to the administration of the school and needs of the students. You can access SchoolBridge through the BC website by clicking 'Sign In' in the top right corner or by downloading the SchoolBridge app to your device.

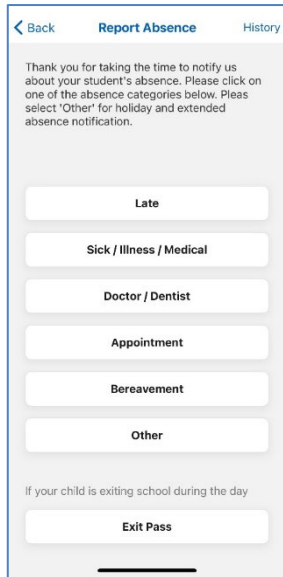


Through SchoolBridge you can note if your student will be late, sick, appointment, bereavement and other (for holidays/extended leave). It is quick and easy and is uploaded to the roll for teachers so that they are notified as well, so no extra emails.

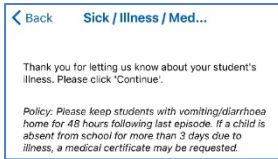
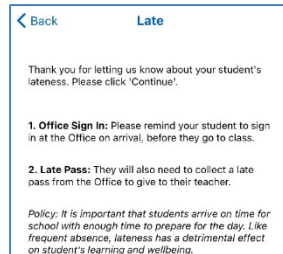
We are continuing to add new items, so watch this space.



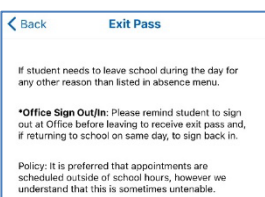
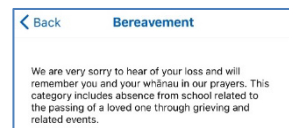
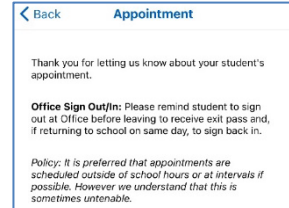
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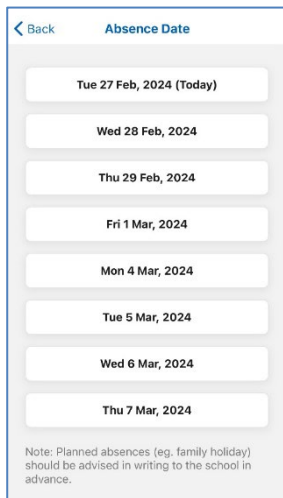
Report Absence (P1)



Absence Type (P2)



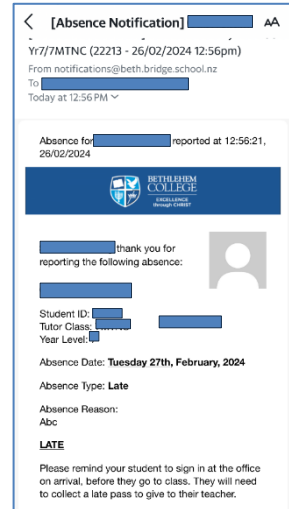
Absence Type (P2 cont.)



Absence Date (P3)



Absence Reason (P4)



Confirmation Receipt/Email

GENERAL NOTICES

1. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JUNIOR TICKETS

3x Performances in Week 3 of Term 3. Book your tickets for Wed 7th, Thu 8th & Fri 9th August at 6.30 pm [here!](#)

2. UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS

The uniform shop will be **CLOSED** Monday 8th -Wednesday 17th July and **OPEN** Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July and staff only day on Monday 22nd. To view uniform updates and order online click [here](#).

3. NAMING UNIFORMS/LOST PROPERTY

Can you please check all of your students' school clothing over the holidays and make sure that first and last names are written on each item of clothing and can easily be read? Students are welcome to look in their respective class/school lost property bins.

4. WINTER SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS

Team photos will be taken at BC with players/coaches/managers on Wed 24th & Thu 25th July. See schedule in Notices [here](#).

5. APPLY NOW FOR ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

The Christian Education Trust has an opening for an [Assistant Account](#).

6. WHĀNAU EVENINGS 2024

As an extension of our commitment to supporting and empowering families, the Learning Support and Counselling Departments are offering a series of workshops [here](#). Any questions, please contact BC's Head of Learning Support Danie Leonard daniel.leonard@beth.school.nz. Find out more about BC's [Learning Support](#) and [Wellbeing](#).

7. PHYSIOTHERAPY AT SCHOOL

Anna Muir from Back in Action Physiotherapy is at BC each Wednesday during term available to all BC students and staff. Anna won the National Award for Excellence in Pediatric Physiotherapy. Bookings through admin@biaphysio.com or 07 213 0094.

8. 40KM/HR SPEED LIMITS

Speed limits outside some Tauranga schools to drop to 40km/hr at drop-off/pick-up times over the next few months. More info [here](#).

9. ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses school, they miss out on learning and friendships, which can cause increased anxiety for them. If your child is sick, please keep them at home; however can you please consider their school wellbeing when scheduling activities, appointments or family holidays during the school term. [MOE Guidelines](#)

10. DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Evening courses at BC Library. For more info go to FB: [Drive Safe Driving School](#) or call Sue on 0212153548.



WAIMARINO EDUCATION TRUST
WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
MONDAY 8TH – FRIDAY 19TH JULY
8AM TO 6PM

JUNIORS: 5–9 YEARS SENIORS: 10–13 YEARS

BOOK NOW! SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Our holiday programme provides ample entertainment for children during the school holidays. We have a mixture of onsite activities here at the Waimarino Adventure Park, and off site activities making the most of the attractions in our region.

BOOK ONLINE: WAIMARINOTRUST.CO.NZ 07 576 4233

BUS SERVICE **DAILY FEE** **OUR ACTIVITIES**



JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY JULY 8TH 8:30am - 10:00am How one camera film can take you on an incredible journey	TUESDAY JULY 9TH 8:30am - 10:00am Experience the thrill of a hot air balloon launch and a hot air balloon launch	WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH 8:30am - 10:00am Adventure on the water with a life raft and a life raft	THURSDAY JULY 11TH 8:30am - 10:00am Discover the magic of a hot air balloon launch	FRIDAY JULY 12TH 8:30am - 10:00am Experience the thrill of a hot air balloon launch
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SENIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY JULY 8TH 8:30am - 10:00am Experience the thrill of a hot air balloon launch	TUESDAY JULY 9TH 8:30am - 10:00am Discover the magic of a hot air balloon launch	WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH 8:30am - 10:00am Adventure on the water with a life raft and a life raft	THURSDAY JULY 11TH 8:30am - 10:00am Discover the magic of a hot air balloon launch	FRIDAY JULY 12TH 8:30am - 10:00am Experience the thrill of a hot air balloon launch
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OSCAR@WAIMARINOTRUST.CO.NZ 07 576 4233 BOOK ONLINE: WAIMARINOTRUST.CO.NZ

BUS TINETABLE: \$8 EACH WAY
8:00am - 8:30am Pick up from school bus stop
8:30am - 8:45am Drop off at school bus stop
8:45am - 9:00am Drop off at school bus stop

DAILY SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2
Available for purchase when booking OR bring your own

DAILY FEE
ON SITE ACTIVITIES \$10
OFF SITE ACTIVITIES \$15
Some off site activities may have an additional charge see itinerary for info.

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TAURANGA YOUTH CHAMBER ENSEMBLE MEETS BAROQUE

Experience Musical Magic
A Treat for Baroque Lovers

OPTION OF TWO PERFORMANCES
BAYCOURT X-SPACE

SATURDAY 20 JULY 2024

- 2.30pm to 3.30pm
and
- 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Tickets:
Eventfinda and at the box office at Baycourt

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BC EXHIBITION

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exhibition will run
week 10 term 3 - week 1 term 4
submit entries by
23.08.2024
week 5 term 3



TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MOUNT MAUNGANUI TENNIS CLUB

Our holiday programmes are operated by fully qualified and experienced coaches. Kids can expect lots of Tennis Hot Shots, Match Play, Games, Prizes & Fun.

8.30am - 12.30pm
Daily Rate - \$45
3 day special
(in the same week) - \$115
Full week - \$180

8th-12th July - Week 1
15th-18th July - Week 2

Suitable for kids ages 5-15 years old

For further information please contact
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patenniscoaching@gmail.com

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WE'VE GOT IT ALL!

For more information and to register, please go to our website: tghockey.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JULY

HOCKEY TAURANGA

HOLIDAY & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Year 1 - 6

- Tue 9 July 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Wed 10 July 1.00pm - 4.00pm
- Mon 15 July 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Tue 16 July 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Year 7 - 8

- Tue 9 July 1.00pm - 4.00pm
- Wed 10 July 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Mon 15 July 1.00pm - 4.00pm
- Tue 16 July 9.00am - 12.00pm

Year 9 - 10

- Thu 11 July 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Wed 17 July 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Year 9 - 8
- Thu 18 July 9.00am - 3.00pm

HOCKEY'S FESTIVAL

per session: multi session discounts

IT'S ALL GO!

WHA! JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS

WEEK 1
MON 8 - WED 10 JULY
7-13 YEARS OLD
AQUINAS COLLEGE
9AM - 3PM
FROM \$60

WEEK 2
MON 15 - WED 17 JULY
7-13 YEARS OLD
AQUINAS COLLEGE
9AM - 3PM
FROM \$60