

Secondary Newsletter

TERM 3 | 2024
ISSUE 4

Tēnā koutou whānau, parents, and caregivers,

As we embrace the warmer weather and signs of spring, it reminds us of the growth and renewal happening around us and in our own journeys. Our Year 11, 12, and 13 students are navigating their school exams, which offers valuable insights into their progress and next steps. Despite the occasional challenges with digital exams, both students and staff have demonstrated resilience, showing their ability to adapt and thrive in these changing times.

Our students continue to excel both academically and in extracurricular activities. A special congratulations to our mathematics students, with 17 advancing to Part 2 of the Otago University Junior Maths Competition, and many receiving distinctions. In sports, our teams performed admirably in the AIMS Games and Senior Winter Tournament, with highlights including Ruby Shim's gold in Artistic Gymnastics, and strong performances across football, hockey, and basketball.

As we move through this season of growth, we are reminded of Proverbs 16:3, 'Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans'. It is this foundation of faith that strengthens our students as they journey through both challenges and achievements. Thank you for your ongoing support as we celebrate these milestones together.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Christopher Niles
Head of Secondary (2024)



FAITH

The Vasa is a 64-gun Swedish ship docked in a museum in Stockholm. The Vasa was rushed into service by an impatient monarch, but sank 20 minutes into its maiden voyage because there was more weight in the guns above the water line than there was ballast below the water line. It simply toppled over, filled with water and sank. The Vasa is almost perfectly preserved after sitting in mud on the bottom of the ocean for 400 years.

This is a sobering reminder that the part of us below the water line is all about our character. Without healthy character, we may be like a ship without ballast, destined to sink in certain circumstances. The Christian learning community of Bethlehem College prizes academic achievement, but even more important is the development of character that reflects the attributes of Jesus. The depth of our character is vital in our journey.

KEY DATES

Practice Exams Y11-13
12-20 Sep

Art Exhibition Launch
25 Sep at 5.30pm, Historic Village

House Sing
27 Sep

School Holidays
28 Sep to 14 Oct

Maximus Fundraiser
13 Oct at 3pm, The Venue

1st Day Term 4
15 Oct

Grandparents' Morning Tea
24 Oct at 9.30-11.30am

QUICK LINKS

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Well done Secondary for raising over \$1,200 for YWAM Ships Ministry through Mufti Day!
Photo: The warriors in the IT Department.



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JUNIOR SECONDARY

AIMS GAMES

We had 157 Year 7 & 8 students registered to compete in 20 different sporting codes at the 2024 AIMS Games. This included 9 teams in 7 sports (Basketball Boys, Football Boys & Girls, Futsal Boys, Hip Hop, Hockey Boys & Girls, Netball & Rip Rugby Mixed). BC's top performing teams were Football Boys, Netball Girls and the Hockey Girls who all placed in the top 50% of AIMS. The Football Boys also won their Plate Final for 17th which is fantastic! In addition there were 13 students participating in individual sports (Badminton, Canoe Racing, Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Mountain Biking, Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Surfing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis & Yachting) with Gold in Artistic Gymnastics by Ruby Shim, 2x Silvers in Simming by Addy Lichtward, and Bronze in Canoe by Kees Miller and Swimming by Addy Lichtward. Thank you to all Coaches, Managers, Supporters, Staff and Students! It was awesome to see everyone involved over the course of the week.



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SENIOR WINTER TOURNAMENT

FOOTBALL GIRLS

Winter Tournament Week! The highlight of every season and the true test of all the work you have put in over the year. Tournament is such a cool opportunity to go away with your team, grow friendships, have amazing discussions and play the sport you love. This year my football team went to Dunedin to play for the Lotto Sportswear Tournament and we all loved it so much. My favourite part was probably getting to watch the final in the Forsyth Barr Stadium after a long week of playing and getting to walk onto the pitch to receive our bronze medals. It was an amazing experience for us as a team and definitely one of the highlights of the year.

~Written by Y13 Head Girl Kristin Rippey



HOCKEY BOYS

The Boys' 1st XI Hockey played in the Rankin Cup / India Shield which took place here in Tauranga. This is the top division for the country, and we were promoted, first time in 10 years, after winning Mayhill Cup (div.3) last year. As expected, competition was tough with the team playing 7 matches across 5 days. Crucial wins against Fielding and Shirley meant our boys did well finishing 23rd and securing a place in the competition next year. A notable achievement was our team scoring the 8th highest number of goals across the teams. Our devotions for the week focused on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, 'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love'. This was evident through the attitude, effort and conduct of the boys. Thank you to coach Fraser Pugh, the parents and supporters who cheered the boys along, and who continue to encourage the development of strong and courageous young men.



BASKETBALL

Senior A boys basketball played at the AA Zone 2 Premiership Basketball Tournament in Rotorua. Zone 2 included teams from BOP, Waikato and Gisborne, with the 5 top teams qualifying for the NZSSS tournament in October. In 2023 our boys were the overall champions at the Central Cup regional tournament in Taranaki; the AA Zone 2 Premiership is at the top level of Secondary Boys Basketball. The team had a tough first two days, finishing 5th in pool play, which included a draw in one of the games at full-time, only to go down in extra time. They won all their games following pool play and finished 17th overall. Managing several significant injuries, the team went into each game with courage and determination and were great representatives for BC. Thanks to Coach Ben Moimoi, Manager Jo McCardle, and Referee Damien McCardle.



FOOTBALL BOYS

The Football 1st XI Boys team competed in the Malcolm Cowie Tournament in Whāngarei, playing 7 matches across 5 days. After some tough matches against top Auckland teams in pool play, the boys managed a 7-1 win against Papakura. After leading 2-0 against John Paul College, the clock finished with a 2-2 draw and went to a thrilling penalty shootout which we won 5-3. Every game started with prayer and thankfulness for the opportunity to represent Bethlehem College. Student-led devotions were shared every day on tournament across varying topics with common themes of trust, perseverance and identity in Christ. The Football Boys finished their tournament 26th overall and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of versing strong teams – a true testament of character.



NETBALL GIRLS



The Prem netball Girls finished the season with outstanding results at the UNISS tournament. The girls played with passion, enthusiasm and a desire to win. They only just missed out on making the semis for the C division and going up to B div. They were united as a team and the team challenges brought them together throughout the week.

EQUESTRIAN



Perry Graham placed 6th in Show Jumping, 12th in Dressage and 9th in Show Hunter out of at least 50 competitors in each class.

*Congratulations to **Alexia Le Roux**, who made the reserve for the Magic Netball Team Development Camp and to **Maeve Pacey**, who was selected for the Tournament Team at Upper North Island Secondary Schools C Division!*



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EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)

INTERNATIONAL SKI TRIP

I got a chance to see snow again for the second time. I really enjoyed throwing snowballs and rolling in the snow with my friends. The funny thing was that some of the tracks were only for advanced skiers, so we had to take the chairlift back down again. My highlight was at the hot pools on the last day; it was really relaxing after snowboarding. Cultural exchange was my best memory. When we played card games together, I learnt new things from my Japanese friend. I got to know other students, learn some words in other languages, form relationships and make wonderful memories. I was most proud of the opportunity to make a highlights video for the [International](#) Department's social media. -Written by Y13 2024 Temo



OTAGO UNI JR MATHS COMPETITION

76 students from Year 9 to 11 competed in the Otago University Junior Mathematics Competition this year. The competition is sat in two parts. For Part 1, 17 BC students placed in the top 15% and advanced to Part 2. 27 students received **Merit** for the competition and the following 13 students gained **Distinction** overall for the competition:

- Nathaniel Evans
- Alice Han
- Luke Houghton
- Yunseo Jang
- Eknor Kaur
- Malachi Kenyon-Slade
- Brendon Lee
- Alan Li
- Keohu Park
- Enoch Tie
- William Wang
- Olivia Xu
- Marcus Yang

LAW STUDENT FOR A DAY – UNI OF WAIKATO

The Careers Department took a group of students to the University of Waikato Tauranga to be a part of 'Law Student For A Day'. They heard from, and interacted with, a range of engaging lecturers from the Law Faculty and enjoyed a campus tour and kōrero with Joseph Macfarlane – Director of the Tauranga Campus. Joseph explained the story and meaning behind the architecture, cultural installations and commitment to working with local hapu.



DANCE

At the recent World of Dance, Astra came 2nd in the Studio heats division which qualified them to compete in the junior division. They then came 12th in the junior finals (BC kid in this team: Amelia Tapsell). Proteam came 13th in the junior finals. Proteam were then given the wild card into the overall finals (all categories together including adults) and got 18th. (BC kids in this team: Lexie Sullivan, Taylin Chandler).

At Hip Hop International, Proteam came 5th in the world finals for the JV Mega Division (BC kids in this team: Kate Balmer, Lexie Sullivan, Taylin Chandler). Outkast came 4th in the world finals for the Varsity division (BC kid in this team: Taylin Chandler). Proteam & Outkast were the only NZ teams in the finals and so close to getting on the podium.



GATEWAY WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you to the many businesses who provide invaluable work experience for our Gateways students. Each business takes on a student interested in their profession for typically 5-10 days over a term. On placement, the students job-shadow and work on tasks that provide them with practical experience in the industry. We are so grateful for their support and could not run such an excellent programme here at BC without them! For more information or to become a Gateway provider please email careers@beth.school.nz.





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SERVICE

Y9 FIJI MISSION

The Year 9 Service and Mission Team arrived back from Fiji on Sunday evening. They were terrific ambassadors of their whānau/families, Bethlehem College and of our heavenly Father. There were many God appointments and everyone used the opportunities to share the Word of God and their sense of belonging in Christ.

The village community of Colo I Suva, the Bethel Church community, and the International Needs staff were wonderful hosts. We connected and served together on various projects and programmes, all together, with the local communities. **Tatau/tatau together.** We had the privilege of learning how to print Sulus, lay a concrete foundation, share in Fijian village culture, contribute to a Youth church service and listen to powerful devotions and testimonies.



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MUSIC

ITM MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Waikato/BOP ITM Music Festival is an annual event for our Music Department, which is held at the Gallagher Performing Arts Centre at Waikato University in August. We took 70 students from our five main instrumental ensembles: Orchestra, String Orchestra, Concert Band, and Big Bands 1 & 2, with all groups coming away with a Silver medal. We were inspired by some of the other schools we saw performing and are very proud of how all our groups performed, representing BC well on and off the stage.



NZ SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

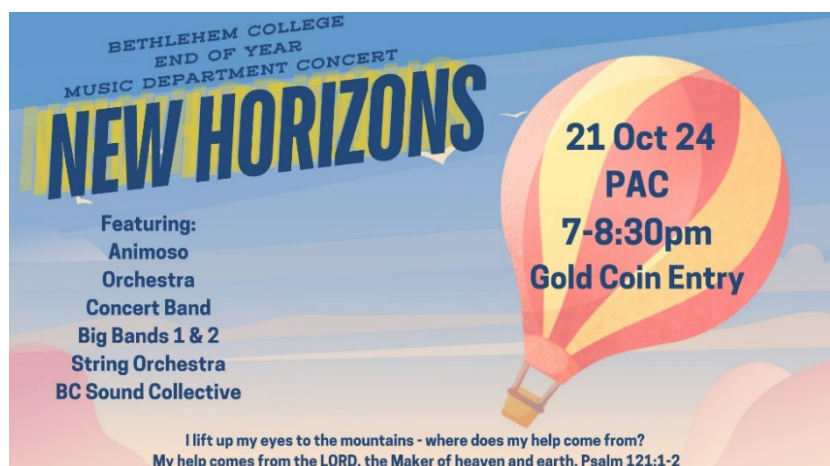
Congratulations to those students who recently competed at the Institute of Registered Music Teachers NZ Senior Scholarship Competition. Chloe Slater, who won the senior scholarship recently for her exceptional piano performance, winning a cash prize and the Esmer Richard Memorial Trophy. Congratulations also to Sarah Taylor who came 2nd place, and Ruby Xia who won 3rd place. For the Junior Scholarship, Xun-E Fong won 1st place and Marcus Yang won 2nd place. This is a wonderful achievement for these students!



TAURANGA JAZZ CONCERT

Well done to Big Band 1 for their excellent performance on Sunday at Tauranga Boys College. This concert featured several local secondary schools and was a great event to enjoy some jazz and celebrate the hard work being done across schools in the area.

SAVE THE DATE! MON 21 OCT



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END OF YEAR
MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT

NEW HORIZONS

Featuring:
Animoso
Orchestra
Concert Band
Big Bands 1 & 2
String Orchestra
BC Sound Collective

21 Oct 24
PAC
7-8:30pm
Gold Coin Entry

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

GENERAL NOTICES

1. TERM 4 SUMMER UNIFORMS

Summer uniforms are back beginning on the first day of Term 4. Please refer to the uniform page on the BC website [here](#) to review the summer uniform guidelines. The Uniform Shop will be open over the upcoming school holidays Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri by appointment (closed on Tuesdays).

2. BC BUSINESS DIRECTORY & NETWORKING

We are putting together a page of businesses within the BC community to be listed on the BC SchoolBridge app, as well as organising quarterly networking opportunities for those interested. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please submit your details [here](#).

3. GRANDPARENTS' MORNING TEA

Bethlehem College would like to cordially invite our grandparents (and honorary grandparents) to join us on Thursday 24th October from 9.30-11.30 am to celebrate and honour your treasured role in the life of our students at BC. Sign up [here](#)!

4. AROTAHI YEARBOOK

One free yearbook will be given either to the departing senior of each family at the Leaver's Dinner or to the oldest child at the end of the year (whichever applies). A pdf version of the yearbook will also be available for free. For those wishing to order additional copies, these can be purchased for \$20 through filling out the form [here](#) by Wednesday **30th October**.

Advertising: If you would like to support BC's yearbook through advertising (based on full colour, A4 sizing), please email shawna.murray@beth.school.nz to reserve your space for a business listing (1 line of text 150 characters) \$100, ¼ Page \$300, ½ Page \$500, Full Page \$800, Inside Back Cover (Sold)..

5. INACHORD SINGERS

Inachord singers are having a concert to support BC Missions in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The focus is directed towards medical supplies for their First Aid clinic. Set aside Saturday 14th September from 3pm. The venue is the Bethlehem Community Church and will also feature Steve Te Whaiti and others sharing about their recent trip.

6. GOODS/SERVICES DONATIONS FOR AUCTION

Do you have any goods or services that you would like to donate to be auctioned off at the Fundraiser for Maximus? If so, please contact wayne.lambert@beth.school.nz by Friday 4 October to be included in this worthy cause.

7. WHĀNAU EVENINGS

[Register](#) for Neurodiversity & [Register](#) for Seasons of Grief

For more information contact Learning Support Director [Danie Leonard](#).

8. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's the best time of year - Christmas shoebox season! At BC, we partner with Operation Christmas Child to pack shoeboxes filled with quality toys, school supplies and personal care items. The best part is, these shoeboxes demonstrate God's immense love for each child, as shoeboxes are delivered with opportunities to hear about the Gospel!

*Boxes can be picked up from the **Primary Office** and need to be returned by Week 2 Term 4 to be sent!*



You're Invited

Join other BC parents at one of the upcoming evening sessions held at Bethlehem College.

NEURODIVERSITY

Facilitated by Educational Psychologist Nadia du Plessis these sessions will focus on ASD, ADHD and Anxiety and will be held from 5.30-6.30 pm in the BC Staffroom. [Register](#)

30 Oct ADHD: Super Powers (about, boys v girls, the brain)
06 Nov ADHD: Functioning & Regulation
13 Nov ADHD: The Good Stuff (staying positive, motivation)

EXPLORING SEASONS OF GRIEF

Facilitated by Growing Through Grief Coordinator Tracey Maris these small group sessions will provide a supportive space for adults to reflect on loss and enhance their overall wellbeing and will be held from 5.00-7.30 pm in the small BC Staffroom. [Register](#)

07 Nov Session 1
14 Nov Session 2
21 Nov Session 3
28 Nov Session 4

Find out more about BC's [Learning Support](#) and [Wellbeing](#)



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Fundraiser for Maximus
 Date: Sunday 13th October
 3pm - 7:30pm
 Location: The Venue, 11 Totara St, Mount Maunganui

Ticketing Options:
 Adults \$25
 Children \$15
 Family of Four \$60

Silent Auction
 Live Bands:

- No Reply
- Over Sharin'
- Bridget Morgan
- Guest bands / mates of Max

Good food via the 'Good George' Truck

Ticketing via: totarastreet.co.nz
 (max.250 tickets)

(All proceeds to the Matthews Family to assist in the fight against Cancer)

PEOPLE'S GALLERY
 TOI KA KERE

turanga waewae

Bethlehem College
 senior exhibition

26th Sep - 19th Oct

turanga waewae

YEAR 11 LEVEL 2 LEVEL 3
 PAINTING DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY

Launch - 25th September 5.30pm

The Peoples Gallery at the Historic Village
 159 17th Avenue, Tauranga South, Tauranga 3112

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Conversations With Mum

Saturday 14 September
 3pm

The Inachord Singers
 with guest artists Michael van Lieshout and Jackie McCaughan

Bethlehem Community Church
 183 Moffat Rd, Tauranga

\$15

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to Florence Young School in the Solomon Islands. Supported by the Service and Missions Teams of Bethlehem College.

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

30th September-4th October - Week 1
 7th-11th October - Week 2

Suitable for kids ages 5-15 years old

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SATURDAY MORNING
 JUNIOR CRICKET
 STARTING TERM 4

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN 2024/25

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