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Secondary Newsletter

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ISSUE 1

Tēnā koutou whānau, parents, and caregivers,

1 Corinthians 16:14 tells us, '**Do everything in love**'. This simple yet profound directive should guide us in all our endeavours. Whether you're facing the stress of exams or the excitement of new beginnings, let love be at the core of your actions. Love for your studies, love for your peers, and love for the journey ahead.

As an example of encouragement, I want to highlight the incredible demonstrations of skilful art, music, drama, and dance that we witnessed at the cultural prizegiving last night. It was truly inspiring to see such talent and dedication. I also want to celebrate a few notable events:

- The election of #FuturePrimeMinister Jaiden Murray as student rep to the Board.
- Leanne and Luke for outstanding Y13 leadership and a successful quiz night.
- Market Day students who showcased their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.
- The Year 13 student leaders for their service and commitment to our school. Your hard work and dedication have made a significant impact, and we are truly grateful.
- Special thanks to our Head students Archie, Kristin, Adam, and Isabel for their commitment and inspiration to future leaders.
- A tremendous thank you to Vahid for his invaluable behind-the-scenes service.

As you prepare for exams, support each other. Encourage those who are struggling, celebrate the successes, and approach each challenge with a heart full of love. Remember, the relationships and memories you build here will last far beyond your time at this school. To our leavers, as you walk the way to new adventures, carry these lessons with you. Sow good seeds and do everything in love.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Christopher Niles
Head of Secondary



FAITH

One day Jesus and his disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee in a fishing boat. A storm comes up and the disciples are afraid for their lives. Jesus is asleep in the boat. Filled with the fear of drowning, they shake Jesus awake. It's a brief but intriguing story found in Luke 8: 22-25 and painted evocatively by Rembrandt.

Two things stand out as we ponder this story. Jesus doesn't forecast the weather, here Jesus controls the weather. In fact, he bosses the weather around. That would be a good reason for the disciples to question who they understood Jesus to be. But there is another reason. After Jesus calms the storm, they are now more afraid of Jesus than they were of the storm. In response the disciples ask, "Who is this?" It's a good and probing question, one we all need to grapple with.

KEY DATES

Labour Day – NO SCHOOL
28 Oct

Europe 2026 Info Evening
29 Oct at 6pm (BC Staffroom)

LEAVERS ASSEMBLY/WALK
30 Oct 1.40 – 3 pm

ADHD: Super Powers
30 Oct 5.30 pm (PAC Hall)

Y12/13 Prizegiving
31 Oct 6.30 – 9 pm (Events Centre)

Paid Union Meeting – ½ DAY
1 Nov school finishes 12.15 pm

NCEA Exams
4-29 Nov

QUICK LINKS

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CONNECT WITH BC



Mrs Russell's craft club with their newly finished teddy bears. Well done girls!



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SPORTS



BC's Touch Rugby team at Nga Wai Rau Secondary School Tournament Invitational on Sunday coached by Zane Welsh, current New Zealand Touch player.



The Junior A Boys competing in their weekly league match. League games have started and are run weekly for all our volleyball teams.



BC students at U16s Northern Region Hockey Tournament.



Marion Bruce's send off at the end of her final match playing football for 13 years at BC, Year 0 through to Year 13! The 2nd XI Girls made a guard of honour for Marion, to congratulate her and recognise her servant-hearted commitment to BC Girls' Football over her 13 years at BC. The 2nd XI Girls won their final match of the Season, 3-1 against Tauranga Girls College. The 2nd XI Girls have had a wonderful season; big thanks to Coach, Wayne Lambert, and Team Manager, Angela Rogers.



MOTOCROSS

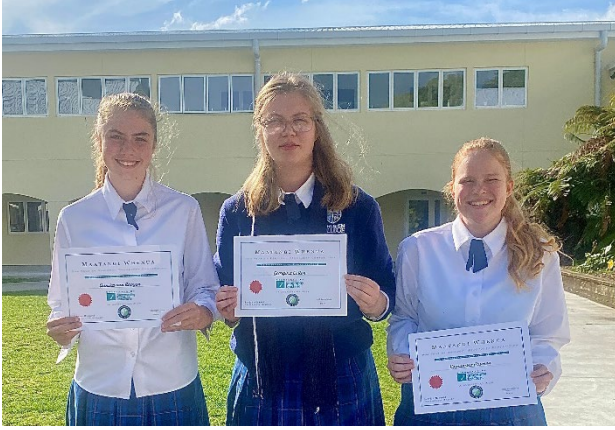
Congratulations Jake Riley who competed in the 2024 Rotorua Schools Motocross Challenge representing Bethlehem College. Using his sister's CRF150R (#283) and his KTM125XC (#23), he came 1st and 2nd in class.



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EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)



The Year 11 Geography team (BC: Best Cartographers) showcased their skills and teamwork, earning a well-deserved bronze at the Maatangi Whenua BOP regional Geography competition. Students (from L-R): Danika van Rooyen, Georgina Cotton and Cassandra Pawson.



Students at the NZSDC Bay of Plenty British Parliament debate tournament last term. It was a great day of learning new skills and growing in confidence. Students (from L-R): Brendon Lee, Ethan Bennett, Jaiden Murray, Sunny Shi, Alice Guo and Anmol Heer.

BOP MATHSMIND COMPETITION

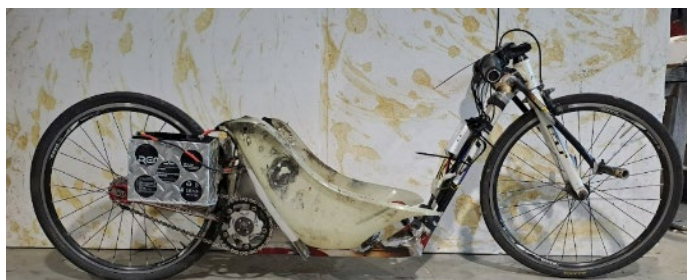
This year, two teams of our top Year 9 and 10 mathematicians went to Trident High School in Whakatane to compete against other schools in the BOP MathsMind competition. The Year 10 team finished 4th with an impressive 80 points out of 100. The Year 9 team, although scoring 85 points, did not place with several teams scoring 100. Overall, it was a great experience for our students and they represented BC well. The Year 9 team comprised of Jihoon Baek, Minha Kang, Haram Kim and Heejun Shin and our Year 10 team included Luke Houghton, Alan Li, Olivia Xu and Hyunseo Yang.



HARD MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Chris Simcock recently participated in the Evolocity challenge, a fantastic initiative that encourages young Kiwis to engage in sustainable engineering by designing, building, and testing electric vehicles. Armed with an electric motor kit and plenty of creative freedom, Chris set out to engineer an electric bike with a focus on sustainability and performance.

On October 22, during the Regional Final, he showcased his hard work in various competitions, including drag races, slalom, endurance, and efficiency challenges. Chris's efforts paid off as he won both the "Engineering Design Presentation" and the "Overall Vehicle Performance" awards. Congratulations to Chris for his outstanding achievements and contribution to New Zealand's clean tech future!



FUNDRAISER FOR MAXIMUS HIGHLIGHTS

The Fundraiser for Maximus, which took place last weekend, was an unforgettable afternoon filled with incredible music, a beautiful Christian community, and generous giving, all in support of the family.

An Evening of Live Music

Four talented bands graced the stage, each bringing their unique sound and energy to the event. From the talented solo act of 'Bridget Morgan', upbeat tunes of BC student band 'Standard', cuddle rock, guitar dropping vibes of 'Over Sharin' and the soulful melodies of 'No Reply'; the lineup had something for everyone. Attendees danced, sang, and truly embraced the spirit of the evening. We're grateful to each band for donating their time and talent to support the cause.

The Silent Auction: A Bidding Success

Alongside live music, our silent auction was a major highlight with signed memorabilia unique artwork and local experiences.

Community Impact

Thanks to the incredible support of our attendees, sponsors, and volunteers, we raised in excess of \$6000, which will directly benefit Maximus and his continued road to full recovery. The family have expressed their sincere gratitude to the Bethlehem College and Mount Maunganui community - especially Jay from Totara Street.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered and continues to faithfully pray for Maximus. Your support and enthusiasm made this event a resounding success. A special shout-out to our many sponsors and local businesses who contributed to the silent auction—your generosity is truly, truly appreciated.

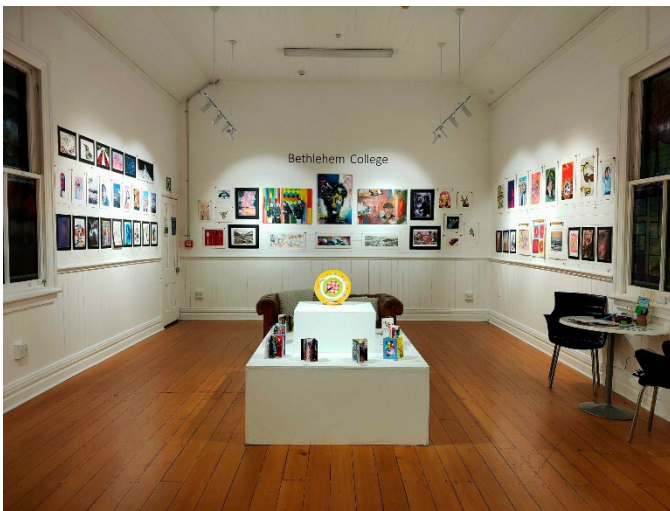


BC TŪRANGAWAEWAE EXHIBITION 2024

Tūrangawaewae, is one of the most well-known and powerful Māori concepts. Literally tūranga (standing place), waewae (feet), it is often translated as ‘a place to stand’. Tūrangawaewae are places where we feel especially empowered and connected. They are our foundation, our place in the world, our home.

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 Art students have explored the theme of identity through understanding their tūrangawaewae. Woven through the exhibition are the students' visits to our school marae at Te Wairoa, their journey to Tauranga city, Mount Maunganui beach, their homes, memories with whānau and friends, and their Christian faith.

The students have explored a range of mediums including design, photography, painting and printmaking. We are incredibly proud of the mahi our students have produced and are blessed to exhibit at our very first Bethlehem College Senior Art Exhibition.



MISSIONS 2025

BC has five mission trips next year, so make sure you don't miss out! Y10-12 students check your email from Mr Te Whaiti, especially for the April trip to the Solomon Islands.

DATE	LOCATION	2025 YEAR GROUP	EST COST
13-26 Apr 2025	Solomon Islands	11-13	\$3,300
28 Jun – 11 Jul 2025	Fiji	11-13	\$2,800
31 Aug – 8 Sep 2025	Fiji	9	\$2,200
Sep School Hols 2025	Solomon Islands	11-13	\$3,000
Nov/Dec 2025	Australian Outback	11-13	\$2,200

More info to come on BC Service [page](#). All trips register interest [here](#).





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MUSIC

The Music Department has had an action-packed last few weeks, as end of year celebrations and events have taken the stage!

Big Band 1 travelled to Wellington to compete in the MusicWorks Ensemble Festival Aotearoa, coming away with a GOLD award.

Animoso celebrated the end of a great year with a trip to the Luge.

Our Co-curricular Music Breakfast was a roaring success, with 100 students turning up to farewell our Year 13 students, some of whom have served in our music groups for up to seven years.

To top it all off, our End of Year Music Department Concert, 'New Horizons' was held on Monday, featuring all our main instrumental and vocal ensembles. With over 100 students performing, it was lovely to celebrate the culmination of a year of hard work.

Congratulations to all our performers on your wonderful achievements!



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

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Leavers Assembly/Walking of The Way

Secondary school will be celebrating our Leavers on Wednesday 30th October with an assembly from 1.40 pm and then celebrating as a campus and wider community from 2.20 pm with year groups lining up from Years 0-12 for our Leavers to Walk the Way one last time. If you can please encourage family/friends to carpool or park off campus, to allow easy access for Kindy and Primary parents picking up their children.

2. ½ DAY FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 12.15 PM FINISH

As a reminder, please fill out the form [here](#) by this Wednesday 30th October to let the Secondary office know if your student will be staying on campus or off, following the finish of the day on Friday 1 November at 12.15 pm.

3. AROTAHI YEARBOOK

Last chance to order additional copies of the 2024 yearbook is Wed 30th October. Order [here](#).

4. CHAPEL CAROLS

Join the fun of the festive season on Friday 6th December from 8am-4 pm by signing up to sing a Christmas song, play a holiday melody, read a piece of Christmas prose, perform a seasonal play... Email shawna.murray@beth.school.nz to sign up.

5. STUDENT CANTEEN

We are excited to announce that Annette Dibley, past canteen manager, will be running the canteen in 2025. Watch this space! We would like to thank Libelle for the wonderful way in which they have served our school community over the past three years.

6. JOB OPENINGS

Full and part-time openings available at BC here: www.beth.school.nz/about/work-us/vacancies.

7. WHĀNAU EVENINGS

[Register](#) for Neurodiversity & [Register](#) for Seasons of Grief. For more information contact Learning Support Director [Danie Leonard](#).



BETHLEHEM COLLEGE PRESENTS
Chapel Carols

Friday 6th December 2024
8 am - 4 pm
BC Chapel

AN INVITATION TO THE BC COMMUNITY
TO CELEBRATE EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US.
BRING YOUR VOICE, INSTRUMENTS & PRAISE.

30-min sets register interest with shawna.murray@beth.school.nz



BETHLEHEM COLLEGE
CLASSICAL STUDIES & HISTORY
Trip to Europe 2026

Bethlehem College Staffroom
Tuesday 29th October, 2024 6pm - 7pm
Current Year 10 & 11 students intending to take
Classical Studies and/or History in 2026/2027

INFORMATION EVENING

suzanne.toddmckeown@beth.school.nz



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 Performing Arts Centre Hall. [Register](#)

30 Oct ADHD: Super Powers (about, boys v girls, the brain)
07 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](#)

Whānau Evenings