

Secondary Newsletter

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Tēnā koutou whānau, parents, and caregivers,

As we near the end of the school year, I want to acknowledge the incredible achievements of our students, especially those recognized at our recent Year 10 and Year 11 Prizegiving ceremonies. These moments provide a valuable opportunity to reflect on the hard work, dedication, and growth demonstrated by our young people over the past year. Their success is a testament to the resilience and perseverance they've shown, and I hope they continue to pursue wisdom and understanding, as Proverbs 4:7 reminds us: *'The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding'*.

In the final week of school, we look forward to the Junior Secondary Prizegiving and other meaningful activities. These events are not only a time for celebration, but also an opportunity to foster connections, mend relationships, and reinforce the positive culture that has been cultivated within our school community. I encourage all of our students to embrace these moments with kindness and a heart for service, remembering that true success lies in the character we develop and the relationships we nurture.

As I shared in my remarks at Prizegiving, it is not just about the accolades and awards, but about who we are choosing to become. Are we becoming people who honour God in our words, actions, and intentions? It is my hope and prayer that our students continue to grow in wisdom and character, holding steadfast to their faith and reflecting God's love and grace in all they do.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Christopher Niles
Head of Secondary (2024)



Mr Schulz's Year 7 Yule Logs at Chapel Carols

FAITH

In the 90's Joan Osborne sang; *"If God had a name what would it be, And would you call it to His face. If you were faced with Him in all His glory, What would you ask if you had just one question?... What if God was one of us?* She was asking an honest question. God is so incredible, so awesome, so infinite, how can we know what he is like. It is a question that points to the miracle at the heart of Christmas. The one who is infinite chooses to inhabit the boundaries of his creation. The one who is glorious beyond anything we could imagine, is clothed in skin and humility. Christmas is not about packaging God in a way that brings him down to our level, but celebrating the God who chose to become like one of us. That's a miracle.

'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory. The glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth' (John 1:14).

KEY DATES

Y9 BMAC Camp

#5: 4-8 Dec (MGB & ½ BSB)

#6: 8-12 Dec (BTJ & ½ BSB)

Y7/8 Wairere Falls/Totara Springs

9 & 10 Dec 8.45 am-3 pm

Y9 Oddball

10 Dec

Y10 Last Day of School

12 Dec

Y7-9 Prizegiving

13 Dec 10 am-12 pm

Y0-9 Last Day of School

13 Dec 12 pm

First Day of School T1 2025

3 Feb

QUICK LINKS

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Thank you to Nutrition & Health Department for making 1,000 Christmas biscuits for Chapel Carols made possible by funding from the PTA!



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Y10/11 PRIZEGIVING

On Wednesday Secondary staff, students and families gathered to celebrate our Year 10s and 11s for their academic, sporting and character achievements. Students were encouraged to grow in excellence in the things that really matter, those things that please the very heart of God. They were also challenged with a question: Who are you choosing to become? Congratulations to our Year 10s and 11s on finishing well!



Y10 AWARDS OF HONOUR

Service Award	Jeremy Tang
Burke Cup – Diligence Award	Tristan Strachan
Shine Trophy	Rachel Duffett
Promise Keeper's Trophy	Luke Houghton



Y10 SPORTS

YEAR 11-13 SPORTS

Exemplary Service & Attitude	Rachel Duffett	BOT Cup – Attitude & Achievement	Josh Mathfield
Individual Excellence Female	Eva Seluone	Churchill Cup Student Coach of Year	Sophie Neustroski
Individual Excellence Male	Joaquin Clarke	Whenuaroa Cup All Round Sportswoman	Maeve Pacey
Team Spirit Award	Junior A Water Polo Mixed		
Highest Achieving Jr Team	Junior A Girls Volleyball		



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JUNIOR SECONDARY

BLUE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE CENTRE (BMAC) CONTINUES!



2025 STATIONERY LISTS ARE READY!

The 2025 student stationery lists are now available at www.beth.school.nz/contact/enrolled-families to purchase through your preferred supplier OR at www.myschool.co.nz/bethcollege to order directly through OfficeMax.

If ordering through OfficeMax, please click on the link above and then 'View the Requirements List'. After entering your student's name/year level, you will be able to view and order from the list of stationery requirements for their year and any other stationery you may need. If ordered by 31 December, BC families will receive back-to-school pricing, free delivery for \$70+ spend and earn reward points for Bethlehem College.



Order their Back to School stationery now and beat the rush!



Class lists are ready to view at myschool.co.nz

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SPORTS

Congratulations and good luck to Joseph Duffett and Alanah Eru who have been selected to represent the North Island boys and girls teams in the 2024 Under 18s Hockey Experience Quad Series in Hamilton this weekend!



Educare
GO HOCKEY

#9

PLAYER PROFILE

JOSEPH DUFFETT

NORTH BOYS

AGE	17
POSITION	MIDFIELDER
HOME ASSOC.	TAURANGA
SCHOOL	BETHLEHEM COLL.
#1 HOBBY	PLAY SAXOPHONE
SPORTING IDOL	CHRISTIANO RONALDO

THE NORTH



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GO HOCKEY

#2

PLAYER PROFILE

ALANAH ERU

NORTH GIRLS

AGE	18
POSITION	MIDFIELDER
HOME ASSOC.	WAIKATO
SCHOOL	BETHLEHEM COLL.
#1 HOBBY	BADMINTON
SPORTING IDOL	LISA CARRINGTON

THE NORTH

Our Bethlehem College Junior Water Polo team competed in Auckland over the weekend at the Year 9 and 10 North Island Cup and won bronze in the Division 2 Mixed Grade.

Well done to the team, coach and management!

A special congratulations to Charlie Malthus, who was awarded the Most Valuable Goalkeeper in Division 2 Mixed.



NORTH ISLAND CUP

DIVISION 2 MIXED

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BRONZE



NORTH ISLAND CUP

DIVISION 2 MIXED

CHARLIE MALTHUS
MOST VALUABLE GOAL KEEPER



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OUTREACH

MISSIONS TEAM IN AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

The Ngemba Station Outback trip has been an adventure! The parents have been wonderful and the partnership with families a particular joy. We have had times of evangelism and encouragement within the local community, as well as student-led team devotionals. The testimonies, dramas, waiata and humble interactions with locals have been beautiful to witness. Pastor Ike (Isaac) is spirit-led and when he gives someone the nod (literally) they stand and deliver a testimony of God working in their life.

On the way back from church on Sunday night we had two 'Roo' watchers, along with standard Roo bars on the vehicles. Kangaroos sometimes dart across the road, so Roo bars are a necessity on every vehicle.

The students are being great ambassadors for Christ, their families and Bethlehem College!



2025 MISSION TRIPS

BC has five mission trips next year for current Y8-12 students, so make sure you don't miss out! Applications close for the first Solomon Islands trip on 1st Feb 2025. More info [here](#), register interest [here](#) or email steve.tewhaiti@beth.school.nz.

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



THANK YOU, MAZDA FOUNDATION!

A huge thank you to the Mazda Foundation, for a grant awarded to Shannon Black for the purchase of structured literacy resources. Students and teachers from Bethlehem College will be using these resources at Florence Young Christian School, Honiara during the April 2025 Solomon Islands Trip. The resources will then be donated to the school for future use.



GENERAL NOTICES

1. ROADWORKS UPDATE

On 11 December there will be stop/go in place on Cambridge Road between 9am-4pm. For more information please click [here](#).

2. UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will close for the year on **Friday, 20th December at 4 pm** and reopen on **Monday 13 Jan**. The shop will be open by [appointment](#) M-F from 9.30am-4 pm beginning Mon 13 to Fri 31 Jan, resuming to normal term days/hours on Mon 3 Feb. More info [here](#).

3. BC LIBRARY

All library books should now be returned. For those students who have registered, we will be giving you a bag next week with your summer reading books.

4. ENTER TO WIN!

Annette Dibley has been busy preparing a healthy *and* delicious menu for **LunchWise** to serve students in 2025! The menu will be shared with families soon; however, we have seen items like gourmet steak and mushroom pie, Thai beef salad, apple & boysenberry pie and smoothies on the list. Did we mention that there will even be gluten- and dairy-free items?

Annette is offering a \$50 canteen voucher for a Secondary student to design a logo for the new student canteen: LunchWise.

Rules: 1) The name LunchWise must be used, with the 'L' and the 'W' being capitalised and/or bolded. 2) Pictures/icons must be appropriate to the name concept of LunchWise. 3) The logo design must be in a digital format (jpg) and can be done using programmes such as Canva, PicCollage, etc. 4) The final date for submission will be Friday 16th February 2025, and the winner announced on Monday 17th February 2025. Please send submissions to lunchwisenz@gmail.com.

The logo will be used on canteen staff apparel, the website, headers and menu boards.



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Congratulations on **20 years** of involvement and commitment to the Trees for Survival programme.

Your school community has nurtured and planted 1000's of native plants, helping to protect and create habitat and restore biodiversity.

Thank you!

Phil Lyons

Phil Lyons: National Manager
Trees for Survival Charitable Trust

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