

# Secondary Newsletter

Tēnā koutou whānau, parents, and caregivers,

It has been a joy to connect with many of you at our recent Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. These evenings are a valuable opportunity to strengthen our partnership in the growth and development of your children. We acknowledge that some parents were unable to book appointments with certain teachers this time and hope to catch up with you at our Term 2 conferences. If you would like an update, please feel free to email those teachers directly. Thank you for your engagement and for the role you play in supporting our students in their learning journey.

This past week, I had the privilege of walking through the school and witnessing firsthand the rich learning opportunities our students are engaging in. From exploring intricate structures of cells under microscopes to discovering the unique style of Picasso, the enthusiasm for learning was evident. I even had the chance to help some students with their linear functions during the break—much to their surprise that the Head of School was assisting with their maths! Moments like these remind me of the excitement and growth that learning brings.

Our students have continued to shine in their sporting endeavours, with strong results in golf, rowing, speed climbing, and show jumping. Congratulations to all those who have represented Bethlehem College so well in recent competitions. Looking ahead, we encourage students to make the most of the upcoming opportunities, whether in sport, the arts, service or leadership.

In our staff devotions this week, we explored what it means to be salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16). Our hope is that students are not only growing in knowledge and skills, but also developing the Christian character that will shape their futures. As they engage with their learning, friendships, and challenges, we pray they will be equipped to live in right relationship with God, others, and creation.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Christopher Niles  
Head of Secondary

COMMUNITY MEALS



Discovering a heart-shaped potato while cooking meals for others

## FAITH

Lent is a season in the Christian year that has been observed by Christians since about the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, a period of time that leads up to Easter when the death and most importantly, the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated. Easter is the cornerstone of Christian faith. Over many years, various traditions have been established as ways of personal preparation for Easter. Some people like to give something up as a kind of discipline and a time to focus on their relationship with God.

Lent is not something that must be done, but it can be a very helpful time to take stock of our lives and perhaps realign ourselves with how God sees us and how he is calling us to live for and with him in this world. It may involve repenting of sin and rededicating our lives to God. Lent is not earning God's favour or increasing His love. God's love for us could not be any greater than it already is. That is worth remembering.

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## KEY DATES

### Early Finish Y 7-13

17 Mar 12.15 pm

### Student Teacher Conferences

17 Mar 1.15 – 5.30 pm

\*Food truck on site

### University Presentations

18 Mar 1.15 pm Canterbury

25 Mar 1.15 pm AUT

### Parent Education

18 Mar 3.30 pm Zones of Regulation

18 Mar 7 pm Cyber Safety

03 Apr 7 pm Zones of Regulation

03 Apr 7 pm Resiliency

### Mufti Day

28 Mar

### BC Senior Ball

5 Apr

## QUICK LINKS

[ENROLLED FAMILIES](#)

[SCHOOLBRIDGE](#) | [BC CALENDAR](#)

[STUDENT DAILY NOTICES](#)

## CONNECT WITH BC



## PARENTS CORNER

Check out [Parenting Place](#) for tips on:

- [Phones](#)
- [Boundaries](#)
- [Studying](#)
- [Teenage Years Toolbox](#)
- And more!

You can follow them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for tips and interviews with parenting experts.

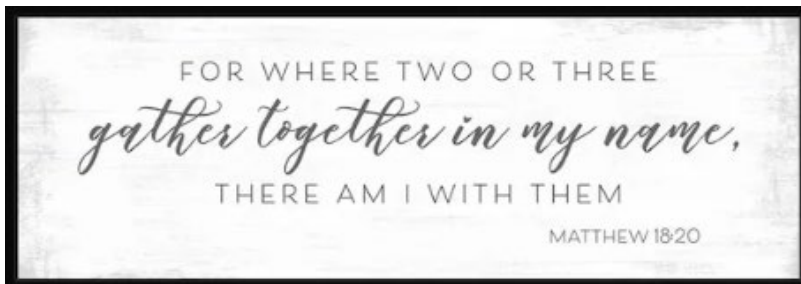




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## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONFERENCES



## INTERNATIONAL

Despite the rain, the annual 'International Student Welcome Back Party' was a great success! Whether playing football, throwing water balloons in the rain, or enjoying pizza and hot chips, a great party atmosphere was enjoyed by families and homestay families at BC's Rugby Club. This was one Welcome Back Party that we won't forget!



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## SPORTS



8<sup>th</sup> at BOPSS Golf Championships

Kai Pai [Harry Jonck](#)!



2<sup>nd</sup> in u17 Speed Climbing Nationals

Well done [Levi Dickinson](#)!



Congratulations to [Livvy Fitzgerald](#) and [Perry Graham](#) for their recent results at the Bay of Plenty Champs for Show Jumping.

Livvy placed 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in jumping 70cm and Perry 5<sup>th</sup> in the 80cm Accumulator round.

Well done girls!



### NISS ROWING

Congratulations to the BC teams at the recent NISS Rowing!



3	boys u15 double sculls	WINTech	Heat 3: placed 2 <sup>nd</sup> (7:59.72) A Final: placed 8 <sup>th</sup> (7:59.79)
BTHC	#1	M Sadler, H Shim	
8	girls u16 single sculls	Edwards Yoga	Heat 4: placed 3 <sup>rd</sup> (9:17.24) Semi-final 2: placed 7 <sup>th</sup> (9:29.93) B Final: placed 6 <sup>th</sup> (9:12.91)
BTHC	#1	L Cameron	
20	girls u18 novice double sculls		Heat 3: placed 3 <sup>rd</sup> (8:55.32) Semi-final 1: placed 5 <sup>th</sup> (8:55.78) B Final: placed 2 <sup>nd</sup> (8:30.66)
BTHC	#1	N Smith, J de Vries	
28	boys u16 double sculls	MEGA	Heat 1: placed 6 <sup>th</sup> (7:47.11) C Final: placed 7 <sup>th</sup> (10:07.44)
BTHC	#1	T Vieraño, M Sadler	
BTHC	#1	N Smith	
31	girls u15 double sculls	Canoeing	Heat 1: placed 3 <sup>rd</sup> (8:55.38) Semi-final 1: placed 5 <sup>th</sup> (9:24.07) B Final: placed 1 <sup>st</sup> (8:20.05)
BTHC	#1	L Cameron, F Romanza	
50	boys u16 single sculls	Waipa	Heat 5: placed 4 <sup>th</sup> (8:46.35) C Final: placed 7 <sup>th</sup> (9:14.27)
BTHC	#1	M Sadler	
50	boys u16 single sculls	Waipa	Heat 2: placed 8 <sup>th</sup> (9:02.77)
BTHC	#2	T Vieraño	







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## GENERAL NOTICES

### MAINLY MUSIC PAID POSITION IN MATUA

Matua Community Baptist Church is looking to employ an energetic, musical, evangelical person once a week between 9.30-11 am to run a Mainly Music programme for children aged 3-5. For more information email [Graham](#).

### OMOKOROA CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The Christian Education Trust (CET) is excited to announce that the Omokoroa Christian Preschool is almost complete and accepting applications. Click [here](#) for more information.

### MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Help the Service & Missions team to raise money by buying a ticket to watch [Black Bag](#) or [Tina](#)!

When: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Time: 7 pm movie

Where: [Luxe Cinema](#)

Cost: \$25 (sign up [here](#))

**rotary youth exchange**

HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

If you will be aged between 16 and under 18 in January 2026, this could be for you. See : [Youth - RYE | Rotary District 9930 \(rotary9930.org\)](#)

**Study Abroad for a Year!**

Support BC Missions Students at

# MOVIE NIGHT

**\$25 ticket**

Friday 21 March  
6.30 Nibbles & 7pm Movie  
Luxe Tauranga (formerly Rialto)

**Choose from Black Bag or Tina**

### YEAR 12S IN THE KAIMAIS

Relationship is the heart of learning

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