

# Bethlehem Times

Alumni Edition

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## News from the Foundation

The Annual Report of the Foundation, published in early July – copies available upon request to [p.wyatt@beth.school.nz](mailto:p.wyatt@beth.school.nz) – recorded an active year in which your support enabled us to:

**Launch** a new website and monthly newsletter service to over 1700 recipients monthly

**Further progress** the environmental reserve – now almost complete

**Raise** over \$800,000 of which over \$200,000 contributed to the fit-out of the new Performing Arts Centre, but if you have not yet bought your seat please do it (on-line)

### ***now***

**Fund** 24 Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Scholarships for 2009

**Assist** with the staffing of our four Early Learning Centres

**Acquire** the land for a potential fifth Early Learning Centre

Thank you for the part which you played therein.

## Operating Costs of the Bethlehem Foundation.

**Since its outset we have followed a practice whereby gifts made to or via it for educational purposes are all used for that purpose. We have separately sought and obtained funding specifically for our operational costs. If this were not the case these costs would still have represented but 12% of the sums raised. Additionally the Foundation provides many advisory services other than fundraising for which no charge is made.**

## BOPELS



The Bay of Plenty English Language School is certainly a home to the nations – in Durham St, Tauranga. July saw arrivals from seven countries including: France, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Brazil, China, Japan, and Korea.

### **Bethlehem Tertiary Institute**

This month has seen the start of the latest course in BTI's repertoire – a centre-based Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood). We are delighted to welcome 15 new students into the Bethlehem family, and the linkage which this gives us to the various centres at which they continue to work

### **Bethlehem College**

Play sport and travel the world – well New Zealand anyway. July saw 101 Yr 7-9 students travel to Orewa for the 3<sup>rd</sup> (for this age group) annual sports exchange; four boys are as I write in Te Puke for the annual Eagles golf tournament; and senior teams are preparing to travel to the national secondary tournaments – more of that next month.

Bethlehem also hosted the 20089 Festival of Hockey with four boys and four girls teams from as far away as Gisborne competing. Our girls came second only after a nail-biting penalty shoot-out, and the boys won their sector.

The Performing Arts Centre featured the first BC production in the new venue, with Bussy proving popular with all – particularly impressive behind the scenes was both the clean-up crew(!!!) and the band of coaches and teachers who assisted the cast to achieve a high standard. The string group and orchestra, concert band and Jazz band all took silvers competing with other schools from across New Zealand and Australia at the Rotorua Rhapsody music festival, then topping this at the Waikato band and orchestra festival where strings and jazz band got gold and the concert band silver.

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