

Bethlehem College CHAPMAN



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Scripture: Psalm 103 V 12-14

¹² He has removed our sins from us.

He has removed them as far as the east is from the west.

¹³ A father is tender and kind to his children.

In the same way, the LORD is tender and kind to those who have respect for him.

¹⁴ He knows what we are made of.

He remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ The life of human beings is like grass.

People grow like the flowers in the field.

¹⁶ When the wind blows on them, they are gone.

No one can tell that they had ever been there.

Welcome Back to Term 3! It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the final month of Winter and that September will announce the entry of Spring. Our wonderful young people have returned to school ready to go and we have certainly several major foci planned. Watch this space!

Throughout the holidays I have been thinking about the concept of 'change', our overarching theme for the year. In our own personal BCC family, many of us have and or are dealing with a whole array of changes. It is just a built in part of human life.

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Calendar 2018

August

- Mon 6th Squash BOP Yr 8's
- Mon 13th Squash BOP Yr 8's
- Fri 17th **School Photos - 9am**
- Mon 20th Squash BOP Yr 8's
- Fri 24th Hearing & Vision testing Yr 7 & Yr 8
- Fri 31st Blokes & Kids breakfast

September

- Thu 13th BCC Speech Finals
- Fri 28th Last Day of Term 3



Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly Micah 6:8

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Each day, we connect with a vast range of others, across generations whether that is in our families, at the Supermarket, the petrol station, our respective work places, the sidelines of a Sports event, field or game, or in a myriad of other places. How fortunate we are to speak encouragement to the various people we meet and to change or add to the course, atmosphere or outcomes of their day with a smile and by speaking a kind word or two of encouragement. A few moments of timely love and care can definitely bring hope and add to the lives of others...it is worth every iota of effort.

We are encouraging our young people to consider themselves as 'agents of change' and to be proactive in recognizing and responding to people, opportunities and needs they meet. The change is not always seen or even necessarily appreciated at the time, life goes by all too quickly. "Seize the day" is an old adage and yet one ever true. Being life-speaking, tender-hearted, kind, love-sharing people is part of being who God created and designed us to be. Let's not miss those moments we are given, to make and be the difference, we can be.

With love always
Hazel

Introducing Mrs Jenny Watson our newly appointed BCC School Counsellor



We have been blessed by Mr Leith Thompson and Mrs Wendy Bowen-Graham who have travelled over from Bethlehem College in Tauranga to address any Counselling needs at BCC. We have truly valued Leith and Wendy's, compassion, commitment, connection, expertise and skills in our BCC community. With their workload being full at BC, it was considered wise to appoint a Counsellor for BCC here in Rotorua. It is with a tremendous sense of joy and gratitude that we announce the recent appointment of Mrs Jenny Watson to our BCC staff team as she takes on the role of School Counsellor at BCC. She will be known as Whaea Jenny and will be at school on Tuesday for several hours each week. Should you wish your child to see and talk with Jenny please make direct contact with Hazel and your son/daughter's teacher.

A BIT ABOUT JENNY

Originally from the South Island, Rotorua is now the place Jenny calls home. Jenny turned her passion for listening into a counselling job that doesn't feel much like a job because of the privilege it is to do it. Presently working 20 hours a week at Family Focus, Jenny was drawn to the chance to care for the BC Chapman community to add contrast to her working life. She is excited to work alongside the teachers who invest their time and energy into the young people and their families associated with the school. When not at work, Jenny takes time to appreciate the hand of the Creator, by admiring the beautiful lake views from her home and walking Zeb the dog by the river. Along with her husband Neil, most other moments are filled with the challenges and, thankfully, joys that come with being the proud owners of EIGHT sons.

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Satellite Update

Internet Switchover

In the first week and a half of the holiday break we had the changeover from our previous internet provider to Spark and N4L. The process took some time and expertise from Spark, N4L and Dan Ness from the Computer and eLearning Team at Bethlehem College. It has been successfully completed. We are now up and running smoothly which is a blessing.

Library

The Library is rapidly becoming a reality as Mrs Sheila Little (BC Head Librarian), Mrs Sue Czabania, and our wonderful team of Library volunteers work through the labelling, stamping, covering and shelving of books. Our teachers had a training session over at Bethlehem College in the allocating and return of books using the new database. Once a reasonable selection of books is ready, teachers can take out a class selection for in-class use and take children up to the library to choose their own books. Exciting progress!

New BCC Website

This went live last Friday and is worth a look as we are now also featured on it as a 'satellite' of BC. You will see many of the gorgeous young people we have here at BCC in Rotorua. In coming weeks and months, the new BC website will be added to and changes will be made as and when deemed appropriate. We do hope in the future to have a link to our own reviewed BCC website however at this point in time our own Website is 'on hold.'



Arrival at
and
Collection
from
School

Please ensure that your child/children arrive at school by **8.30am** as we start school promptly at 8.40am. We noticed towards the end of last Term and at the beginning of this Term, several children are arriving late for school. This unsettles the class, means instructions for the day need to be repeated and interrupts the lesson at hand. It also has implications for the School Roll marking and record-keeping.

Please **PARK** when you are dropping off or picking up your child/children and ensure that they are safely guided over the tarseal, behind the cones to walk down into school.

Pick-Up is **between 3.15pm and 3.30pm**. When dry it is from the tarseal in front of school and if wet the children are collected from the Cafe area at the front of the Living Well church building.



Nieuwoudt family

We are certainly missing our Nieuwoudt family. Here is a photo of them in Yuen Long, Hong Kong delivering the money from BCC. What an experience! This gift was raised at a Mufti Day last Term to go towards support of the children who live in the area. YWAM Shanti Ministries are involved in after school tutorials; feeding the poor; outreaches; kids club; special needs and much, much more. Check them out at www.shantiministries.org

Celebrations!!!

Jesse Mutton

Jesse went to the South Island for Skiing coaching and to race in some major Ski events. Jesse won two GOLD medals in the races he competed in. He is an exceptional young athlete who truly applies himself to long hours of serious training. We are extremely proud of him and his accomplishments. Go Jesse! Go Green!



Jason Gray

At the end of last term, we sent a team of young people with musical gifts and talents to the inter-Christian Schools Music Festival organized and hosted by, Waipa Christian School in Te Awamutu. Jason won the Open Instrumental Section of the competition with an impressive Drum solo which had the audience stamping and clapping along. Jason also won the overall Trophy and definitely won the hearts of all who attended. Leva and Mele performed their Tongan Dance and moved more than a few adults/judges to shed tears of joy and appreciation. Great work our BCC Music Festival Reps! A special thanks to Mrs Dyanne Gray who spent several weeks working with our band musicians and singers.



Isaac Ryan

Isaac competed in the Regional Cross-Country Event in which over 480 competitors took part. These talented athletes came from all over the Bay of Plenty. Isaac ran an impressive race leading every step of the way and it was only in the final few metres that the runner behind him came speeding through to reach the Finish Line nano seconds before him. Isaac took an outstanding Second Place and we could not be MORE proud of him!!!! Congratulations Isaac!



Gabby Duncan

Gabby entered the Rotorua speech & drama competition for the first time on 7th & 8th July. Gabby won in two sections – Cowley Cup character recital (12-14yrs), and Jill and Judy Douglas Trophy overall winner character recital (12-18yrs). Well done Gabby, we are so proud of you



Transformational Leaders Foodbank Drive

Nadia (Mahaki/Humility/Red), Gabby (Atawhai/Mercy/Green), Savannah-Rose (Tuari/Service/Yellow) and Leva (Tika/Justice/Blue) initiated a House Competition with a view to addressing a need right here in our Rotorua community.

It came to their attention that the Salvation Army struggle in the mid-year months to serve needs which are supported through Foodbank. These young leaders wrote an impressive letter asking if they could launch a House based competition between Weeks 4 and 10 of Term 2 to put together an array of tinned and non-perishable items to give to the Salvation Army which was delivered on Wednesday.

The winning House was Atawhai/Mercy/Green who will have a special lunch on Friday 3rd August.



NOTICES!!

Pray for the Teachers and BC Chapman Staff

Please join Anelda Venter and Tanya Taljaard in praying for the Teachers and Staff on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am at school in the upstairs room during Term time.

Head Lice

Please check your child for head lice and treat accordingly as the little varmints are around at the moment.

Stationery

Please check your child's stationery as their books can be full and pens and pencils lost at this time of the year. If your young person acquires a new exercise book from school, it will be charged to your.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 17th August. Please make sure our gorgeous young people look spick and span, **HAVE THEIR SCHOOL JERSEY** and are at school on time on the day.

Mrs Angie Stevenson

Mrs Angie Stevenson will be on extended leave from Tuesday 21st August. The school office will be covered by Mrs Shebin Sam in the mornings and Mrs Anelda Venter in the afternoons while Mrs Stevenson is away for the rest of Term 3. Please continue to send absence notices in the normal way, via email angie.stevenson@beth.school.nz or office.chapman@beth.school.nz or phone 07 346 1492 and leave a message on the answerphone.



Regional Cross-Country Team

Six of our young athletes qualified for the Regional Cross Country after successfully nailing places in the Inter-School Rural Cross Country at Kaharoa. Simeon Nieuwoudt, Tara Isaacs, Savannah-Rose Food, Isaac Ryan, Samuel Venter and Jesse Mutton all went on to the Regional event as our BCC Representative team. Way to go BCC!

Teachers Strike – August 15th

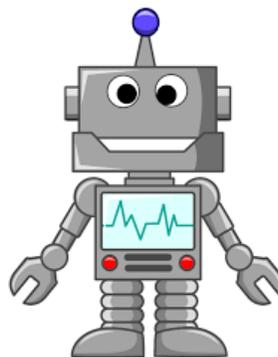
Teachers at BC Chapman will NOT be striking on Wed 15th August. School as normal on that day.

TOOLBOX PARENTING COURSES FOR TERM 3 2018

Parents Inc offer many great toolbox Parenting Courses – contact Dee Horne dee.horne@parentingplace.nz for more information.

Spring Fair 16th November

SAVE THE DATE!!! Spring Fair will be happening again this year on Saturday 16th November. Get your thinking caps on as to what can be done and support your BC Chapman PTA, the “best PTA in the world”.



Coding/Robotics Club

Mr Tony Shrimpton and Mr Juan Neuwoudt began teaching 'coding' at the beginning of Term 2. Tony is now moving on to Stage 2 'Robotics' with this group, which is also very exciting. We are thrilled with the ways in which God brings along different people with expertise

Mechanics Club

Mr Keith Gray has kindly started a Mechanics club on Fridays at lunchtime. Four young people with practical talents and interests in the area of motors and bikes are working with Mr Gray and we are looking forward to where this will go and the learning which will happen as a result of their engagement.



Interviews for Bethlehem College Chapman 2019

Any families who are considering or interested in their child/children attending Bethlehem College Chapman in 2019 (entering at any of the eight different year levels) need to make their Applications as soon as possible. Interviews are happening now, with five different families being interviewed this week. We already have a number of new families confirmed, ready and waiting to come in to our BCC whanau at the start of the new year 2019. If you know of a family, or have friends considering sending their son/daughter to BCC, then please encourage them to pop in one day soon, have a look around, and or a chat to Angie and myself. It is a huge decision placing our children in school and it is helpful to visit and gain a sense of the vision, culture and community within our context. This often clarifies thinking and aids with the decision-making process.



House Leaders 2018

We are delighted to
announce the House
Leaders for 2018
They are as follows:

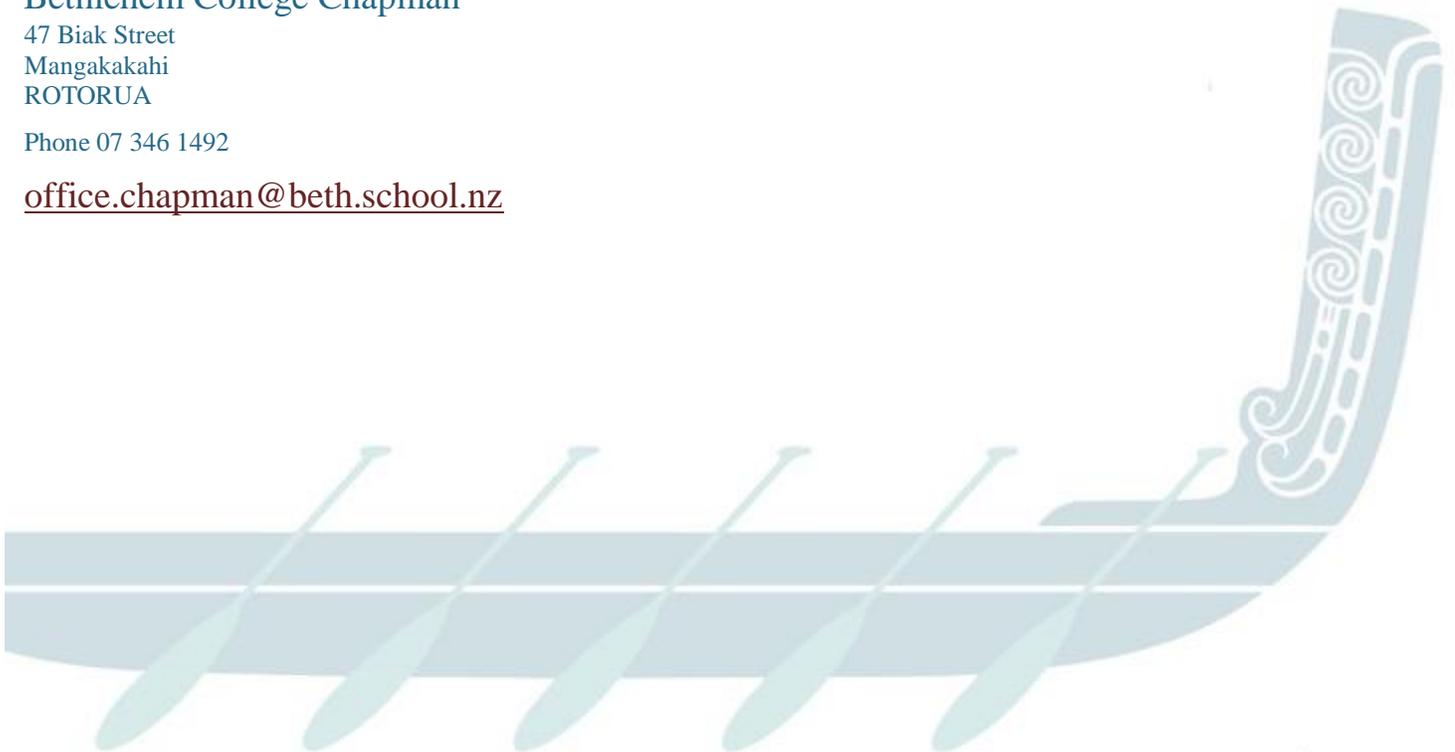
Tika-Justice-Blue: Leva Faletau, Brooke Payne
Mahaki-Humility-Red: Nadia Cooper, Jason Gray
Tuari-Service-Yellow: Leah Belworthy, Shem Watson
Atawhai-Mercy-Green: Tara Isaacs, Micah 'Alofi

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KIA TIKA, KIA TOHU ATAWHAI, KIA MAHAKI TO HAEREERE | ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY | MICAH 6:8

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