



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Kia ora wonderful Bethlehem College Chapman whanau,

The recent tragedy in Christchurch has definitely affected our nation of Aotearoa. Our peace, freedom from terrorism and sense of security has been shaken. Our hearts went out to those Muslim families who lost members of their family, friends and community members. We were able to hold a Mufti Day to raise money to send through with that raised from Bethlehem College Tauranga directly to Rod Thompson, Acting Principal of Middleton Grange. He will take the \$4,000 raised to the Muslim community who have been so deeply devastated. What has been encouraging in the midst of this horrific reality, is the sharing of genuine love, support and compassion.

Our National Anthem which is such a powerful prayer has often been sung over the past 10 days. We are incredibly grateful to have such lyrics. They remind us of the ONE, our almighty God to whom we turn as a nation and who is the ultimate source of love. We also have our very own School Song and School Blessing written by the amazing Mrs Cherie Whitwell. The words capture our essence, hope and aspirations, as we intentionally seek God's help to grow young people who act justly, love mercy and who walk humbly with God.

It is always interesting to have visitors come to our BC Chapman wharenuui and to hear what they see and sense through fresh eyes. When we have been here for several years, we can forget what God is doing in this place. Recently we were privileged to have Sue Baker who is one of our Across School teachers for our Nga Whanau O Karaiti Kahui Ako, our faith-based Community of Learning which has nine different schools spreading from Hamilton to Te Awamutu to Taupo, Rotorua, Whakatane and Taupo. With several Early Childhood providers and Bethlehem Tertiary Institute also involved, we have a marvellous opportunity to grow our Christian Education Vision and strengthen our practice.

We held a Powhiri to welcome Sue into our BC Chapman whanau and aboard our waka. When it was Sue's turn to speak at the Powhiri she had tears streaming down her face as she shared that 'our young people had messed with her heart because she sensed God's love flowing from them and knew His presence was in this place'. We can easily forget the reason why our school first came into existence and the people who labored so faithfully to support its establishment. We are grateful for the investment SO many have made.

1 Colossians 1:15-18

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything HE might have the supremacy'.

We have young people who step up, out and into servant leadership roles and who build upon their learning in a holistic sense with each passing day. We hear whispers of the blessing our BC Chapman young people bring to Bethlehem College in Tauranga and of their respectful manners, their kindness and their inclusion of others. May we continue to be grateful for the HOPE we have in this place, for our freedom, for the daily opportunities which come across our paths and for the privilege of being the BC Chapman whanau we ARE! And may ALL who enter the doors of our wharenui BE deeply blessed, impacted and encouraged to seek the HOPE we have, in Jesus Christ.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

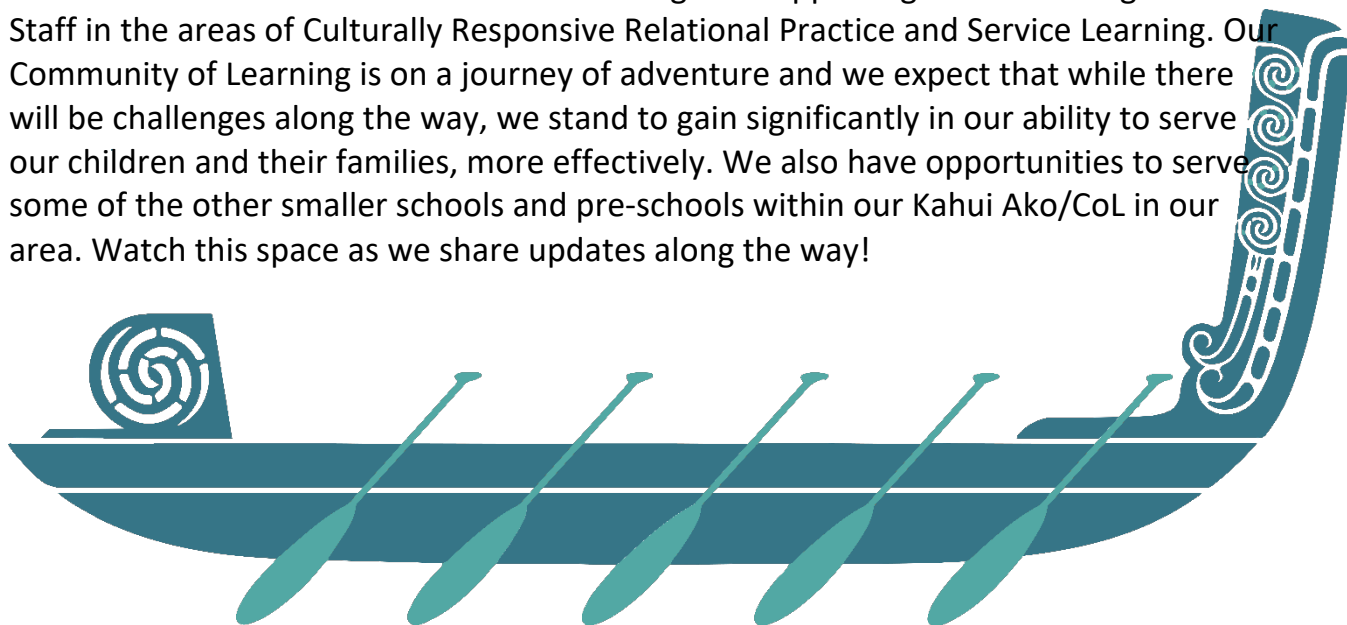
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Sue Baker and our beautiful Whaea Bessie

SUE BAKER-ACROSS SCHOOL TEACHER FOR OUR KAHUI AKO/COL

Sue has been teaching at Bethlehem College for over 15 years and has served in a range of leadership roles. Sue will be working with our Within School Teachers (WST) Whaea Lisa and Whaea Delwyn as they focus on Oral and Written Language development. Sue will be available to us in the area of mentoring and supporting the resourcing of all of our Staff in the areas of Culturally Responsive Relational Practice and Service Learning. Our Community of Learning is on a journey of adventure and we expect that while there will be challenges along the way, we stand to gain significantly in our ability to serve our children and their families, more effectively. We also have opportunities to serve some of the other smaller schools and pre-schools within our Kahui Ako/CoL in our area. Watch this space as we share updates along the way!



INTER-CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ATHLETICS EVENT PORRITT
STADIUM HAMILTON

A team of 28 BC Chapman athletes travelled to Hamilton last Thursday to compete in the Championship events at our annual Inter-Christian School Athletics Day competition. The sun shone bright and warm and the enthusiasm and anticipation was tangibly present in the atmosphere. Shaun Hurlow and his team from Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist, ably assisted by South City and Hamilton Christian School, set up and ran the day superbly.

We, BC Chapman, were passionate in our encouragement of each other, focused and determined in our participation and thrilled to pieces when we came second in the Championship Event, second to Hamilton Christian School who deservedly won. As far as shining sports stars go, our athletes shone brightly on and off the track and field. A truly fabulous day of being together as smaller Christian Schools scattered through the Waikato and the Bay.



MR DERK SCHEPERS

Affectionately known as Mr D, in our BC Chapman whanau, we are privileged to have a man with amazing skills and a heart to serve. No matter what we ask, within no time he applies his knowledge and expertise and creates exactly what we need. Whaea Wendy was keen to have a Teaching Station like the one in Whaea Del's room.



Mr D sourced wood and then cut it to shape, painted it in our colours and recycled the legs of old plastic desks, resulting in a Teaching Station tailor-made for Whaea Wendy and her Room 3 children. Teachers are quick to notice, and sure enough further requests were made. So now we have 4 'Mr D original' Teaching Stations designed and in full classroom use. Mr D, thank you we are blessed to have you in our BC Chapman whanau!

He has a couple of requests for the WOODWORK ROOM: If you can supply vice grips (needs a few pairs) or a one-horsepower motor, he'd be extremely grateful!

HALL OF FAME

Please check out our Hall of Fame just inside our wharenui as we continue to update it with photos of those who have accomplished Academic, Sporting, Cultural success. These photos and write ups can inspire us to give our personal best and to reach new heights of success. It is so encouraging to see the range of different activities people are involved in and to hear of how our present and past students are doing now.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We have a wonderful opportunity to connect with parents on Thursday this week to discuss their child's Term 1 holistic development and learning goals for the future. We appreciate the partnership we have with you as parents/whanau and the ways in which you nurture and support your son/daughter. There is no doubt we are journeying together looking to the best interests of our young people. Thank you SO much for the many ways in which you support us!



EASTER SERVICE

We will have our Easter Service on Thursday 11th April at 7pm in the Living Well Church Auditorium. This is a compulsory BC Chapman event and we look forward to sharing this with all of our families. The Service is an hour in length and children wear FULL School Uniform and sit with their teacher and classmates.

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Just a reminder that winter uniforms are worn during Term 2 & 3. Girls please check that you have the right size. Trish Copeland is available on Tuesdays (9.00 – 3.30pm) for anyone requiring uniform items.

WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 & TERM 3



SENIOR BOYS

SENIOR GIRLS

JUNIOR BOYS

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The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 26th April 10am-2pm at the end of the holiday break.

We can now process credit card payments over the phone.

Children are expected to wear the correct uniform including their shoes and to take pride in their appearance and in belonging to our school. Our uniform is stunning and no matter where we see our students in town we feel so thrilled that we have the uniform we have.

PARENTS PRAYER & COFFEE GROUP

Every Wednesday morning at 8.45 - meet in the staffroom to pray for the school. EVERYONE is welcome, please feel free to join in even if it's only occasionally!

See Anelda Venter 021 0870 2332 or Tanya Taljaard if you need more info.



PASIFIKA FUN DAY

30TH MARCH AT THE VILLAGE GREEN

Pasifika performances including song, dance, drumming, poetry, speeches, food, craft and prizes.

Bring a picnic, it will be a great day for the whole family!

10am – 2.00



REP SHIRTS

If you have a BCC Rep shirt hiding in the back of a drawer or closet somewhere, please return it to the office, no questions asked!

We have two still missing from an event last year. We really need them back please.

SOCCER

Otonga Road Football Club is accepting registrations until the end of March (late registration fee applies from 24th March).

www.sporty.co.nz/otongafootball



BEESWAX WRAPS

We are always looking for ways to reduce waste at school and at home – Beeswax Wraps are a great alternative to plastic! We have some for sale at school, or they are available around town and online - please consider reducing plastic in the landfill along with us

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Notes
Wed 27 th Mar	Parent Teacher Conferences	BC Chapman	2:15pm onwards	Room 5 – Yr7/8
Thu 28 th Mar	Parent Teacher Conferences	BC Chapman	School will finish at 2:30pm on this day	All classrooms
Sat 30 th Mar	Paskfika Fun Day	Lakefront – Village Green	10am to 2pm	Independent Event
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Apr	Camp	Tui Ridge	3 days	Room 5 - Year 7/8
Thu 11 th Apr	Easter Service	Living Well Church Auditorium	7pm	Whole School
Fri 12 th Apr	Last Day Term One	BC Chapman		
Fri 26 th Apr	Uniform Shop open	BC Chapman	10am to 2pm	
Mon 29 th Apr	First Day Term 2 - Powhiri	BC Chapman	8:40am	

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