

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | MAY 2022

1 John 4:9-12 NIV

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is made complete in us

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

As we continue our theme of 'aroha' this Term, this Scripture passage has captured the essence of the love of God and the privilege we have in being able to show it to others. The splendour of Autumn, in all its vibrant seasonal shades, is tangible evidence of the 'aroha' of God. He is the ultimate artist painting colours which literally take our breath away.

These seasonal changes, right down to the rapid changes of the trees, remind us that we live with change. Daily, I am personally learning, there are going to be changes I hadn't anticipated.



Leaning on and trusting God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and on His enabling power, grace and love, has taken on a whole new meaning. He is constant, His character, His Word and His promises can be depended on. For all of you who faithfully pray for us, may we say, "Thank you". We see God at work in our midst and marvel at the answers to your prayers.

Repeatedly, we recognise the challenges as opportunities for God to show His goodness. We have nothing but years of history which testify to how amazing He is. Recently, one of our BC Chapman, young people, was so moved by hearing about one of our BC Chapman community volunteers, that she and her older sister wrote a beautiful letter to the person concerned.

The love of God was so genuinely expressed as was the encouragement it carried, and the blessing went well beyond what it would be possible for me to capture in words. When we as kaimahi and our tamariki put aroha into action, our BC Chapman waka sails with faith, hope and love and there is evidence of peace.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*

POWHIRI

We officially welcomed all of our new whānau with a Powhiri on Thursday 12th May, which was such a blessing. The freedom of no longer being restricted by Covid requirements allowed us to engage with our traditional practice. To look at the number of new families who have joined us in 2021 and now 2022 gives us many reasons to be thankful. We pray for the families who come to BC Chapman, and God answers by bringing tangaata whenua, local whānau and from across the world. With 17 nations represented in a small kura like ours, we marvel at the potential impact our tamariki can have within NZ and beyond. Special thanks to our kaumatua Whaea Bessie, Whaea Robyn, Matua Dave, our rangatahi who led our Powhiri, and to Whaea Becs and Whaea Anelda for their care in preparing the kai/food we shared together. We are indeed blessed!

YEAR 12 CHRISTIAN STUDIES CLASS

We were privileged to have a visit on Monday 23rd May from Mrs Charlotte Bartrum, Mr Wayne Fraser and the Year 12 Christian Studies young people. Worship, Art activities and Sports games, were organised and led by the Year 12 students across our kura at each class level. It is no mean feat to adapt activities for different age levels. Our BC Chapman whānau loved their visit. If we could have kept them here on 'lakeside,' we would have! They were such a blessing!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Monday 20th June. Please make sure your child is in attendance, dressed in clean winter uniform AND including a school jersey.

PRAYER FOR BC CHAPMAN

Some of our parents get together on Wednesday mornings at 8:45am, to pray for our school for an hour. Please contact Anelda Venter on 021 087 02332 for details of the location.

CROSS COUNTRY

The fitness training has begun and there is no doubt we have some resilient and determined young runners. Focused and confident they are pounding the track around the field and increasing their distance by the day! We are looking forward to the grand event which will be held on Friday 10th June at Waipa. Please wrap up warmly and come along if you can! A few thermal layers help compensate for the wind chill. As a BC Chapman whānau, we have the opportunity to support all of our tamariki and to witness their commitment to their respective House. This event will put the first points on the House Scoreboard for 2022

WET LUNCHTIMES

Autumn and Winter can mean wet lunchtimes. We are thrilled to say that our young people are finding many creative ways to meaningfully use such times. With an array of puzzles, board games, knucklebones, chess, Uno, art and Lego innovation, there is plenty of creativity, conversation and competition. Our Outdoor classroom is giving us the flexibility to allow some of our tamariki to go outside to play a game of 4 square.



NEWSLETTERS

It is important to read the Head of School letter so you can keep up with what is happening at school, especially where the upcoming dates are found. The newsletter will be sent differently from now on via a link to the BC website. Bethlehem College wants to ensure consistency all three schools.



WINTER SPORTS

Some of our BC Chapman tamariki are involved in Winter Sports this season. Club based sports really allow connections across the city with tamariki from different kura. Rugby, Netball, Hockey, and Football...the season has now begun. It is that special time that makes rich childhood memories as we parents rug up and stand on the side-lines cheering! If you have any great action shots, please email them to our School Office so that we can print them and place them on display in our foyer Hall of Fame. Celebrating the talents, skills, and sportsmanship of our tamariki is something we love to do.

MILO TINS

Our lovely Music teacher, Whaea Maria, would like large empty Milo tins so she can create drums for her the tamariki in her class. If you have any, please send them to school.

WINTER UNIFORM

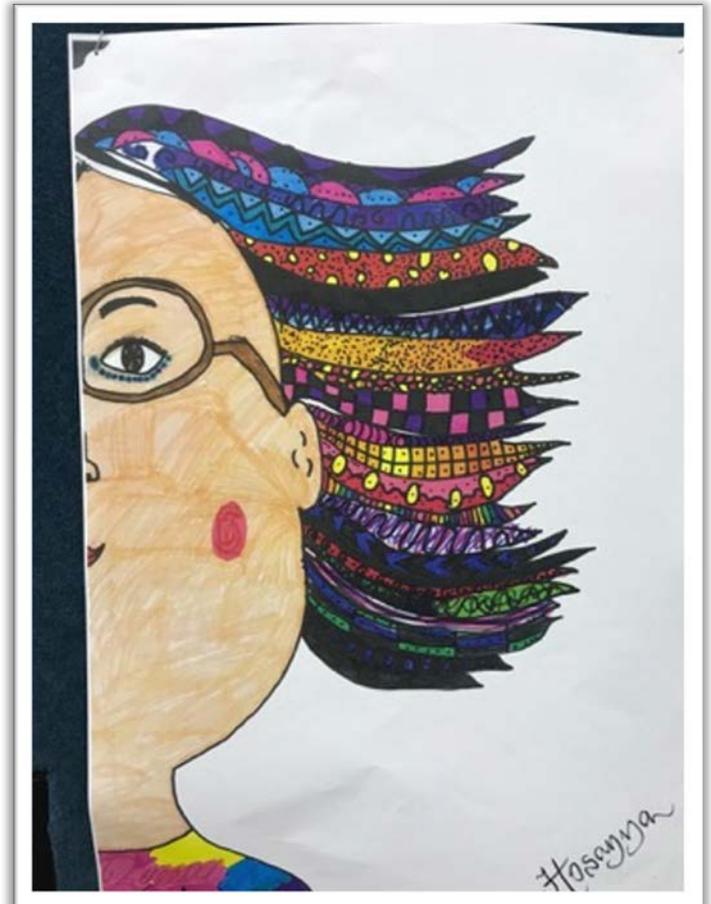
We are in the Winter Uniform season and our tamariki are looking stunning! We admit we are prejudiced, however seriously, the colours and style suits everyone! A recent visitor from Auckland commented on how much she loved the colour and style of our uniforms. Way to go BC Chapman! Can we please remind you to label every single piece of uniform, jerseys, jackets, etc. including the 'socks' which are already turning up in odd places. Next time you think the washing machine might have swallowed a sock, it might just pay to check at school.

FOR SALE

Bethlehem College Tauranga 2nd hand uniform for sale, all in excellent condition:

- 1x size 12 winter senior secondary girls blouse
- 1x size 14 senior secondary softshell jacket
- 1x size 14 summer senior secondary girls blouse
- 2x size 14 summer senior secondary girls skirts

Please enquire at the BC Chapman school office



GALLERY OF WRITING AND ARTISTIC TALENT

Enjoy some of the Poetry writing and artistic talent from across our kura.



Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

by Joshua Hall

Goodbye Summer

Hello Autumn

**Goodbye cricket, sweat pouring
down my face**

**Hello Rugby, mud staining my
elbows and knees**

Goodbye sand between my toes

Hello dew covered grass

**Goodbye headache causing
mornings**

**Hello to looking first thing for my
dressing gown**

**Goodbye blazing hot sun, seeming
as though it never leaves the centre
of the sky**

**Hello majestic sunrises, giving me
determination for the day**

**Goodbye climbing trees that I never
get over**

**Hello crunchy leaves majestically
sorted into even piles**

Goodbye Summer

Hello Autumn



Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

by Kaea Maxwell-Crawford

Goodbye, Summer

Hello, Autumn

Hello, cozy heavy coats, woolly socks and knitted scarfs strangling my neck

Hello, noisy kettles and biscuit crumbs

Goodbye sun rays shining through my curtains

Hello, frosty breezes angrily blowing from my window

Goodbye, running outside in shirts and jandals

Hello, jumpers and Nan's knitted woolly socks

Goodbye, long lake swims in hot afternoons

Hello, long, hot bubble baths

Goodbye, cold sodas dribbling down my throat

Hello, warm, hot chocolates and biscuits

Goodbye, warm sunrises

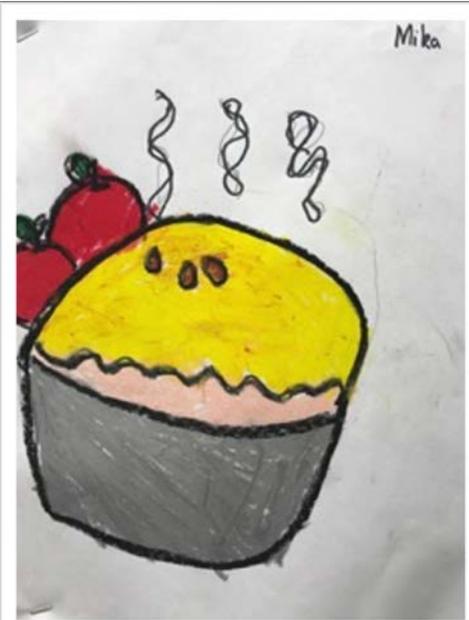
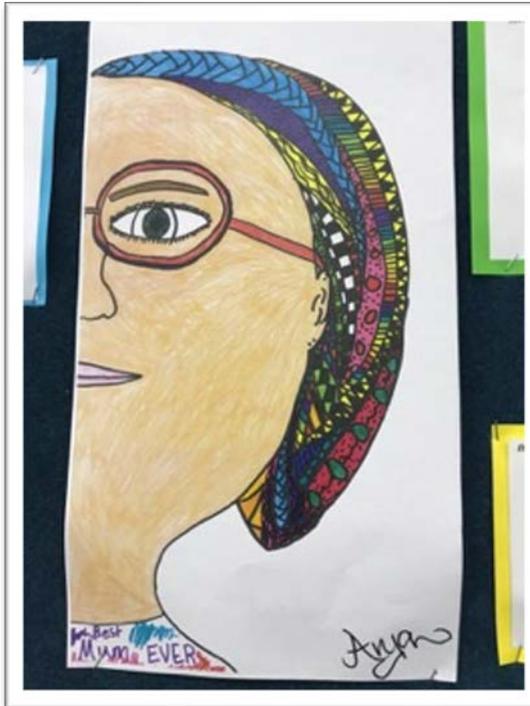
Hello, cold breezes and morning mist

Goodbye, cold, crashing waves pushing me back

Hello, hot relaxing spas

Goodbye Summer

Hello Autumn



Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

by Markus Venter

Goodbye, Summer

Hello, Autumn

Goodbye, to playing tennis in the blazing hot sun

Hello, to playing rugby in the freezing, wet grass

Goodbye cold, refreshing swims in the pool

Hello, going on tough leg breaking hunts

Goodbye, to boogie boarding in the shining blue sea

Hello, to drinking boiling hot rooibos tea

Goodbye, to outside juicy sausage BBQs at lake Okareka

Hello, to squishy bright green feijoas

Goodbye to sweltering days at the beach

Hello to growing goosebumps when it's cold

Goodbye Summer

Hello Autumn



Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn

by Malachi Cowlshaw

Goodbye, Summer

Hello, Autumn

Goodbye, burning hot days at the beach

Hello, warm puffy clothes

Goodbye, refreshing ice blocks

Hello, mouth burning pies

Goodbye, playing exciting games outside

Hello, playing the best video games

Goodbye, climbing trees

Hello, making big absorbing leaf piles

Goodbye, dry, green grass

Hello, wet, slippery grass

Goodbye, juicy ripe feijoas

Hello, sweet orange mandarins

Goodbye Summer

Hello Autumn

UPCOMING DATES:

**Monday 6th June – Queens Birthday
no school**

**Friday 10th June – Cross Country
(Postponement date Friday 17th June)**

Monday 20th June - School Photos

Friday 24th June – Matariki – no school

**Friday 8th July – Last day of Term 2
(Reports go home)**

Monday 25th July – Staff Only Day

Tuesday 26th July – First day Term 3

ABSENCES: Please phone the School Office 07 346 1492 before 8.30am so we are aware of the reason for any absences and can inform your child's teacher. Just leave a message on the answerphone if the phone is not attended.

Natalie Osborn – Travel Consultant

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