

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 5TH AUG 2022

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

Welcome to Term 3! We trust you had a lovely holiday break with your tamariki despite the fact we were somewhat restricted by the wet weather. First week back and we have already navigated further wet days to the credit of our kaimahi/staff and rangatahi/young people. Sometimes being forced to be inside together with its limitations, gives us greater opportunity to put 'love/aroha' into action, as we negotiate with and prefer the interests of others, ahead of our own. Our Scripture passage clearly states that love comes from God and part of knowing Him, is expressing His love. In the same way, God showed His love to us by sending Jesus, so that we could know restored relationship with God.

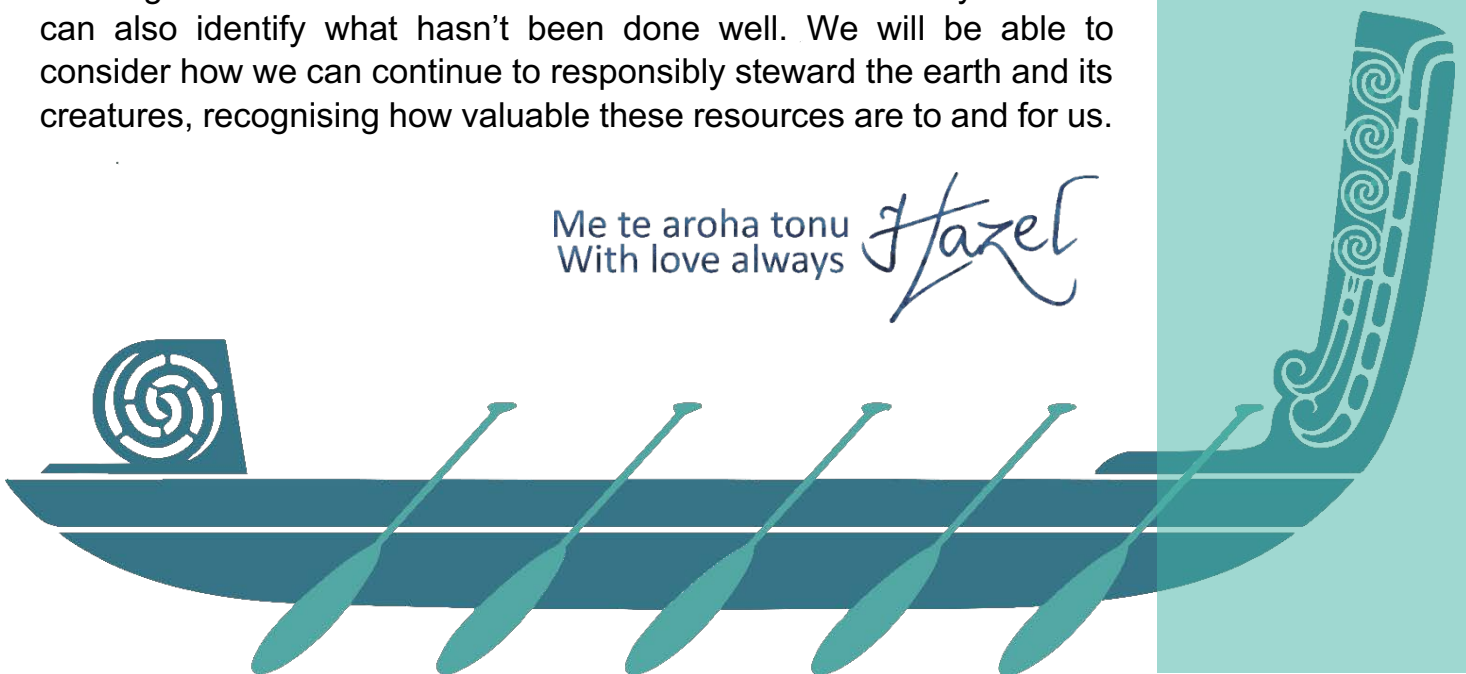
This Term our focus is on being the 'kaitiaki'/caretaker and the stewarding of Creation around us as God directed in Genesis Chapter 1. NZ farming, African animals, Antarctica are some of the Inquiry topics chosen at different levels across our kura. We have plenty of learning centred on how humankind have done this effectively while we can also identify what hasn't been done well. We will be able to consider how we can continue to responsibly steward the earth and its creatures, recognising how valuable these resources are to and for us.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel

1 John 4 V 7-9

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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'.



POWHIRI

We welcomed several new whānau on Thursday 4th August including our lovely new kaiako/teacher Whaea Surette Potgieter and Sheryl Dennison Human Resources Bethlehem College. It is such a privilege to embrace our manuhiri and invite them to join us as tangata whenua. Each time we have a Powhiri, we experience the blessing of a powerful Maori cultural practice of giving priority to relationships, to our connections to God, to whānau, heritage and to living in New Zealand. Thank you to those who came to support our Powhiri and to extend friendship to our new kaiako Whaea Surette, her husband Ruan, children Mileah and Micah and to the Wang, Liao, Jackson and Massam whānau. How blessed are we!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

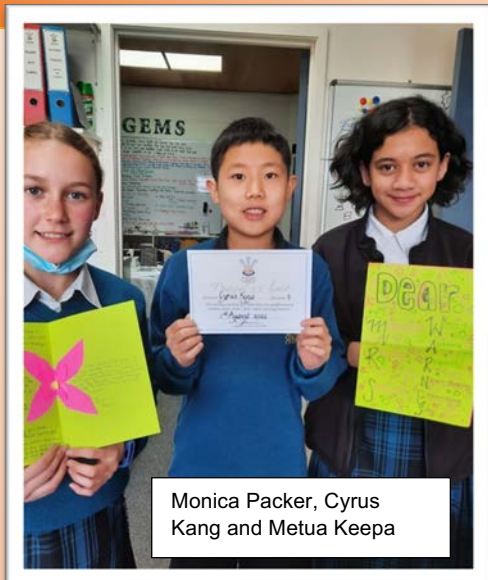
Congratulations to the first young people to receive Principal Awards in 2022. They have earned 400 points for their Houses:

Junior school - Arkisha Madrid (Tuari) and Raine Parker (Tika)

Middle school – Felix Kang (Atawhai)

Senior school – Cyrus Kang (Atawhai), Monica Packer (Mahaki) and Metua Keepa (Tika)

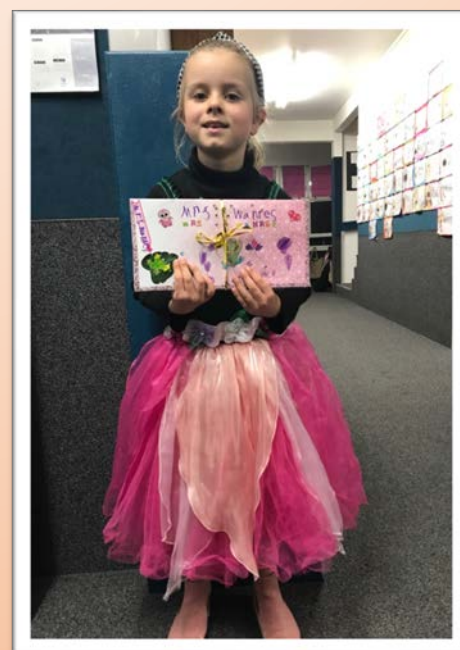
Winning a Principal's Award is a major accomplishment. To gain Merit cards for godly character, cultural, sporting, academic and service activities reflects who the young person is and their faithful diligence. Please honour and celebrate your son/daughter's Award when they bring it home. It is truly important to them to know how proud you are of them.



Monica Packer, Cyrus Kang and Metua Keepa



Arkisha Madrid



Raine Parker



Felix Kang

SPEECHES

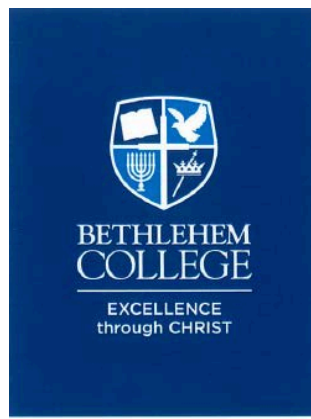
Writing speeches for our Year 3-8 tamariki is taking priority in our Writing programme over the next month as they prepare to write and deliver either an informative or persuasive speech. For some this is the time of year they look forward to, and for others, they dread it! Be assured your son/daughter will be well supported as they take on this challenge. Our class finals will be held in Week 6 and our Kura Final in Week 7 (Thursday 8th September 7pm). Please encourage your child as this is a wonderful skill to develop and which enables them to grow in confidence in sequencing and expressing their ideas. We also discover and can celebrate God given oratory talents in the process.

WINTER SPORTS

Now we are aware that many of you are involved with Friday afternoon/Saturday morning winter Sport. Can you please take a photo of your son/daughter in action so we can add these to our Hall of Fame photographic display in the foyer. Football, rugby, hockey, netball.....if your son/daughter is playing then we need to celebrate their participation! Any opportunity to share what is happening in the lives of our young people is worth doing!

FOUNDER'S DAY

Your son/daughter will have brought home a bookmark celebrating Founder's Day 11th July 1988, when Bethlehem College opened 34 years ago. It is a symbolic way of remembering the goodness and faithfulness of God over this period of time. While we are in Rotorua, and we have only been a 'satellite' of BC since 2018, we are nonetheless part of a huge story that was miraculously birthed, has progressed and which God will complete. He has been intimately involved and He has given the increase and HE continues to be at work in our midst.



FOUNDERS' DAY
29 July, 2022

WAKA TAUTOKO

We would like to promote our Waka Tautoko/PTA. We definitely have the BEST one in NZ and possibly the world....not that we are biased of course! With our Spring Fair coming up in Term 4, we really do need as many people to get involved as possible.

To be able to pull off this major community event, which is a blessing to the wider Rotorua community, we need to have people resources. If you have any great ideas we could include in our Fair then this is the time to speak up. Whether you can spare some time to come in to school, or prefer to work in your own home, there is plenty of opportunity to help create various items for sale at the Fair.

Please contact Rebecca Shrimpton, Mrs Warnes or Mrs Stevenson if you are available to assist. We've got this unique opportunity to spread 'aroha' through this bi-annual event.

The next meeting is at the school on Tuesday 9th August at 2pm.

COLLECTION OF TAMARIKI AFTER SCHOOL

We will continue to monitor closely the end of the day 'Pick up' of our precious tamariki. If you are waiting for your son/daughter, it is not raining, and their class are under the cover at the front of the Church, you may come across to collect them rather than having to wait in your car. As teachers, we will also bring children to you as we have been doing, though we do recognise we can make the pick up faster and more streamlined as we work together. The safety of our tamariki is paramount and children must be accompanied by an adult as they go to their car, with the exception of Whaea's Lisa's Room 5 rangatahi/young people. Thank you for your support!

UNIFORM SHOP

It's great to have Mrs Copeland back in the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays. Trish has been tied up with jury duty and then sickness during the first half of 2022 but is now back on board from 9:30am to 3:30pm on Tuesdays. Phone her on 027 279 3029 if you have any uniform questions. We missed you Mrs Copeland

2023

We are starting to look at student numbers for next year and need to know the spaces that we have available. Please advise Hazel or the School Office in writing if your young person is NOT returning to BC Chapman in 2023. Please also pray that we would have wisdom to bring in the families that God wants to join us.



Welcome to James George Madappilly who arrived on 26th July, five weeks early!! Weighing 2.596kg. Please pray for this little guy and his mum

JESSICA CHRISTENSEN

During the school holidays, Jessica participated in the national artistic roller skating championship, held in Blenheim. She gained a gold and a silver medal for large show group and quad group. Well done Jessica.



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

FREE MEDIA APP FOR BC FAMILIES

Wayne Fraser Head of Biblical Foundations at Bethlehem College has organised free access for BC/BCC students and families to a fantastic resource called RightNow MEDIA. It is packed with topics ranging from studies on marriage, parenting, youth, finance and technology; as well as videos and a tab just for kids with wholesome series and movies. All you need to do is use this link to access the site:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/bethstudents>

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 9th Aug - Waka Tautoko Meeting at 2.00pm

Thursday 25th Aug - Accord Day (Staff only)

Friday 2nd Sep - Blokes 'n Kids Breakfast 7am

Sunday 4th Sep - Father's Day – treat your Dads

Thursday 8th Sep - Speech Final 7pm

Thursday 29th Sep - House Soccer/Football Tournament
(postponement Friday 30th Sep)

Friday 30th Sep - Last day Term 3

Monday 17th Oct – Uniform Shop open 10am to 2pm
(Summer Uniform)

Tuesday 18th Oct – Term four starts

Friday 4th Nov – Interschool Speech and Chess Comp

Friday 18th Nov – Spring Fair

Monday 21st Nov - Accord Day (Staff only)

Monday 28th Nov - Accord Day (Staff only)



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