

# HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 19th AUGUST 2022

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

#### 'Luke 9 v 23-27

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

This Scripture passage is one of those that I always find challenging. There is part of me that actually prefers life in the easy lane. However, there is no doubt that Jesus was clear in his teaching that if we wanted to follow Him, then we needed to be prepared for challenges on our journey in life. True 'aroha/love' is not about self-indulgence or being selfish. It is connected to laying aside what I want for the sake and benefit of others around me and serving their best interests rather than my own. *The reward is worth the price. Jesus followed His call of death to self with the gift of life in Christ. "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."* 

If you wonder if you are ready to take up your cross, consider these questions:

- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of your closest friends?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from your family?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means the loss of your reputation?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job?
- Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?

Although we live in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and we usually don't have to face such consequences as losing friends, our reputation, job or even our life, in some parts of the world there are followers of Jesus who do. May we be mindful, of the myriad of opportunities we have to freely serve others through expressing the love of God in practical ways. Let's not miss them!

Me te aroha tonu Hazel With love always

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### **RUMA WHA/ROOM 4-WHAEA DEL**

We have two new young people who have joined Room 4 recently. *A special welcome to Solana Santos and Joshua Jackson*. It is always a joy to see our youngest tamariki coming in to join Whaea Del's precious part of our whānau.





The Ruma wha tamariki had a wonderful time with Whaea Berni, creating amazing spider masks to go with the reciting of the rhyme, 'Incy, wincy, spider'. They visited our classroom and delighted us all with their artistic, dramatic and oratory flair. Believe it or not, even spider masks reflect the individual personality of the wearer...some had a real 'princess sparkle' to them while others were much more wildly colourful and or mischievous! You simply cannot hide the fact that we are each uniquely made in the image of God with creative ability, originality, and beauty! By the way you will be relieved to know, that NONE of the spiders went down the spout, but they all did enjoy the sunshine!



#### **RUMA TORU/ROOM 2-MISS WYNNE**

Abydle Sabapathy, Year 2, was the inspiration and catalyst Ruma toru needed to start writing and illustrating their own books. We need to draw your attention to this, as we are expecting that within a few years you might need to watch out at Whitcoulls and McLeods Bookshop, when their latest novels are being promoted. Small beginnings as six and seven year olds can be fueled and nurtured with encouragement. We know what an impact authors like C.S. Lewis, J.R. Tolkein, Frances Hodgson-Burnett, Enid Blyton and Lois Lowry have had. Let's treasure their writing and celebrate the imagination expressed through their writing skills.

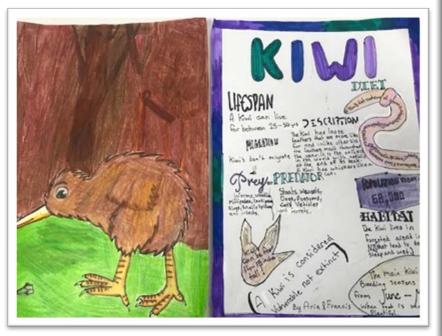
### **AROTAHI MAGAZINE**

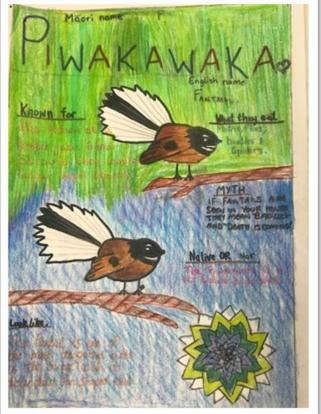
The Arotahi Magazine is a yearbook produced by the Bethlehem College Visual Arts Department and distributed at the end of each year. This year, one magazine will be delivered/handed to the eldest child of each family at BC Tauranga and BC Chapman. A pdf version of the magazine will also be available to download for free. For those families wishing to order additional copies of the Magazine, these can be purchased for \$20 per copy (on-charged to school account) through filling out the form here by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



### SPRING FAIR-11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

Please pencil in this date as we will need all hands on deck and we do want you to bring as many whānau and other community contacts as possible. Whaea Becs and her 'waka tautoko' team, ably assisted by our wider BC Chapman whānau, are gathering momentum for our Spring Fair. Ideas are flowing in, as are the various items being requested.... serviettes, glass jars with lids, tomato sauce, castor sugar, and even brown paper bags! Our rangatahi are creating Art so keep saving your dollars to purchase Christmas gifts. At home, some of our parents are growing plants so there are many things happening as we prepare for this major event. It is our intention to place the money raised towards a revamped playground which will be more conducive to the range of ages we have as a kura.







#### PIANO

#### Free to a loving home

Ms Leong has offered her dad's aunty's piano, to a home where some young people may enjoy learning to play and or to develop and practice their musical skills. Such a kind and generous offer! It will need to be collected and when placed in its new home it will require tuning. If your whānau are interested in this offer, please contact Mrs Stevenson in the School Office for further information. It's a 'John Broadwood & Sons' piano.

## ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION-LET ME BE MYSELF AT ROTORUA LIBRARY

Currently, Rotorua Library have an exhibition from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam which shows the story of Anne Frank from her birth in 1929 to her death in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945. Our Year 5-8 rangatahi have all studied some aspect of World War II in the past two years. This is an opportunity if you would like to pop in with your whānau and have a look. https://www.rotoruanui.nz/event/anne-franklet-me-be-myself/

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# 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!



Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people are currently making meals for our 'waka tautoko' freezer. It is such a joy and blessing for them to be able to use their culinary skills to create meals for other members of our BC Chapman whānau and our wider Rotorua community. So far this Term, these young chefs have made five different meals and their joy in serving by showing practical aroha/love is encouraging.



#### **HEAD LICE**

We have received an email regarding a parent's discovery of head lice in their child's hair. Please do check your son/daughter's hair as we know that they unfortunately can be an issue. Head lice love clean hair and can cleverly disguise themselves, so it does require a careful adult examination. Eggs are small and creamy white and tend to stick to the hair. The hair around aNd behind the ear area is often where the eggs are most easily found. If your son/daughter is complaining of itchy hair or is scratching their hair, it is worthwhile taking a close look. All part of the joys of being a kura whānau.



# 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

# **UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop is open from 9:30am to 3:30pm on Tuesdays. Please phone Trish Copeland on 027 279 3029 if you have any uniform questions.

# 2023 ROLL

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.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday 25th Aug - Accord Day (Staff only) Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep - Blokes 'n Kids Breakfast 7am Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep - Father's Day – treat your Dads Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep - Speech Final 7pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sep – Animoso Choir visit Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sep – Year 8 HPV (final dose) Tuesday 20th Sep – Inter-Christian School Winter Sports Tournament Taupo Friday 23rd Sep - House Soccer/Football Tournament (postponement Monday 26th Sep) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sep - Last day Term 3 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Uniform Shop open 10am to 2pm (Summer Uniform) Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Term four starts Friday 4th Nov – Interschool Speech and Chess Comp Friday 11th Nov – Spring Fair PLEASE NOTE CHANGE Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Accord Day (Staff only) Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Accord Day (Staff only)



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