

## HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

This morning Whaea Lisa shared a new insight she had gained when listening to a podcast yesterday and we wanted to share it also with you. There is frequent mention of the significance of a 'staff' in the Bible. It was used to demonstrate God's power, the Israelites crossing the Red Sea, Isaac passing blessing to his son Jacob and of comfort in Psalm 23. Did you know that each newborn Hebrew baby was given a 'staff' at birth? On it were written a number of promise-filled scriptures which, as they grew, would remind them of the truth, love, and power of God's Word in, and applied to, their life. A very symbolic and deliberate way of capturing God's intention for our young people. This was something to teach them about as they grew up and verses which became significant to them, could continue to be added.

Officially, we begin a new season this week, Spring in all its blossom beauty has arrived. Golden daffodils in my office, new-born lambs and calves in the fields, the sun is shining, and we are delighted to be out and about, enjoying the warmth in the air. I have noticed there is quite a lot of 'football' being played and this might just be connected to a House Football Tournament coming up towards the end of this Term. Go team Tika, Mahaki, Tuari and Atawhai!

Me te aroha tonu  
With love always

*Hazel*

1 John 4 v 11 -12

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us'.







# BLOKES & KIDS BREAKFAST

This morning we celebrated significant 'blokes' in the lives of our young people with our traditional 'Blokies 'n Kids' breakfast. This is such a wonderful annual event when the scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, and hash browns are cooked. Amazing men we want to honour you for who you are, and all you do, to lead, guide, play, and mentor our tamariki. The excitement was tangible. It's all about bringing and sitting beside that special 'bloke' or 'blokies' and continues to be evidence of the importance each guy plays in their personal world. No doubt on Sunday, you will be having your own whānau celebrations and there might even be a second breakfast or a brunch in store on that day too. Special thanks to Suria, Kara, Beccs, Anelda, and our kaimahi/staff team for the yummy breakfast and the preparation involved.









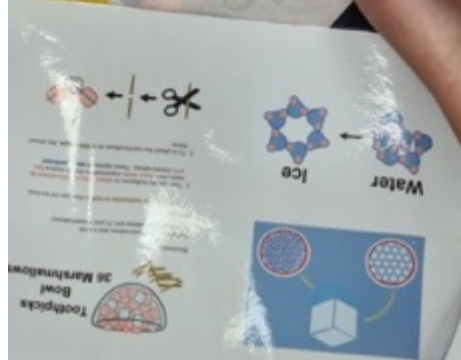
# ROTATIONS

This Newsletter we'd like to profile our Rotations programme which happens each Wednesday. Our specialist kaiako, Mr D, Mr Morton, Mr Walford, Whaea Becs, Whaea Ruth and Whaea Maria provide opportunity for our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi to do Wood Technology, Visual Art, Science, Photography, Biblical Studies, Music and Food and Nutrition. These photos capture a little of the learning and the action. All of this knowledge, understanding, and these amazing skills, transfer in one way or other straight into our lives.



Photos capture beauty and memories, Wood Technology teaches us design, craft, and problem-solving skill. Science points us to the awe of our God which Biblical studies confirms. Visual Art directs our attention to the detail, colour and original flair, which is part of being made in the image of our Creator. Music ministers to our souls, and blesses others deeply. Food gives us opportunity to express hospitality with a splash of individuality, as we venture beyond the recipe and add a personal touch. In one form or other, love/aroha is captured in these learning Rotations, and we see how much our rangatahi look forward to all that a Wednesday will hold.







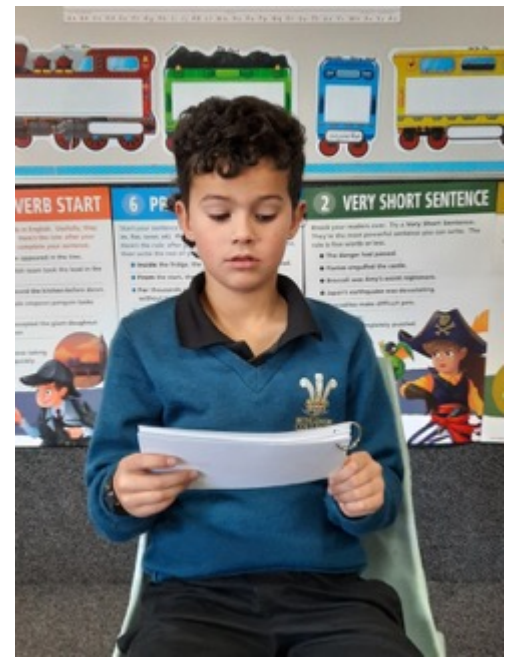




# SPEECHES

Our Year 3-8 tamariki are presenting their speeches this week. What an accomplishment to have written and confidently delivered a Speech to their classmates. The effort given by each child and their respective kaiako, to sequence their ideas and produce a cohesive message, deserves mention and commendation. Please celebrate your son/daughter's achievement at home. Well done to every single person involved!

Our Speech finalists will be selected at the end of this week and the BC Chapman kura Speech Final will be held on Thursday evening 8<sup>th</sup> September, in the Living Well Church Auditorium at 7pm (children seated by 6:45pm). Our Judges, Mrs Elizabeth Price and Mrs Jan Dean Secondary - English teachers, will be coming from Tauranga. ***This is a full kura whānau community event, so please come along and hear the messages that our finalists have to share with us.*** Our BC Chapman Choir will also be singing at this event. They are sounding amazing!



# BOT ELECTIONS

Our Board of Trustees is an extremely important group of people who faithfully serve our BC 'seaside/Tauranga' and 'lakeside/Rotorua' communities. Their knowledge and skill set are invaluable to the decision-making in our school. Monthly meetings require significant prayerful preparation, reading and time. This is a gentle reminder to make sure that you complete your Voting forms and place them in the 'black box' in the Office, before or after school. Mrs Warnes will have the box with her in the mornings, when she greets the children coming into school. Miss Wynne will take the 'black box' out to our 'after' school 'Pick Up' area so it is handy for the placement of voting forms. Voting closes at **4pm on Wednesday 7th September**.

## 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 8th September BC Chapman Kura Speech Final

7pm Living Well Church Auditorium

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sep – Bethlehem College Animoso Choir visit

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sep – Inter-Christian School Winter Sports Tournament - Years 5-8 at Taupo Events Centre

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Interschool Speech and Chess Comp

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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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