



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | 16th SEPT 2022

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

Kahore he wa i kite ai tetahi i te Atua. Ki te aroha tatou tetahi ki tetahi, e noho ana te Atua i roto i a tatou, kua rite pu ano tona aroha i roto i a tatou. Na konei tatou i matau ai e noho ana tatou i roto i a ia, me ia i roto i a tatou, na te mea kua homai e ia ta tona Wairua ki a tatou.

1 John 4 v 12 & 13

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

As we grieve the loss of Queen Elizabeth, described as a 'constant' amongst nations as well as individuals, we are faced with the influence one life can have. Her faith and devotion to God permeated her character, her words and her actions. She managed to remain impartial, encouraging, and compassionate, willing to face the challenges with a resolute commitment to serve whether the days of her life be long or short. God entrusted her with much and her years as Monarch proved her to be found faithful in her love for Him and for people across the world. Such 'aroha', she rightly connected and understood to mean genuine service and sacrifice. Service and sacrifice are not words we naturally gravitate to, nor necessarily want to walk out, because of the personal cost that they require. We are making a display in our kura to honour our Queen and to capture a little of the legacy of love, service and sacrifice she has left for us to emulate. *1 Corinthians 13 v 7 'Love always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.'*

I have been challenged in my own thinking this weekend and in the serving of our BC Chapman kura. What does this entail as we seek to see young people grow to engage in the unique purpose and call God has on their lives and the sacrifice that it will actually involve? Our tamariki are gifted and talented uniquely and we want to see them flourish and to embrace what each day holds.



They can love and serve right now, they can 'notice and respond', they can make their own whānau work more smoothly and can contribute to our kura whānau, Rotorua community, and beyond through the love and service they walk out right where they are.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

This week has been Te reo Māori Language week and has provided us with another opportunity to focus on, engage with, and build upon our use of Te reo. We are blessed to have a plethora of rich resources connected to Maori language and tikanga. It is amazing how quickly our tamariki can pick up and use Te reo.... the advantage of being exposed at a young age is well researched and supported. Ask your tamariki what they are learning and have some fun at home practising new phrases as we grow our understanding together.



HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

We were blessed on Monday to have two Kaiako, Kimiora Insley and Mereana Wilkie, to further invest in **Year 7 & 8 through a 'Physical leadership' training programme**. They encouraged and guided our Year 5-8 rangatahi/young people in ways in which they could show **aroha** to our younger tamariki through leading lunchtime sporting activities. A new game '**ki o Rahi**', was taught to our Year 5 & 6 tamariki which they in turn have the opportunity to teach others. **Our Junior kura classes** will have a similar opportunity to engage with Kimiora, and Mereana on Tuesday 20th September. We are incredibly blessed to have these talented Kaiako committed to our BC Chapman kura and to the rangatahi of all of the kura across Rotorua.

ABSENCES: Please phone the School Office 07 346 1492 or email office.chapman@beth.school.nz 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. Also, please advise the school office if you are not planning to return to BC Chapman next year

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.

SPEECH FINAL

We were able to celebrate together on Thursday evening the oratory talents of our Primary and Junior Secondary Speech finalists. We were also treated to several musical items provided by the Room 3 tamariki, our Choir and soloists Alyssa, Rochelle, Esther and Katie Anja, Metua, Chloe, Te Ana, and Manu. *Special thanks to all of our parents who made the extra effort to come and support this special evening. Your presence and engagement with our tamariki, is the essence of true community connection. Thank you!*



Our Judges, *Mrs Jan Dean and Mrs Elizabeth Price*, were confronted with the unenviable task of selecting the winner. Our Primary finalists and their topics were as follows: *Jeffery Pan (Pollution), Nate Peters (I Love Jokes), Joshua Hall (Homework) and Flynn Goodchild (Dogs Are Better Than Cats)*. *The 2022 Primary Speech Cup recipient was Joshua Hall.* As a result of his topic, a kaimahi/staff meeting will need to be held to redress the compelling arguments presented against the, obviously detrimental infliction of homework.



Our Junior Secondary finalists and their topics were as follows; *Lauren Shrimpton (Prayer), Ryno Nieuwoudt (The Benefits of Team Sport), Chloe Slater (God's Unconditional Love), Cyrus Kang (God's Love); Aria Parker (Why is There Suffering in This World); and Manu Paletu'a (Who Are You Devoted To?)*. It is worthy of mention that four of our six finalists are bilingual....phenomenal! *The 2022 Junior Secondary Speech Cup recipient was Chloe Slater.* Our Judges later commented to us that they felt we have a group of talented young speakers who have already successfully attained Year 11, English NCEA Level 1 Speech criteria. Just imagine what they can achieve with another three years of English study.



CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Congratulations to three of our school families Santos family, Kim family and van der Merwe family who became NZ Citizens last week



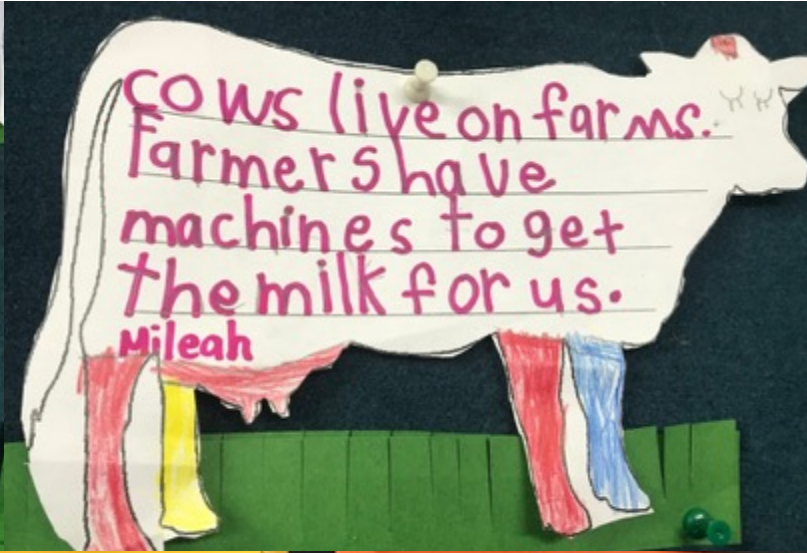
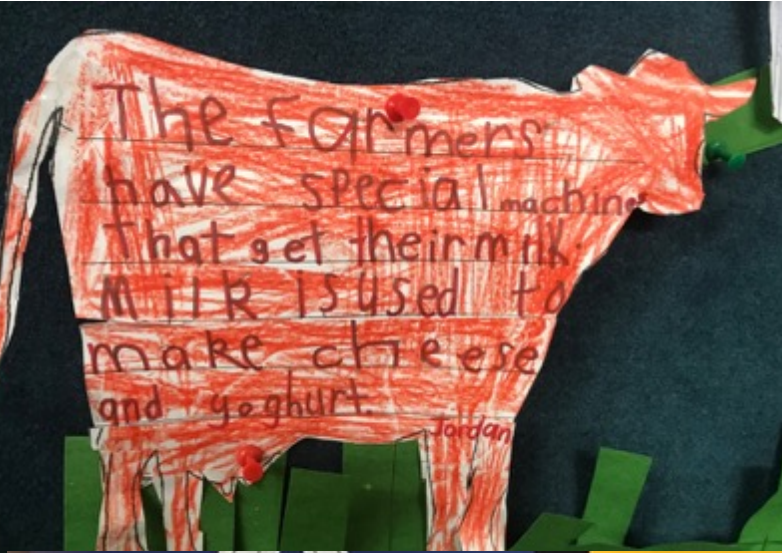


CHESS POWER TOURNAMENT



RUMA WHA/ROOM 4 ART

Our youngest tamariki delight us with their artistic creations and their comments. Recently, they were categorizing different animals and identifying the reasons why they would belong together. Some awesome critical thinking and perceptive questions were flying around keeping Whaea Del on her toes! We can never underestimate the capacity our little ones have for knowledge and understanding nor their ability to connect the two, to what they already know.



RUMA TORU/ROOM 3 BUDDY READING

It is a tremendous joy to see our tamariki loving and supporting one another in tangible ways. No wonder reading confidence and competence is going up when they read to and encourage each other. These photos capture relationship and whānau in beautiful ways. As kaiako, we would be the first to admit the power of peer connection and support. The fruit is ABUNDANT!!!





Science excitement in Room 2 – growing seeds

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday 19th Sep – Bethlehem College Animoso Choir visit

Tuesday 20th Sep – ~~Inter-Christian School Winter Sports Tournament – Years 5-8 at Taupo Events Centre~~ **CANCELLED**

Tuesday 20th September Healthy and Active Programme Years 1-4 inclusive

Friday 23rd Sep - House Soccer/Football Tournament
(postponement Monday 26th Sep)

Friday 30th Sep - Last day Term 3 Mufti Day - Gold Coin donation for Limapela School

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 11th Nov – Spring Fair PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

Monday 21st Nov - Accord Day (Staff only)

Monday 28th Nov - Accord Day (Staff only)

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