

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 11 NOV 2022

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

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When this Newsletter arrives online, we will already be well and truly immersed in our Spring Fair. Led by our incredibly creative and talented Whaea Becs, this is something we have been gearing up towards for many weeks. It is our opportunity as a BC Chapman community to draw in our immediate kura whanau, and to reach out to and involve other members of our Rotorua community. An event such as this allows us to bless, encourage, and express 'aroha' in tangible ways.

While the long-term weather forecast is somewhat dismal and promises a rainy Friday, we are moving ahead in faith believing for another blessed community connection. There will be a smorgasbord of delectable foods from around the world, creative products, interesting bargains, games, and activities, designed to enhance relationships and promote a stronger sense of faith, hope and love to the glory of God. Next Newsletter we will include some photos of this bi-annual event, and capture some of the comments of those who attended.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel

Love always protects,
always trusts, always
hopes, always
perseveres. Love
never fails. But where
there are
prophecies, they will
cease; where there are
tongues, they will be
stilled; where there is
knowledge, it will pass
away.

1 Cor 13 v 7 & 8 NIV



BUBBLE AND COOKIE LUNCHTIME FUN

The complete lunchtime surprise of 'bubbles and cookies' on Wednesday at lunchtime was a catalyst for some fun. There were literally bubbles blowing in all directions as our older and younger rangatahi/young people embraced and created their own fun together. A timely reminder that we really do not outgrow playing and the simplest of things can embed lifelong memories. No one really recalls how they learned to read, write or manipulate and compute with numbers, however, Mufti Days, the Hamburger and ice-cream lunches, the kura birthday party, House Football Tournament, Cross Country, Spring Fair and lunchtime 'bubbles' will be etched in one's mind long-term, as distinctively memorable occasions. It is easy in these times, when the News across the world is depressing, to forget how to have fun, to laugh and play together and find joy in less sophisticated yet significant experiences. I had a conversation with our kaiako who were rostered 'on duty' on Wednesday at lunchtime and there wasn't one single disagreement or upset of any description. Everyone was included, fully involved, and focused on the fun that was to be had. Therefore it is our intention to introduce more of the 'innocence, fun and freedom' of childhood back in to our kura life, culture, and learning. Special 'thanks' to Liz Goodgame, Christa Otter, Astrid Reid and Jasmine Russell for the delicious cookies, and the bubble time frivolity as part of our 'waka tautoko' support! Community grows stronger through sharing these experiences together. Watch this space for further joy!



COMMENTS FROM RUMA TORU ABOUT THEIR BUBBLE EXPERIENCE:

“When I walked outside yesterday at lunchtime, I got a surprise! I saw ginormous blue cookies and a bubble machine. Immediately, I had to eat one of the cookies. When I ate a cookie, my eyes popped out because it was so delicious.” (Rochelle, 7)

“When I walked outside yesterday at lunchtime, I got a huge surprise! Joyfully, Talia, Liana and I grabbed a bubble wand. They each took a cookie, but I didn’t have one. When I tried to blow a bubble, it did not work, but when I ran with my bubble wand, it was perfect.” (Abydle, 6)

“When I walked outside yesterday at lunchtime, I got a huge surprise! There were bubbles everywhere and cookies on tables. I found my friend, Aby, with a bubble-wand in her hand. I sprinted across the field to get a bubble-wand too. Excitedly, I waved my wand around and made lots of bubbles. Then I found Liana. Both of us went to get a cookie and then the bell rang. (Talia, 6)

“...I raced onto the field. Suddenly, I saw a bubble machine...” (Reuben, 7)

“...Skillfully, I tore around and the bubbles were humungous!...” (Lydia, 7)

“...I couldn’t believe my eyes! I saw two tables. One table had cookies, and the other table had magic fairy bubble wands...” (Alyssa, 7)

“...Excitedly, I got a blue cookie, and I blew some bubbles in the air...” (Joshua, 7)

“...I saw people holding bubbles, and I heard the word cookie. I ran as fast as I could to grab a cookie, and some bubbles...I had the best day ever...” (Esther, 7)

“...I had so much fun playing with the bubbles, and the cookies were yummy. The wind blew the bubbles, and the bubbles went everywhere...” (Albert, 7)

“...I saw a lot of bubbles flying in the sky...I called the day a Bubble Day. It was the best day in my whole entire life...” (Angela, 6)





INTER-KURA CHESS AND SPEECH COMPETITION

On Friday 4th November, we held the Inter-Kura Chess and Speech Competition at BC Chapman. It is an annual occasion held in Term 4 each year, involving some of the nine kura in our Kahui Ako/Community of Learning, from Waikato, Bay of Plenty, and Taupo. This year, it was another marvellous time of celebrating our Speakers and our wonderfully talented strategic thinkers as they made their Chess moves.

Our MC's for Primary, Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 Speech competitors were Lauren Shrimpton, Elina Morgan and Manu Paletu'a. The standard of speakers was reflective of the gifting of rangatahi/young people, and of their kaiako/teachers, nurturing their talents. **Mrs Cherie Whitwell and Mr Mark Breetveld,** ran the Chess Competition, which went smoothly, took deep concentration, and strategic forward planning. Players formed kura teams at the end of the official 'Draws' and played against Mr Breetveld, all at the SAME TIME. A great challenge!





Special thanks to Mrs Stevenson, Whaea Lisa, Whaea Sylvia and Whaea Becs who assisted with the organization and smooth running of the day. The feedback from various different kura kaiako and rangatahi was positive. They spoke of the presence of God in our kura, and the aroha expressed by different people including the hospitality/manaakitanga. This was an answer to our prayers for this occasion to glorify Him.

Speech Results

Primary Winner: Nova Stevens (Tauranga SDA)

Year 7 & 8 Winner: Chloe Slater (BC Chapman)

Year 9 & 10 Winner: Emma Botha (Hamilton Christian School)

Chess Results

Primary Winner: Nyzed Avergonsado (Matamata Christian School)

Year 7 & 8 Winner Ryno Nieuwoudt (BC Chapman)

Year 9 & 10 Winner Lize van der Walt (Hamilton Christian School)

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11 NOVEMBER 2022
4.30 - 7PM

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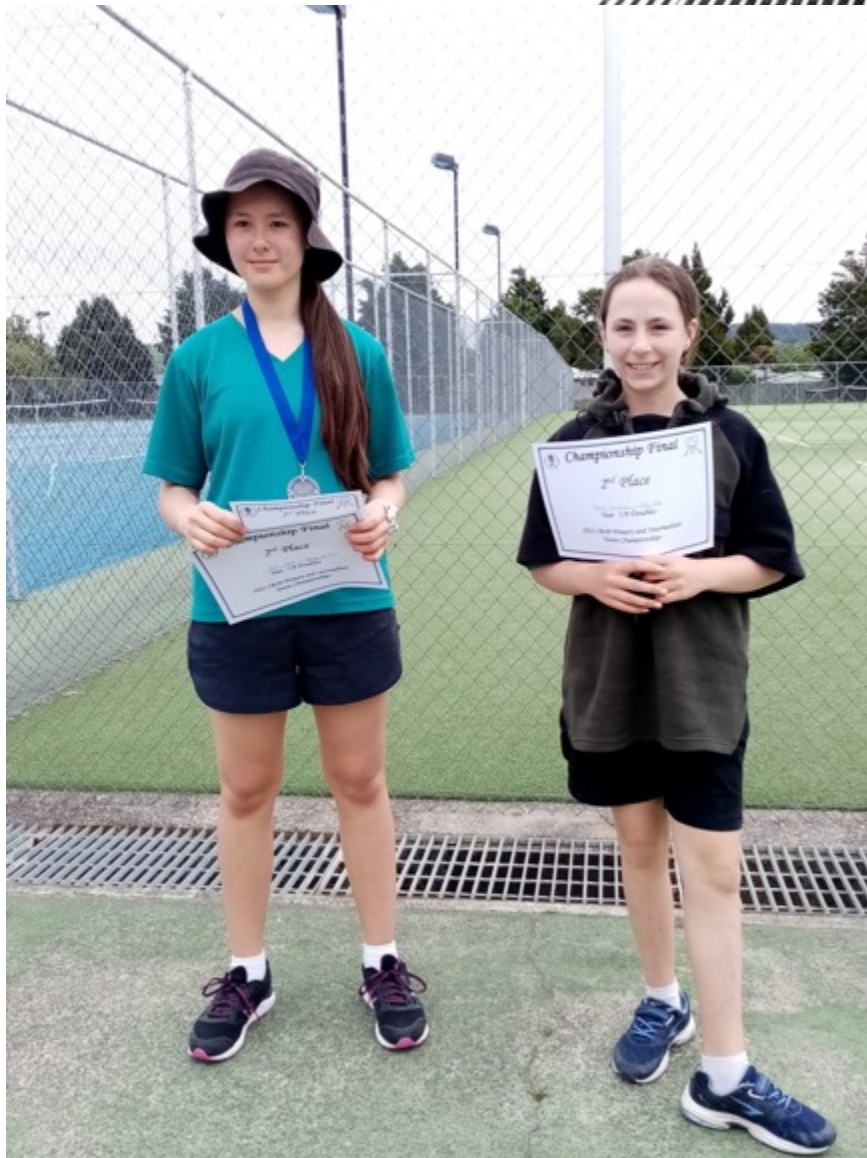
COMMUNITY

CRICKET

Cricket, for those who are interested, is currently running as the season is now getting underway. If your son/daughter is interested in playing Cricket over Term 4 and in Term 1 2023, it is a great opportunity to join the programme. I have heard nothing but great reports from those who have been involved in Term 1 2022 and our tamariki loved the experience.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 8th November, Whaea Jesse took four representative Tennis players to the CBOP Tennis Tournament at the Rotorua Tennis Courts. Chloe Slater, Jessica Christensen, Ryno Nieuwoudt and Joshua Kim played in the Tournament. We were delighted with the attitude, effort, and amazing sportsmanship of these rangatahi. Well done to Joshua who came in 3rd place, Chloe who came 2nd and both Chloe and Jessica who came 2nd place in the doubles. Beautiful!





NETBALL

Our netballers are rapidly growing in their enthusiasm for the game of Netball and their skills. This 'Future Ferns' programme is a wonderful way to introduce young people to the game of Netball and to the skills involved. Whaea Stacy is doing a fantastic job of coaching and encouraging our girls! Feel free to go down to the Rotorua Netball Courts on Monday afternoons at 4pm to support our players!

Players of the Day: Y3/4 – Blake Kilgour and Y5/6 Anja Kreber Smolic



TOUCH RUGBY RESULTS

Our Touch Rugby team players are certainly not lacking in their zeal, and it is a real joy to watch the commitment they have to each other. Matua Rio and Matua Robbie are putting in the hard yards with lunchtime coaching twice a week and this is paying dividends in the growing of skills. Special thanks to Whaea Jesse, our teams' manager for her outstanding support of the team communication and co-ordinating the necessary support gear each week. Go Whaea Jess!
The Semis and Finals will be played on Saturday 26th November.



TOUCH RESULTS

WEEK 3

BC Chapman Touchdowns win (8) vs Huruanga Aaterea (Nil)- Amazing game

The Untouchables win (4) vs RPS Marvels (1) – Whoop Whoop!!!

WEEK 4

BC Chapman Touchdowns loss (1) vs Lynmore Gunners (3)- Chapman played really well with great defence.

The Untouchables loss (3) vs SDA Mananatha (5)

PRAYER

Please come along and become part of the awesome prayer groups which meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.45am. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other whānau. Please do not be shy, just come! They meet in the Health/'Waka Tautoko' room at the end of the corridor by Ruma Rua/Room 2. Thursday mornings includes morning tea too! As kaimahi/staff, we are so grateful to all of you who so faithfully pray for us and for our BC Chapman waka whānau.



RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION DOCUMENT

As part of the new Relationships and Sexuality Education Document, each kura/school is required to consult with their respective community. As a non-denominational Christian kura/school, we are committed to ensuring that we honour, and serve you as parents. You are the primary educators of your tamariki/children, and we are here to support you in this. To help us do this effectively, we would greatly appreciate you completing a BC Chapman Survey, which will be sent out next week via email. It is a very quick survey so will not require much time to do. The information we receive from you both informs and supports what we will do in our kura context. We look forward to your feedback next week.



YEAR 7 2023 - iPADS

Our current Year 6 students, moving into Year 7 2023, will need to purchase an iPad. We want to flag this ahead of time as Christmas and Boxing Day bargains are coming. Please buy an iPad Air 2/iPad 2017 or newer. **(Please no iPad Pro 12.9 inch as there is limited security at school for these and we don't recommend iPad mini. The smaller screen can cause difficulty when creating and using documents.)** Because of the Global shortage, please order your iPad early, as delivery can be from six to eight weeks. Check out the specifications on the Bethlehem College website [HERE](#)



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YEAR 6-9 Recommended iPad Devices

Please be aware that there is a Global shortage of devices at the moment and ordering a device from retailers this year is advised. The shipping time is between 6-8 weeks.

Apple iPad (9th Gen)

Features

- Apple Pencil support
- 64GB storage
- 10 Hour battery life
- This device will be suitable for years 6-9 and will be powerful enough for all subjects and should last approximately 3-4 years.
- Price \$550.00 Approx.



Apple iPad Air 10.9"

Features

- Apple Pencil support
- 64GB storage
- 10 Hour battery life
- This device will be suitable for years 6-9 and will be powerful enough for all subjects. Also this iPad will be faster for advanced tasks, photography and video editing and should last approximately 4-5 years.
- 64GB Price \$970 Approx.



Notes

- We highly recommend that a Bluetooth keyboard case is purchased with the device as it helps to protect the device and will be much more comfortable to type on for extended periods. These can vary in price dependent on the iPad model but usually sit in the \$80-\$150 range.

If the above recommended devices are not suitable or you wish to pick your own we do recommend to get a device meeting these minimum specifications in order to insure ease of use and longevity.

- iPad Air 2/iPad 2019/ iPad 5th Gen (IOS 15 supported devices) or newer
- 32GB or higher as storage needs are always growing with higher quality photos and videos.
- We do NOT recommend **iPad Minis** as the smaller screen can cause difficulty when creating and using documents.
- If you have any questions please feel free to contact our eLearning Team at BYOD@beth.school.nz

SUMMER UNIFORM

Summer Uniform is our Term 4 commitment, and **this includes wearing our kura 'sunhats'**. Our current TV News programmes are reminding us of the dangers of the UV rays which are prevalent in NZ, at this time of the year. Hats need to be brought to school every day because tamariki are required to wear them during break times. Application of sunscreen is also advised. **ALL items of uniform** including boy's polo shirt, shorts, girl's dresses, hats, sandals etc. **must be clearly labelled** as this makes the return of missing items so much easier. Thank you for helping us in this way.

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

Friday 11th Nov – Spring Fair - 4:30 to 7pm (preparation all day)

Monday 21st Nov - Accord Day (Staff only) Determined by the MoE

Friday 25th Nov – Wheels Day Year 1-6

Saturday 26th Nov Touch Tournament Semis and Finals

Monday 28th Nov - Accord Day (Staff only) Determined by the MoE

Thursday 1st Dec – Cricket coaching Year 1-8 @ BC Chapman

Friday 2nd Dec - Athletics at BC Tauranga

Tuesday 6th Dec – Choir Concert 9:30am Living Well Church Auditorium

Thursday 8th December Volunteers Morning Tea 10:30am

Thursday 8th Dec – Year 8 Leaver's Dinner 6pm

Friday 9th Dec – Ruma Rima Year 7 & 8 End of Year Celebration

Wednesday 14th Dec - Last day of Term 4 (Reports issued)

Wednesday 14th Dec – Celebration 2022 Prize-Giving 6pm Living Well Church Auditorium

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