



## **HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 12 DEC 2022**

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

These Scriptures finish by stating that the there are three that remain 'faith/whakapono'; 'hope/tumanako' and 'love/aroha' with the greatest of these being 'love/aroha'. As I write this, I am well aware that we are in the last week of school and preparing for the long holiday break. This past weekend weather has given us all hope that Summer is an actual possibility. Moments of doubt given weeks of rain, were immediately replaced with a sunny sky, and opportunities to be outside enjoying the beauty Rotorua has to offer. These final few weeks build towards Christmas and to Jesus' birth on Earth, God's Son given in love to us.

Thank you for the amazing love and support you have given to us throughout this year. May we take this opportunity to wish you a truly blessed Christmas and precious Summer holiday break, with all those you love and treasure!

Me te aroha tonu With love always

<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;

then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part;

then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.13

And now these three remain: faith. hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.



#### **REPORTS**

These will be issued on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (the last day of school at BC Chapman) and also sent through to you digitally. We trust they will be a blessing and encouragement to your son/daughter and to your whānau. It has been our privilege to journey with you this year and to write these Reports, capturing your son/daughter's character and their achievement. In the envelope you will also find Term dates for 2023, an Office Max brochure for 2023 Stationery, Grapevine and Arotahi magazines.

# PRIZE-GIVING

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Living Well Church Auditorium starting at 6pm sharp. (Students to be seated by 5:45pm).

Principal's Awards which are presented throughout the second half of each year, are the apex of accomplishment, an achievement each recipient has worked extremely hard for. We are so proud of each one of them!

# FUN DAYS

At the end of each year, we like to celebrate with an injection of 'fun'. For our Year 1-6 Primary tamariki, we had Christmas Arts and Crafts, games, activities, sausages for lunch and finished off with an ice-cream, popcorn, chips and a Movie. Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people, had a Mystery Day out, filled with a few surprises.











## CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

It was lovely to have our first ever Choir Christmas Concert and to have it attended by so many whānau and friends. When I am in my Office in the morning, I am often surrounded by the sounds of the voices of our tamariki singing praise and worship songs. Our Choir is filled with gifted and talented singers and the Concert was definitely prime confirmation. As their audience, we were treated to a repertoire of Christmas music which launched us into the festive season. Old favourites and new songs mixed together reminded us of the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the light and hope of the world, and of all the joy this time of year holds. Special thanks to our amazing Choir members and to Miss Wynne for the hours of practice and learning of lyrics which they committed to and polished in readiness for the performance we enjoyed this week.



## **VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA**

We sent out between 70 and 80 invitations to the faithful volunteers who in one way or other support us at BC Chapman. Whether as intercessors, Office assistants, Reading tutors, Property maintenance, Professional Learning providers, Spring Fair creatives, or 'waka tautoko' PTA members, we have a significant list of people who believe in, love, and serve this ministry. This Morning Tea is a tradition, one in which we honour and express our gratitude. On Thursday morning, we shared a special time together, as we chatted at the tables which were set up, in keeping with the 'aroha' theme. Our volunteers are the tangible expression of aroha/love, that is selflessly given, for the benefits of our little BC Chapman kura. We are incredibly blessed by these people who continue to support us and enable us to fly!



# LEAVER'S DINNER

Bringing together our Year 8 leavers and their whānau is a part of celebrating their journey at BC Chapman and releasing them to the next part of their journey at Secondary School. Our rangatahi dressed smartly, and their growing up was undeniable. These moments are precious when our rangitahi pause to voice gratitude to their whānau who have been their greatest advocates and cheerleaders. Whaea Anelda and other members of our kaimahi/staff team worked together to prepare the meal which as always was delicious. A photo booth to capture those memories of connections made and fun enjoyed. All contributing to a perfect evening!







# Wednesday 21 December Meet at the Chapel in the hospital from 4:30pm Christmas Carols around the Wards



# Distribution of Teddy Bears Light refreshments to follow



This year, because of Covid restrictions, we will be required to wear masks, so bring your festive looking mask, to go with your festive looking hat.

Any questions, Alison 349 7853

# NETBALL TEAMS-THE FUTURE FERNS SEASON

The game on Monday afternoon was *our first win* of the season. We are celebrating the growing skills of our girls. Morgan, Isobella, Maddie and Zoe used their grease lightning speed to dazzle the opposition. Freya and Anja did a sterling job on defense and kept the ball firing down the court to our shooters. Kaea, Carol, Betsy and Freya attacked and scored seven goals in total winning the game 7 to 5 against a Lynmore kura team. The versatility of our players mean that they are learning to move seamlessly between attack and defense positions.

Our genuine thanks and appreciation to Whaea Stacy who instigated our Netball involvement, and Whaea Dawn and Whaea Emele, who assisted with coaching. Whaea Jesse deserves many accolades for her reliable management of the Netball team communication. Our kotiro/girls had their 'Break Up lunch' celebration on Monday and Blake Kilgour 'Most Improved Junior Player', Sofia Muliaga was nominated as 'Most improved Senior Player' and Freya Parker was 'Player of the Season' for the Year 5 & 6 team.





# TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On the final Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December our Touch Rugby Teams 'BC Chapman Touchdowns' and 'The Untouchables' played in the Year 5 & 6 and the Year 7 & 8 Semis and Finals. The games demanded teamwork and our players spared nothing. In spectacular style Malachi Cowlishaw raced down the field outstepping and evading his opponents to make the successful 'touchdown'. *It was the 'try' of the tournament*, a goal he had hoped for, and with patience, focus and resilience attained. Fantastic! The BC Chapman Touchdowns won their Final while The Untouchables came second. Gold and Silver medal winners..... impressive! It was a memorable moment. What incredible results! As spectators and fervent supporters, we were so proud. The sportsmanship, skills, grit, team commitment and sheer determination showed the caliber of our young sports stars. Special thanks to Matua Rio and Matua Robbie who coached our teams, Mr Caleb Hall who assisted with subbing and Whaea Jesse who did an awesome job of managing all the communication and gear.



### ATHLETICS DAY BETHLEHEM COLLEGE TAURANGA

Rachel MaGill, and Christine Browne of the Bethlehem College Sports Department, Matua Lewis Sound set up and the entire BC Ground Staff, once again made our annual BC Chapman Athletics both a possibility and a happening event. For all the thinking, organizing, preparing for, setting up, cooking and packing up, our BC Chapman waka whānau are thankful! What they did over days, weeks, and months goes with our recognition and our genuine gratitude. This extends to our parents and grandparents who generously transported us to and from Tauranga. We are blessed!

The weather was perfect, sunny, and warm with enough breeze to keep us cool, while the programme with track and then field, was brilliant. The activities were ideal in their suitability for different age groups, their position on the field for proximity and clarity of sound, and the delicious hot drink, sausage, and ice block treat...... all contributed to an exceptional day of sheer enjoyment. Our BC Chapman tamariki arrived in cars full of excitement and anticipation and climbed back into them at the end of the day deeply grateful, delightfully tired, and full of chat about all the fun they'd had.







#### STATIONERY 2023

Office Max have published our 2023 stationery lists on MySchool.co.nz

Enter your school name 'Bethlehem College Chapman'/Start/Select Year Level/Select stationery/View Requirements List. If you want to purchase through Office Max, be sure to do so earlier rather than later, because there are delivery delays in January.

#### **YEAR 7 2023 - iPADS**

Our current Year 6 students, moving into Year 7, 2023 will need to purchase an iPad. 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

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open this coming Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9am to 3:30pm and then again on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 10am to 2pm. If you have any second-hand uniform donations please deliver them, freshly laundered, to the Uniform Shop. There are no longer any 'sales on behalf'. Uniform questions? Contact Trish Copeland via text on 027 279 3029.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday 14th December Reports issued

Wednesday 14th December Prizegiving 6pm

Final Day of Term 4, 2022

Wednesday 25th January 2023 School Office opens

Monday 30th January 2023 Anniversary Weekend-Public holiday

Tuesday 31st January 2023 Staff/Kaimahi Only Day

Tuesday 31st January 2023 Uniform Shop open 10am to 2pm

Wednesday 1st February First Day of Term 1, 2023

Monday 6th February 2023 Waitangi Day – Public holiday

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