



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER FEB 2023

Dear wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Welcome Back to our kura! A very special welcome to those of you who are beginning the journey with us. **May you sense our Lord's loving presence and know you are treasured.** We are looking forward to getting to know you and value all that you bring to our BC Chapman community. Already there are photos in the hallway, which show us some of the amazing whānau fun you have had over the holiday break. These include precious connections with extended whānau here in Aotearoa and from overseas, now that our borders have re-opened. Please keep sending these into our School Office via email so we can share them. As they happen to be displayed just outside my office, I can hear the animated conversation being generated by these snapshots. It is a fantastic way for our tamariki to re-connect.

Our theme for 2023 is 'Connections and Celebrations' so you can expect plenty of opportunities to connect with each other this means whānau, tamariki/children and adults alike. **Strengthening our connections** is a major focus in 2023, after a three-year period of fragmented Covid interruptions, periods of 'lock down and isolation' and regulations. We intend **to pause and make time** to celebrate significant whānau experiences, tamariki progress and achievements, kura events, birthdays, extra-curricular activities, music, cultural, sporting involvement and so much more!

It is true that the holiday break has been a mixed weather bag, one which has contained a dominance of rain. Returning to our kura, the forecast for Week 1 painted a dark picture with rain being the common thread. Knowing this prompted us to think through how we might just capitalize on all that excitement that comes with returning to school and reconnecting with friends. Our kaiako had set up their rooms so that our tamariki knew that they have been waited for and are loved. There have been treats left on desks, notes written, and programmes sorted. Mrs Liz Goodgame and Mrs Jasmine Russell, two of our 'connectors', were on board and, without our knowing, had balloons and signs in place to add a little colour and love to Week 1! Thank you, Liz, and Jasmine! Awesome! Now, the presence of our tamariki, the sound of their beautiful voices singing, their infectious laughter and energetic play have injected the life in our rooms, corridors, and fields. Well, the latter needed to wait for Week 2, due to three days of inside morning tea and lunchtimes. Already, I have been visited by a number of our tamariki who had something to show and celebrate with me! This is one of my favourite times, as I get to share in their learning achievements. It makes my heart sing!!!

*I will exalt you, my
God and King,
and praise your name
forever and ever.*

*I will praise you every
day;
yes, I will praise you
forever.*

*Great is the Lord! He is
most worthy of praise!
No one can measure
his greatness. (Psalm
145 V 1-3)*

*Ka whakanui ahau i a
koe,
e tōku Atua, e te Kingi,
ka whakapai ki tōu
ingoa ake ake.
Ka whakapai ahau ki a
koe i ngā rā katoa;
He nui a Inhowā,
Kia nui anō te
whakamoemiti ki a ia;
e kore e taea tōna nui
te rapu.
(Nga Waiata 145)*

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel



POWHIRI

Tuesday 14th February at 8.30am

It is rather appropriate that we are holding our Powhiri to welcome new families into our BC Chapman community **on Valentines Day**. Powhiri is a defining event in the life of our kura as our tangaata whenua welcome our manuhiri/visitors. Through this occasion, our whānau is extended. Every time we have Powhiri, God's blessing is very evident.



Our kaumatua are extremely precious to us. They faithfully serve in leading us in Powhiri and in guiding and growing our knowledge and understanding of Te Ao Maori. **Matua Dave, Matua Robbie, Whaea Bessie, Whaea Dawn, Whaea Kirsty and Whaea Marie** are taonga/treasures in our BC Chapman waka whānau.

As new families, you bring your unique kete of knowledge, understanding and skills, which are also taonga/treasures to enrich our whānau. You add additional strength to the paddling of our BC Chapman waka, as we journey the course together. May you have a deep sense of God's love, of being genuinely treasured and of belonging to our community. We invite as many as possible of our existing whānau to be present on this occasion, to support and welcome our new families. The Powhiri will be followed with the sharing of kai/food in the Café. We trust you will be able to join us for this whānau/kura celebration.

Jadon and Juniper visiting me



MEET THE KAIAKO / TEACHER POTLUCK

Thursday 16th February at 5.30pm

At the beginning of Term 1 each year, we hold a **'Meet the kaiako/teacher'** evening at which time each kaiako/teacher, shares for around 20 minutes about their classroom programme. It also allows you to meet the other parents within your son/daughter's class. Each kaiako/teacher will connect with you and share several important pieces of information in relation to the culture, expectations, routines and the teaching and learning programme within their class. Knowing this, will enable you to partner with the kaiako and your child more effectively. There is a direct correlation between whānau involvement and tamariki success. We deeply value your presence as the primary educators of your child, and are keen to have you actively partnering, and participating, in their education at school. To see our tamariki thrive as they embrace life and their learning opportunities, is a blessing!

We will share a **'Pot luck'** meal together in the **Living Well Church Café at 5.30pm** prior to the classroom meetings. **Please bring along enough for your own whānau and some extra to share.** This is a lovely way of initiating new connections across our community and enjoying time together. Around BC Chapman, food tends to feature often! This will then be followed by the classroom meetings which are scheduled below. **Mrs Warnes will supervise your tamariki playing outside while you attend and once your meeting is finished, you can collect your child/children**

Ruma whā/4-Whaea Del 6.10pm

Ruma toru/3-Miss Wynne 6.30pm

Ruma rima/5-Whaea Lisa 7.30pm

Ruma rua/2-Whaea Wendy 6.50pm

Ruma ono/6-Whaea Surette 7.10pm



BC CHAPMAN PTA - WAKA TAUTOKO

Our PTA is known as the **BC Chapman 'Waka Tautoko'** (waka encouragement). The name fits this part of our community perfectly as we paddle together! There are usually one or two meetings a term and it is a fantastic way to connect with other whānau and get involved. There is **always food and laughter** as well as the **sharing of ideas and skills**. It is through this channel that we also dream up various different ways of blessing and surprising our tamariki as well as planning **'Connections and Celebrations'** and fund-raising. Our bi-annual Spring Fair which was held in 2022, is an excellent example of our strong community commitment through which \$20,000 was raised.

Please click on this link to view a short video of the Spring Fair 2022 created by BC student Jason Gray <https://youtu.be/Vbs9dZZCavE> (just copy and paste this link into your browser if it doesn't take you directly to YouTube to view the video).

Please consider joining us. Our first meeting will be in week 4 – we'll send an email out to confirm the date/time. We will always let you know ahead of time when a meeting is coming up.



We have buddied your son/daughter with either an older or a younger child or children. This is intentionally crossing age-groups and nurturing positive connections of encouragement between our tamariki. There are significant gains from such connections, as they provide both character growth and service opportunities. Friday lunchtimes each week will be a set time when they will sit and enjoy lunch together. There will be other set activities throughout the year when learning progress can be shared and celebrated, games can be played, events can be planned, and together we can become a stronger connected community. We introduced them to their 'buddy' on Friday this week. Make sure you ask your son/daughter who their tuakana or teina is/are, so you can get to know them too.

TUAKANA/TEINA OLDER/YOUNGER



CHOIR

Our tamariki Year 3 to Year 8 have the opportunity to join our BC Chapman Choir. Miss Wynne has some interesting new ideas for 2023, which will duly unfold. She has already selected some songs for our Easter Service later this term and for the first Concert mid-year. Practices are held on Friday afternoons between 1.30pm and 2.20pm. If your son/daughter is interested in joining, please encourage them to join in. Their musical skills really develop and it is a genuine blessing to hear them sing. When our talents are used, others are indeed blessed!



UNIFORM

A very **special 'thank you' to Mrs Trish Copeland** who so faithfully oversees and manages our Uniform Shop here at BC Chapman. Seeing our tamariki neatly dressed in their Summer Uniform is a blessing. It is a witness to our community of personal care, respect and their ownership of our kura. Thank you for remembering to send along your son/daughter's PE gear and their hat each day. May we ask that you do ensure that every part of their uniform is named, including their sandals, and hats. Inevitably, at some point in time an item gets lost. Having it named makes locating the owner and returning it efficient.

Touch Rugby

Matua Rio is continuing coaching our two Touch Rugby teams in Term 1. We are so grateful for him and others who volunteer their time, talents and skills to our kura. Ka pai tino pai Matua Rio.

FUTURE FERNS NETBALL

The wonderful Mrs Stacy Longbottom is willing to coach Netball again in Term 1 only. We hope to get enough players for two teams, Yr 3 / 4 and Yr 5 / 6. **Please email the office** if your daughter is interested in playing netball or you can help with coaching or umpiring – **we need your help**

TERM 1 - 2023

Coach Workshop #1 (Insight)	14th Feb OR 15th Feb 6.30pm - 8.00pm NRC Pavilion ** ALL COACHES must attend ONE **
Week 1	20th Feb Grading / Mass Warm Up Focus Skill WK1
Week 2	27th Feb Focus Skill WK 2
Coach Workshop #2 (Practical)	6th March NO NETBALL GAMES this week 6th Mar Venue TBC COACHES and Invited Players Y0-4 4pm - 5pm Y5-6 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Week 3	13th March Focus Skill WK 3
Week 4	20th March Focus Skill WK 4
Week 5	27th March Focus Skill WK 5
Week 6	3rd April Catch up day OR Mini Tournament
Please NOTE: We will not be carrying FF Netball over to Term 2	

Arki's crown



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday 14th February 8.30am to 10.00am Powhiri**
 - **Welcome to our new families/whanau**
- **Wednesday 15th February Rotation Programme Begins**
 - **With Specialist Teachers**
- **Thursday 16th February Meet the Teacher/Kaiako 5.30pm**
 - **Potluck/shared dinner at Living Well Church Café**
- **Friday 17th February HPV and Boostrix Immunisation Education Yr 7/8**
- **Saturday 18th February Touch Rugby Grading (to be confirmed)**
- **Monday 20th February Future Ferns Netball start**
 - **Yr 3 / 4 - 4pm**
 - **Yr 5 / 6 – 5.15pm**
- **Monday 6th to Friday 10th March – PAT assessment week**
 - **Please ensure your tamariki are present during this week**
- **Thursday 30th March Easter Service 7pm**
- **Monday 3rd April to Wednesday 5th April Yr7/8 Camp at Finlay Park**
- **Thursday 6th April Last day of Term 1**

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