



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 24 FEB 2023

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

Thank you for the effort you made to join us for our **'Meet the Kaiako'** evening on Thursday last week. The Pot Luck dinner and the **connections** that have begun with each other as parents and with our kaimahi/staff are precious. Healthy connection strengthen whānau and we are all well aware of how much we need the entire village to raise a young person. You probably noticed some interesting symbolism done with jigsaw art. **Please remember you, as whānau/family, are an integral part of the jigsaw being completed. We all partner with, participate in, and protect our tamariki so they can, and indeed will thrive, as God intends them to.**

I thought I'd introduce some of the **'sayings'** we use here at BC Chapman, so that it can be reinforced at home. This week the emphasis **is on a 'growing moment'**. Often you will hear tamariki say, 'I got a growling' meaning that they were 'told off' for something they weren't meant to be doing. **At BC Chapman we talk about 'growing' moments.** Animals growl, people don't! Part of living in a loving community, is supporting and encouraging a child and each other to grow, learn and mature. Growing takes effort! The right food and nutrition, exercise and careful nurture is necessary. Growing requires taking responsibility for my own words and actions and resolving issues when they crop up. We model growing as adults in their lives, through our willingness to listen, to humbly acknowledge when we are wrong, apologise, forgive and move forward. **In community**, we can grow together. There is always something more to learn and our relationships flourish, when we give them priority.

*Great is the Lord! He
is most worthy of
praise!*

*No one can measure
his greatness.*

*Let each generation
tell its children of your
mighty acts;*

*let them proclaim your
power. (Psalm 145 V 3
& 4)*

*He nui a Ihowā, kia
nui anō te
whakamoemiti ki a ia;
e kore e taea tōnu nui
te rapu.*

*Mā tētahi
whakatupuranga e
whakamoemiti āu
mahi,
tae noa atu ki tētahi
whakatupuranga;
e korero holi āu mahi
nunui.*

Me te aroha tonu
With love always Hazel



MUFTI DAY

Our Mufti day to support the families in Turkey who are dealing with earthquake devastation was held on Friday 17th February. We have sent \$354.30 to Tear Fund for specific targeting of needs in Turkey. Thank you for supporting this. It was so encouraging to see how a number of our rangatahi/young people quietly chose to give their pocket money to others in need.



GISBORNE



*Many thanks to all of you for the various food, clothing, and blanket items to be sent through to Gisborne. It's amazing just how much we were able to collect together, and give, within such a short amount of time. To be able to give out of the abundance we have, and to in a small way, support others who have so little is an incredible blessing! Thank you for this! We are a small and very **connected** nation. It is a privilege to be able to journey with others who are dealing first hand with unimaginable loss. Despite the distance, we can express the love of God.*

'WAKA TAUTOKO'/CHAPMAN PTA

As mentioned on Thursday evening, we are keen to have more whānau join our 'Waka Tautoko'/Chapman PTA. There is no limit on numbers and our meetings are only held twice a term. This group of parents really support us to bring both 'fun' and 'fund-raising' opportunities to pass. We have a number of different plans for the 2023 year and your presence and contribution of ideas will add to our success. Don't be shy or think that we don't need you! You may even be approached by one of us inviting you to join. Please come along! Our first meeting will be next **Thursday 2nd March at 2pm**



POWHIRI

Our 'Powhiri' for new students and their families will be held on **Tuesday 28th February between 8.30am and 10.00am**. We would love you to join us to welcome our new families in this deeply meaningful, honouring Maori cultural tradition. Every single time, the sense of God's loving presence with us is evident. It is a significant time to move from being 'manuhiri'/visitors to becoming 'tangata whenua'/the people who belong to the community. If you are not working and can attend this occasion, please come! Following the formal part of the Powhiri, morning tea will be served in the Café, and this is a time when you can connect and get to know our kaumatua, Matua Dave, Whaea Bessie, Whaea Dawn, and Whaea Kirsty and our more recent BC Chapman family members.



KAIAKO/WHĀNAU HUI - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

As you know we are gathering together a range of assessment data over these first six weeks of Term 1. These give our Teaching and Learning programmes, clear direction as we can determine the next learning goals/steps for each individual child. We will share your son/daughter's assessment results with you at our Kaiako/whānau hui, which will be a 20 minute meeting on 22nd or 23rd March. You will receive more information closer to the time and be able to then select a suitable time slot.

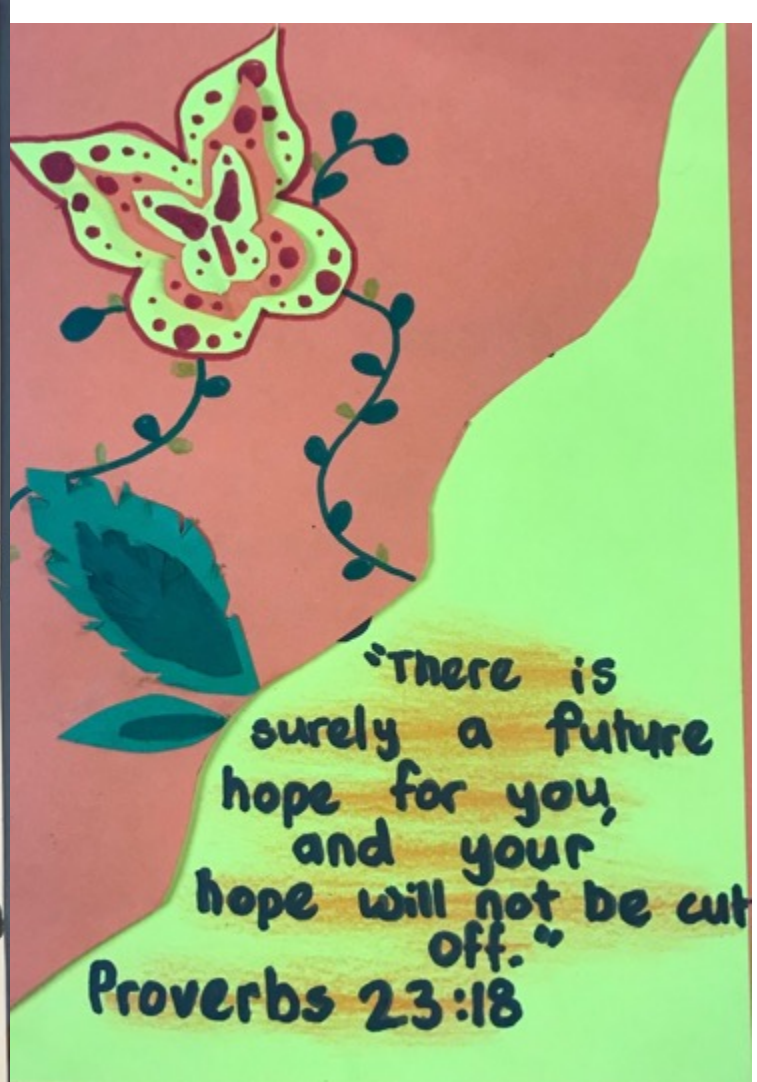
ENROLMENT

Can we please ask, if you have a 'pre-school' child and you are hoping to have them attend our kura, that you **complete the Online application via the Bethlehem College website** <https://www.beth.school.nz>. Even though your older child/children might be attending BC Chapman, we still need to have your son/daughter in the system and on the 'Wait List'. There is growing interest in our kura and in having children attend BC Chapman. So far this year, we are receiving several phone enquiries and or visits from parents each week who wish to enroll their child/children.

WEDNESDAY ROTATIONS

Our first two weeks of Rotations with our Specialist kaiako, has injected enthusiasm and added to learning opportunities. We are thankful for our **Wood Technology, Food and Nutrition, Textiles, Visual Art, Music, and French options**. These photos capture a little of the joy at different year levels. It was rather interesting the other day when a group of boys brought in the delicious biscuits they'd made. The biscuits were large in size and four of them filled the dinner plate. Moments later, a group of girls arrived with exactly the same biscuits only this time there were 8 smaller sized biscuits covering the same sized dinner plate. It made me smile! Later that day, I met the boys and asked them what they'd learned in Food and Nutrition. They said with huge smiles, **the size of the biscuits, determines how many biscuits you have and how many you can share!** Cool learning!

You are Strong
YOU ARE SPECIAL
YOU ARE LOVED
You are Tough ...
YOU ARE WORTH IT
You are not alone
YOU ARE BRAVE
YOU ARE SUPPORTED
YOU ARE YOU



TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

Saturday 4 March, 10am – 1pm
Rotorua Village Green

Enjoy a wide range of activities
celebrating tamariki and rangatahi.

For more visit [rotoruanui.nz
/event/childrens-day-rotorua](https://rotoruanui.nz/event/childrens-day-rotorua)







IMPORTANT DATES

Future Ferns Netball Games and Skill development begins Mon 20th Feb (No game 6th March)

Touch Rugby Competition Tuesday 21st February (competition begins)

Rural Inter-School Swimming Sports Kaharoa 3rd March (postponement Mon 6th March)

Week 6- PAT Assessment week 6th-10th March

Kahui Ako Inter-School Athletics at Porritt Stadium 29th March

Whānau/Kaiako hui Parent/Teach conferences - 22nd and 23rd March

HPV and Boostrix Immunisations – Year 7 & 8 Monday 27th March

Porritt Stadium Athletics Wednesday 29th March

Easter Service Thursday 30th March

Touch Rugby semi finals Saturday 1st April

Netball – last game Monday 3rd April

Year 7 & 8 Camp-Monday 3rd-5th April at Finlay Park

Dear parent/caregiver

Immunisations for Year 7 and 8 students

We will be coming to your school in 2023, to offer the following immunisations to Year 7 and Year 8 students.

What is the name of the immunisation?	What diseases does the immunisation offer protection against	Who will the immunisation be given to?	How many injections does a child have?
Boostrix	Diphtheria Tetanus Whooping cough	Year 7 - girls and boys	One
Gardasil 9	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which can lead to cancer	Year 8 - girls and boys	Two (over a six months)

To receive any immunisation at school, a child must have a consent form filled out and signed by their parent or legal guardian. **We will be sending these forms out in February 2023 so please look out for them, complete, and return to the school.**

It is important that even if you do not consent to the vaccination at school that you return the form, indicating a non-consent.

Information on the vaccines, diseases covered and management of personal information is included in the consent form and accompanying information.

A nurse from the Immunisation team will come to the school to give an education session to the students in February 2023.

Parents are welcome to contact the PHN or their GP for more information or, Information is also available from ,

- 0800 466 863 (0800 IMMUNE)
- www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation
- www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

Yours sincerely
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