



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 10 MARCH 2023

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

My sister gave me what she called a 'random' present on Christmas Day this past year. It was a pair of my mother's knitting needles and a couple of balls of cotton with which you can knit those lovely facecloths that cost the earth to buy. They happen to be my favourite! She had absolutely no idea that I had decided last October that our BCC curriculum theme for 2023, would be 'Connections and Celebrations'. Over the following couple of days, I began to knit. At first even 'casting on' the stitches took a few attempts. Deep in the recesses of my memory, the knowledge and the skills were embedded, and eventually I had the knack. The amount of pleasure and sense of success I received, was well beyond what I expected. Added to this, was the sub conscious realization that God was teaching me a whole lot of truths about 'connections and celebrations'.

It was a beautiful picture of growing community and the connection it involves. Every stitch is connected, no single stitch exists in isolation. It requires skills to create a stitch and then extra cotton to grow and connect it to others. The right amount of tension weaves and holds it in place. Such tension isn't always comfortable, but it is how we grow. Some flexibility is required as we are connected on every side. A pattern emerges, a pattern of consistency and beauty, a reflection of the knitter's plan for the finished product. If along the way a stitch is dropped, it rapidly creates a hole. To repair it, the entire facecloth needs to be unraveled, all the way back to that point. Picking up the stitches takes extra patience, and perseverance, however it can be retrieved no other way.

Ēhara tāku toa i te toa takatahi, engari he toa takitini

Our strength is not made from us alone, but made from many

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together

I thought about our BC Chapman whānau, our community and of the intentionality, with which we are connected because God brings us together. He is creating a stronger community, one which reflects His beauty, His plan, His love. We have a unique part to play, one in which we recognize the joy and strength of being connected to one another, a reminder that God has the big picture of which we are an integral part. It's a real joy to watch the connections between our tamariki, our kaiako and our immediate and wider whānau. We are excited about what God is doing in our BC Chapman whānau, through the connections we have.

May His glory shine brightly!

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel

*I will meditate on
your majestic,
glorious splendour
and your wonderful
miracles. Your awe-
inspiring deeds will
be on every tongue; I
will proclaim your
greatness. Psalm 145
V 5 & 6*

*Ka kōrerotia anō e te
tangata te kaha o āu
mahi whakamataku;
māku anō e korero
tōu nui. Ka
whakapuakina e
rātou te mahara ki te
nui o tōu pai; ka
waiatatia anō tōu
tika.*





POWHIRI

We held **our Powhiri on Tuesday 28th February** to welcome our new whānau members. Francis, Ihaia, and Joshua led our newly learned haka followed by Francis and Daniel then leading the korero. Special thanks to Whaea Bessie, Whaea Dawn, Whaea Maria, and Matua Dave who faithfully serve, teach, and encourage our understanding. The speakers from our manuhiri expressed such joy at being part of BC Chapman. We were all reminded afresh that as we pray, God hears and answers our prayers and sends whānau from ALL over Aotearoa and the world to join us. Afterwards, sharing morning tea and connecting in person was a true blessing. We love and are excited that our BC Chapman whānau continues to grow and pray our Lord's blessing over every member of it.





Te Arawa e
E!
Ko te whakaariki
Ko te whakaariki
Tukua mai ki a piri
Tukua mai ki a tata
Kia eke mai ki runga ki te
paepae poto o Houmaitawhiti





VISUAL WHĀNAU CONNECTION

Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people have **created their own visual representation of their personal whānau**. These are no less than gorgeous works of art of deep significance and meaning. They show connections between family members, they show history, and they capture precious relationships, in a vivid way. Already, these works of art are likely to appear in our **Art Exhibition**, later this year. Our tamariki will select their most loved pieces of Art for exhibition, so we can celebrate their gifts and talents. We are thinking we might just combine this date with a few other surprises! Watch this space!







Aria




Francis




Joshua




Freya



WALK, RUN, SKIP AND PRAY FOR HAWKES BAY

Our tamariki were sponsored by our Rotorua Christian Education Trust to walk and or run 10 full laps of our fields. Tuesday afternoon was the day as we weren't prepared to run any risk of rain later in the week. For each lap completed, it was \$1 raised per runner. Ten laps meant \$10 and with a Roll of 120, this then amounted to \$1,200. With each lap completed the total was rising! It was a time of challenge for our young people, and some set the bar high determined to run the entire distance. Joined as 'tuakana/teina,' this was a BC Chapman community effort. The photos capture some of the resilience, patience, and joy involved. We celebrated the health, strength, and support, we had to do the distance. To add to the money raised 'seaside' at BC in Tauranga to support those who have lost so much, is indeed a privilege. BC Tauranga will complete their sponsored run, on Saturday, and we will undoubtedly have some of our past students involved. Together, we really can, and do, make a difference.







INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday 3rd March, we took our largest representative swimming team ever to Kaharoa to participate in the Rural Inter-Schools Swimming Sports. Our young people, Felix and Falcon Chu, Anja Kreber Smolic, Caitlin Parker, Felix Kang, Daniel Kieck, Joshua Hall, Jeffery Pan and Aaren Zhang, all took first, second or third placings in each of their events. Best of all, was watching our young people congratulate others at the end of their race and having timekeepers, comment to me about the exceptional character and sportsmanship that our BC Chapman demonstrated. Yet again, this is indicative of the power of influence we can have simply because we speak and act as God's Word teaches.



WHĀNAU/KAIAKO HUI

This is a significant meeting at which we are able to share recent assessment information, and next learning goals/steps going forward. Please make sure you do book in a time to connect with your son/daughter's kaiako/teacher on **Wednesday 22nd March or Thursday 23rd March**. We are looking forward to being able to korero with you about your precious young person.



TOUCH RUGBY

Our Touch Rugby teams are thoroughly enjoying the Competition offered on Tuesdays and we can see that we have some promising young players who are rapidly coming to grips with strategic moves. The fitness of team members is steadily improving, and Matua Rio is intentionally growing their understanding of the game and coaching their skills. What we love to see is the camaraderie between the players on each team, their respect for, and encouragement of, one another. Commitment to weekly practices and games, to giving their all, and to demonstrating true sportsmanship, is resulting in deeper connection with each other.





ACCORD DAY MONDAY 1ST MAY

Please note as per Mr Edmeades letter, that *our Accord Day will now be Monday the 1st May* instead of the 26th April. While teachers will be at school for professional development, our tamariki will not attend that day.

2023 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS

		TERM START	TERM FINISH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
TERM 1	10 wks	<i>See further detail below for staggered student return</i> Tuesday 31 January Staff Only Day Course conf Y11, Y12 & Y13 Y13 camp depart Wednesday 1 February Y1-Y8 classes commence Thursday 2 February Y1-Y12 at school Y13 camp returns Friday 3 February Y1-Y13 at school	Thursday 6 April (94 half-days) <i>Good Friday 7 April</i>	Saturday 8 April to Sunday 23 April
TERM 2	10 wks	Wednesday 26 April 24 April Staff Only Day 25 April ANZAC Day 1 May ACCORD Day*	Friday 30 June (92 half-days)	Saturday 1 July to Sunday 16 July
TERM 3	10 wks	Tuesday 18 July 17 July Staff Only Day	Friday 22 September (98 half-days)	Saturday 23 September to Sunday 8 October
TERM 4	10 wks	Tuesday 10 October 9 October Staff Only Day	Thursday 14 December (94 half-days)	Friday 15 December
These term dates comply with Ministry of Education requirements - open for instruction 378 (half) days in 2023. *MOE approved professional development day re curriculum changes. Please refer to the website calendar for any other important dates that will have an impact on the school term for students.				

Start of Year - Staggered Commencement Dates for Students	
Tuesday 31 January	Y11 & Y12 Course confirmation Y13 Course confirmation and depart for camp No other year groups at school
Wednesday 1 February	All Year 1 – Year 8 classes commence - incl BCC Y9 - Y12 NOT at school Y13 at Camp
Thursday 2 February	All Year 1 – Year 12 at school. Y13 return from camp
Friday 3 February	All Primary and Secondary Students Y1-Y13 at school

2023 Statutory Holidays	
Monday 30 January	Auckland Anniversary Day
Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 7 April	Good Friday
Monday 10 April	Easter Monday (during holidays)
Tuesday 11 April	Easter Tuesday (during holidays)
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday
Friday 14 July	Matariki (during holidays)
Monday 23 October	Labour Day

OUR ARTISTS GALLERY

Here is our latest set of stunning Art! Enjoy admiring the talent and the development of this area of our curriculum. It certainly brings us such joy as kaiako. Every single artwork is a unique masterpiece, an original!

Awatea



Lucas



Hazel



Harry



Shaun



IMPORTANT DATES

- BC Band Camp Concert at Keswick Wednesday 15th March Whaea Wendy & Whaea Surette's classes (Ruma Rua and Ruma Ono)
- Whānau/Kaiako hui Parent/Teacher conferences - 22nd and 23rd March
- HPV and Boostrix Immunisations – Year 7 & 8 Monday 27th March
- Kahui Ako Inter-School Athletics at Porritt Stadium Wednesday 29th March
- Easter Service Thursday 30th March 7pm
- Touch Rugby semi finals Saturday 1st April
- Netball – last game Monday 3rd April
- Year 7 & 8 Camp at Finlay Park Monday 3rd -5th April
- Easter at BC Tauranga Thursday 6th April
- Term 1 ends Thursday 6th April
- Good Friday 7th April
- Staff only Day Monday 24th April
- ANZAC Day Tuesday 25th April
- Term 2 starts Wednesday 26th April
- Accord Day – Staff only Monday 1st May

Winter Sport

Now is the time to enroll for winter sport teams – see Sport BoP for more information if interested

<https://www.sportbop.co.nz/get-involved/> or:

- Otonga/Lakes Football <https://www.lakesfc.com/>
- Whakarewarewa Rugby Club <https://www.facebook.com/WhakarewarewaRCSC/>
- Kahukura Rugby Club <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kahukurarsc>
- Rotorua Netball <https://www.sporty.co.nz/RotoruaNetball>



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CONSIDER FOSTERING



A weekend, a week or longer

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