



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER 17 NOVEMBER 2023

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

Well, this has been a **HUGE** fortnight as we have prepared for our kura Production '**Heart to Change the World**'. Now this week, the lights lifted, the actors walked across the stage and the storyline began. Set in Psalty's music workshop, with its instruments, Songmobile, Musiquizzical quilt and a range of different instruments in various states of disrepair, we meet Psalty and Harmony, who are the central characters. **As it so happens, Romans 12 v 16, is pertinent to our main character Harmony, who experiences an entire change of heart!** Within moments, the auditorium comes alive as over 110 tamariki come skipping into the workshop to the surprise of the unsuspecting audience. Dressed in their respective costumes, the room is a blaze of colour and alive with the beauty and richness of cultural diversity. Singing, '**Come into the Workshop**', complete with actions, dancing, and a smorgasbord of plates of food for the International Potluck Dinner, audience attention was captured! We had them hooked!

This is much more than a children's production. It is a major community undertaking, in which our tamariki step up to use their God-given gifts & talents **to bring a life-challenging, transformational message**. It is an opportunity for kaimahi/staff and whānau/parents to work together to support their tamariki through creating props, managing sound, setting stage scenes, designing choreography, producing memorabilia, baking, teaching songs, directing action and encouraging actors, praying for health and for the central message.... it's everyone playing their part so that the entire production happens. This is not the first and no doubt won't be the last time, when I am reminded of the 'interdependence' we are created to have.

We are 'connected', reliant on God and one another. From the beginning to the end of this Production, over many weeks of preparations and practices, we have seen how true this is. There are NO small people, NO invisible ones, as it has taken every single person, an entire community, to play their part for it to be successful.

You might not be aware that **God has drawn over 17 different cultures to our small kura**, we truly have a '**Slice of Heaven**' on our waka. To see our tamariki owning their heritage, of itself was a moving experience. With two Matinees, one on Tuesday and the second on Wednesday, we warmed up for the Wednesday and Thursday evening performances recognizing that the audience size would no doubt be larger and possibly noisier. We were not disappointed! **Every performance was an experience as our tamariki gave their all and the audiences responded with clapping, cheering, whistles of appreciation and even joined in with some of the songs!** Upon exit, there were toes tapping, some humming of the tunes they'd heard and time taken to drop into the '**Slice of Heaven Café**' to eat a few of the delectable cultural favourites, and to purchase a little memento of memorabilia! You and I can have a heart to change the world for we are His hands, His feet and His voice. **Our prayer, yes, you guessed it, is that a decision to be all out committed to following Jesus and expressing our faith, hope and love through service in a broken world that desperately needs to know Him.**

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel

Romans 12:16-17

Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honourable.

Rōma 12:16-17

Kia kotahi te whakaaro o koutou tētahi ki tētahi. Kaua e whakakake te whakaaro, engari me whakaiti ki ngā mea pāpaku. Kei mea ake koutou he mōhio koutu. Kaua e utua tā tētahi kino ki te kino. Whakaaroa ko nga mea e pai ana ki mua i te aroaro o nga tāngata katoa.









A group of children are standing on a stage. In the background, there is a large sign that says 'welcome HOME' in a stylized font. The children are wearing various costumes, including a red shirt, a white shirt, and a green shirt. One child is wearing a white shirt with a red bow in their hair.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful whānau and our wider community who have supported us and enabled us to make **'Heart to Change the World'** happen.

Special thanks to:

Faustinah Ndlovu & The Rotorua African Society

Whaea Becs & Room 5 Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people who created props; and **our Year 1-8 tamariki** who created heart memorabilia & art.

Whaea Becs, Whaea Jesse and all our BC Chapman whānau for the spectacular costumes and for helping with make-up, especially **Angela Eiao**.

Pastor Jon and Jannine Parker; Heath Clapperton; Timothy Edwin; Jason Gray for stage setting and all things connected with sound and audio visual

Miss Michelle Wynne-Musical Director

Thayo and Shelley Gapes-Choreography

Mrs Tanja Lotter, Liz Goodgame and team-Slice of Heaven Café

Mrs Stevenson-Ticket Sales

Mrs Olga Simpson-Castenada and Mrs Dyanne Gray-photography

ALL our amazing tamariki/rangatahi from Year 1-8 who are and have been outstanding!

Whaea Del; Whaea Jasmine; Whaea Wendy; Whaea Lisa (our kaiako)



OUR KIDS ONLINE

On Thursday 23rd November, at 7pm, we have organised Filmmaker and Author Rob Cope, to give a talk on the topic of keeping our kids safe online. The meeting will be held in the Living Well Church Auditorium and is free of charge.

Online activity and the vulnerability of our rangatahi/young people is such a big community issue and we need to tackle it as a community. We need at least one parent from every household to attend.

Please pass on this invitation to other friends in your neighbourhood, church or sporting connections who have children aged between 5 and 18 years of age as this excellent presentation is vital for all parents. To be informed is to be equipped to better protect your son/daughter and to have conversations which are age appropriate.

PLEASE COME



Touch Rugby

Well done to our Touch Rugby Superstars! After a slow start of cancelled games on rainy Tuesday, the Touch Rugby season finally started, still with a downpour. Our dedicated tamariki played on, despite the weather, you can tell by the smiles that they loved it! Well done to the Chapman Touchdowns Year 5/6 Boys and the Chapman Untouchables Year 7/8 mixed team. A special thank you to Caleb Hall and Rio Crawford for coaching our teams.



Digital Devices for Year 7 & 8 tamariki in 2024

During 2023 a group was set up to look at BYOD devices at Bethlehem College/Bethlehem College Chapman. From the investigation, it was decided that Chromebooks would be introduced alongside iPads as a suitable learning device. The rationale behind this includes the following:

- iPads were initially used due to the range of Apps and the provision of Apple security being beneficial to learning. However, more and more learning resources are web based and can be accessed on any device and an App is not required.
- Chromebooks have a physical keyboard which can help with students' typing skills development, allowing them to be more efficient in the recording of their learning. We have a better chance of growing correct touch typing skills with the presence of a keyboard.
- Chromebooks can be set up with a school account so student's activities can be monitored and good digital citizenship behaviours encouraged.
- Chromebooks have a range of models and pricing. With digital devices you get what you pay for so it is important that the device is suitable for a school environment.
- Both iPads and Chromebooks have excellent battery life that supports a full days learning.
- Chromebooks are a device that can be used for NCEA exams in their Senior years. At the moment, iPads are not supported.



With the need for those entering into Year 7 to purchase a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), we wanted you to have time to consider which you would like to purchase for your son or daughter's use over their time at BCC & beyond.

The intention is for students to be able to bring EITHER an iPad or Chromebook as a learning device. We will monitor running both systems and after a year assess how it is going and if any changes need to be made. This means that those entering into Year 8 who currently have an iPad **DO NOT** need to purchase a new device. If your son/daughter entering into Year 7 has an iPad presently, then they are welcome to use this.

BC CHAPMAN ATHLETICS

We have our annual BC Chapman athletics set for **Friday 1st December at Bethlehem College in Tauranga**. Many thanks to all the parents who have already signalled they are available to assist us with transporting our entire kura to Tauranga. It is an incredible privilege for us to be able to access the facilities and to have this event run by the Bethlehem College Sports Office Staff who do such an amazing job preparing, planning, setting up & running this event for us. We always have fantastic whānau support and we are looking forward to seeing our fine young athletes in action in the track and field events.



Measles

Important information from Public Health Nursing Services Te Whatu Ora Lakes

Te Manatū Hauora (The Ministry of Health) and Te Whatu Ora are running a campaign to vaccinate children and young people.

Nick Chamberlain National Director of the National Public Health Unit has directed that Public Health Nursing Teams throughout the country to focus on increasing immunisation rates. This means that all other PHN work must cease for the next few months, as the priority for the team currently is Immunisations and of course any child protection issues. However, we will still provide a service to schools as we able. Please contact 0800 Lakes kids or the PHN for your school.

Early childhood services and primary schools have an important role in protecting the health and wellbeing of the children in their care. Diseases can spread easily when a large number of children are spending time in close proximity, for example, when they are at an early childhood service or school. Immunisation is a proven way of preventing diseases from spreading. (Ministry of Health) and Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) encourages parents and guardians to make sure their children have completed their immunisations on time, particularly before they start at an early childhood service or school. Completing the full course of immunisations provides the best possible protection against diseases such as whooping cough and measles, both for children, whānau and the wider community and the people in contact with them.

As you know, there is a recently we have a cases of Measles in New Zealand. Measles is likely to continue in NZ for months, with travel and school holidays increasing the likelihood of further measles spread.

Safeguarding children from measles is by being fully vaccinated, keeping children and staff who are not protected away if measles occurs at your centre will all help protect others, especially those at risk of complications from disease.

Measles will be very disruptive to the community and we want parents/caregivers and children to be prepared and protected – either by having your immunisation records ready or immunising now if you are not protected.

You can contact Public Health for Nurse further advice if required on 0800 Lakeskids

Thank you for your help in reducing the impact of measles in your community.

If you have any other questions about the MMR vaccination, below are some avenues for you to explore or contact.

- 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or go to the Immunisation Advisory Centre site.

(www.immune.org.nz). Go to vaccines and scroll down to Special Programmes/MMRII

- Speak with the Nurse at their Health Centre at your High School (if the school has one)
- www.health.govt.nz then scroll down to Protect Against measles. There is information here in

multiple languages and videos to watch.

- MMR vaccine: consent form - English version | HealthEd This has info and commonly asked Questions

Public Health Nurses 0800 lakeskids

Kind Regards

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TeWhatuOra.govt.nz

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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Our Kids Online: Thursday 23rd November 7pm in Living Well Church Auditorium**
- BC Chapman Athletics at Bethlehem College In Tauranga Friday 1st December
- **BC Chapman End of Year Celebration/Prize Giving Wednesday 13th December at 7pm in the Living Well Church Auditorium**
- Kura Reports Issued: Wednesday 13th December
- **Last day of Term 4 and of the 2023 Kura year Wednesday 13th December**
- Accord Day Thursday 14th December (Staff Only Day)

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