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Ephesians 2 v 4 & 5

‘God who is rich in mercy because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses’.

Epeha 2 v 4 & 5

‘Ko tā te Atua ia tēnei, ranea rawa hoki tāna mahi tohu, nui atu tōna aroha i arohaina mai ai tātou e ia, i te mea he tūpāpaku tātou i ngā hē, whakaorangia ngātahitia ana tātou e ia me te Karaiti, he aroha noa i whakaorangia ai koutou;

Ephesians 2 v 8 & 9

You are saved by grace through faith & this is not from yourselves. It is God’s gift-not from works, so that no one can boast’.

Epeha 2 v 8 & 9

Nā te aroha noa hoki koutou i whakaorangia ai i runga i te whakapono; ehara anō hoki tēnei i te mea nō koutou; he mea hōmai noa nā te Atua. Ehara i ngā mahi, kei whakamanamana te tangata.

Dear wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

Welcome Back to Term 2!

On Tuesday 20th March our rangatahi/young people arrived in their Winter uniforms ready to go, with wide smiles as they re-engaged with their friends, and with us, adding life and joy to our kura! We trust the break had many lovely whānau moments minus the usual kura routine, with the flexibility that affords. The glorious autumn weather over the holiday break, and then for these first couple of weeks, has been a tremendous blessing. Blue sky days with the chilly nip in the air, energizes our tamariki. With **Cross Country** being a major sporting event, such weather conditions are ideal for training. By week 6, we will have even fitter rangatahi/young people than usual! We’ve heard that some have already started training in readiness for the Waipa Forest track. Impressive!

This awesome photo of Izaiah with the message ‘***I love you to the moon and back***’ is such a beautiful picture of loving relationship between parents/whānau and children/tamariki. When putting our sons to bed when they were little, we used to say those words as we left their bedroom. How much more does God love each of us. HE loves us beyond comprehension as we see by the way He has designed Creation in all its splendour and created us in His image, for deeply meaningful relationship with Him. The gift of His Son Jesus is the ultimate expression of this love.



In looking at the memory verses for the past two weeks and the **BIG Truths** they contain, I am reminded afresh that God designed the way to restore our connection with Him. **Jesus, the Son of God, was the designed way, the only way.** No amount of good works or trying to earn His favour would suffice. It makes me deeply grateful for the grace of God expressed through the Gospel message.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (PLD)

As Kaimahi/staff, we were able to undertake two days of Professional learning centred on Christian Education '*Transformation by Design,*' with **Kaya Lombard & Rachel Wilding**. We were able to join with the kaimahi of Lake Taupo Christian School, five kaimahi from Bethlehem College Tauranga, and a few other kaiako from local kura. With our 2024 Teaching and Learning theme being '*Designed*' this professional learning could not have fitted more perfectly. God designed and desires us to participate in the:

- **Great Mandate** to develop & steward God's world Genesis 1 v 27
- **Great Commandment** to love as Jesus loves Matthew 22 v 37 &
- **Great Commission** to be witnesses to God's coming Kingdom Matt 28 v 19 & 20

We have every reason to be grateful for the freedom we have in Aotearoa to be part of a Christian kura. To nurture, encourage & equip our rangatahi to fulfil their unique purpose, and build stronger community in the process, is a privilege. Together, with you as whānau, we shape hearts, grow minds, and equip hands for service.



SENIOR PLAYGROUND

With the final pieces of the playground including some signage, being put into place, we are almost ready to officially open it for use. We intend to make this occasion a **memorable event** as we pause to express our gratitude for all those parents & volunteers who made it possible through multiple working bees. Throughout Term 1 and in the holiday break **Mr Andy Morton, Mr Bryan Walford & Mr Ian Barker** quietly finished some of the more intricate structures such as the rope swings, rock walls, flying fox & various railings or platforms. These men use their talents tirelessly & are true models of servant hearted commitment. **Special thanks to Mikayla Coughey**, one of our past Chapman students for designing the rock walls for us. To **Francis Naera and Jordan Nieuwoudt** who diligently spread the bark around the stepping poles, thank you! We would like to acknowledge the **Board of Trustees & our 'waka tautoko'/PTA** for financing this project for us. We are blessed & deeply grateful!



PRAYER

On Tuesday mornings between 7.50am and 8.40am there is an opportunity to pop in and pray for our kura before heading off to work. If you can spare 5 or 10 minutes to pray, that'd be awesome! The prayer covering for our kura, tamariki & kaimahi is critical to the health & strength of our immediate & wider community.



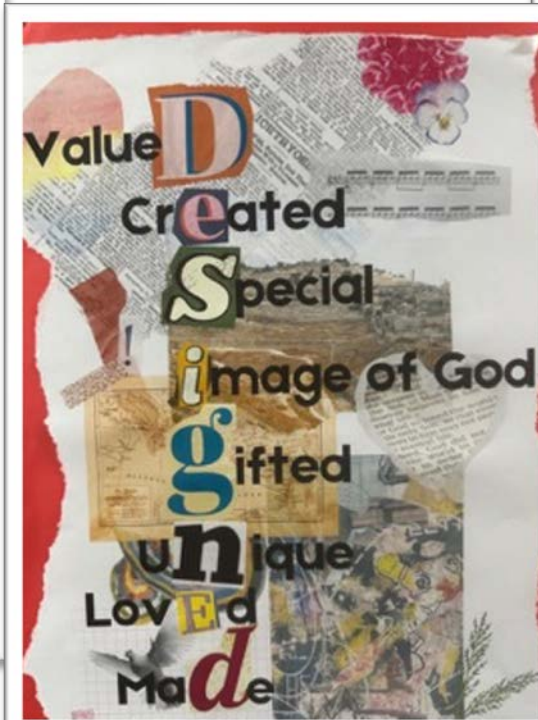
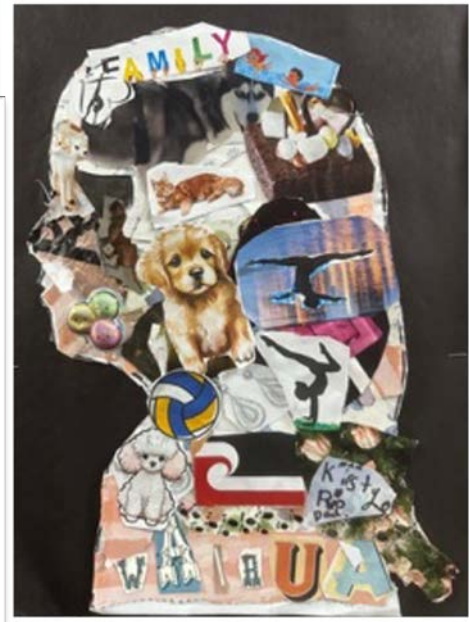
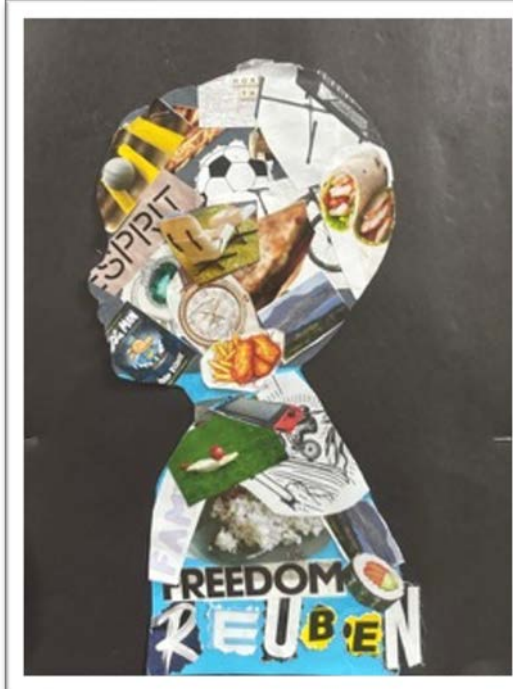
MARA KAI

Our gardens are ready for some re-planting so seeds have recently been purchased. We have the added bonus of a **hothouse** which is being constructed to enable the propagation & growing of plants in optimum conditions. **Whaea Wendy (the kaiako with the greenest fingers), & the Ruma rua tamariki** are committed to the project. We are excited to think how this learning enables us to walk closely with our kaumatua, Matua Dave & Whaea Lorin, and to serve our wider community in tangible ways.

ART CORNER

This week our Art comes from several different places.

Ruma rua/2 have created some fascinating portraits which reflect their personal interests.

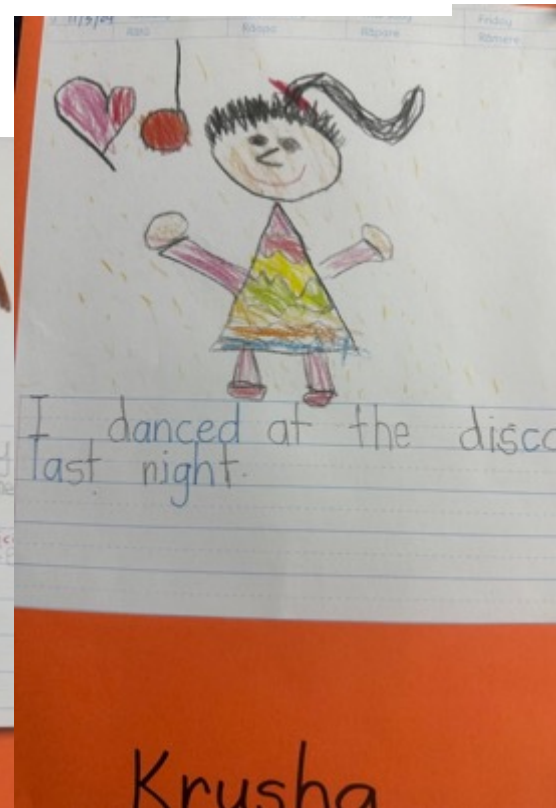
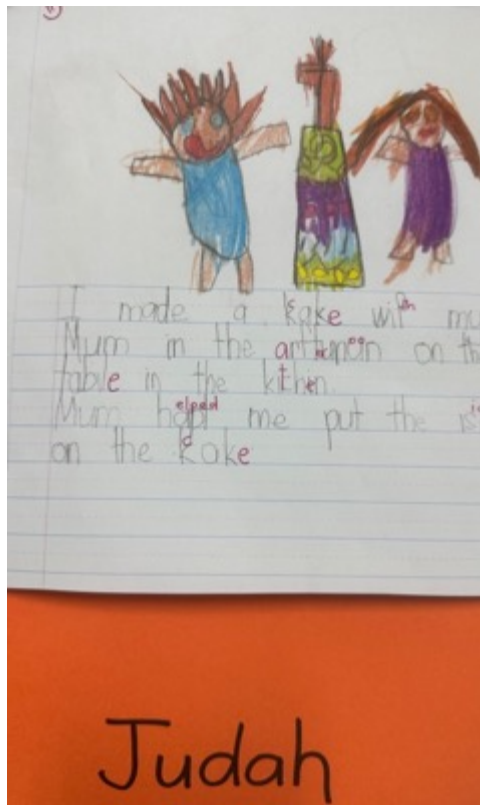
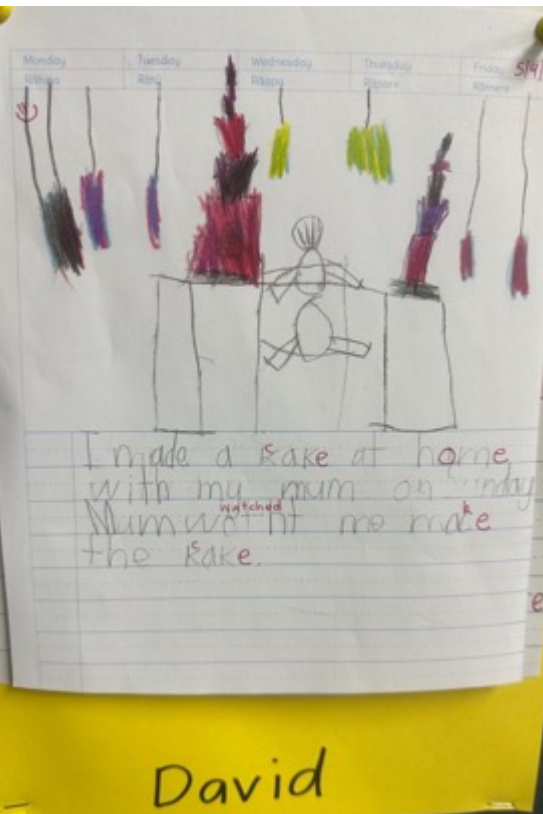


We are also including some exceptional school holiday Portrait art created at the Rotoura Library with their kaiako/teacher Toodamnlippy Creative. **Congratulations Yuna & Elsa Fan, Chelsea Zhang and Jordan Nieuwoudt on these exhibition masterpieces.**



RUMA WHA/ROOM 4 AUTHORS

We are excited by the stories our clever tamariki are writing in Ruma whā with Whaea Del, Whaea Jesse and Matua Lama. Look at the way they are using their knowledge of phonics and spelling patterns to write descriptive sentences with a 'who'/subject and a 'do'/verb. Well done Ruma whā!



SPORT

We have many tamariki involved in a range of sporting teams and competitions. With **Football, Rugby, Basketball, Hockey & Netball** launching this week, we are looking forward to including some action shots of our BC Chapman sports stars in their various sporting codes & teams.

Congratulations to **Joshua Hall** who has again qualified for the **Tai Mitchell Rugby team**-Go Joshua! **Mika Russell** recently excelled at a Hamilton Gym Competition. She took the Silver Medal overall and her MIGS gym team won the Gold. Congratulations Mika! **Please send in any photos you have taken** so we can celebrate the sporting involvement & achievement of our tamariki each week.

PARKING

May we ask that you park your car & then walk your son/daughter to the coned off area in the mornings when you are dropping your children off. In the afternoon, please also park & likewise collect your child/children from the covered area at the front of the building. Our kaimahi/staff will be on duty, however with moving so many children **we do need to emphasize the importance of taking the utmost care when driving in and out of the car parking area to ensure the safety of others.** If you are held up in traffic, or late for any reason, your children will be taken to the Art room at 3.30pm where it is warmer while they wait.



WINTER UNIFORM

We have now switched over to Winter Uniform for Terms 2 & 3 & it looks so smart. The richness of the tartan fabric in the kilts and pinafores for our girls is eye catching. Some of our visitors commented on how stunning the uniform looks, and how the colour suits everyone. **We are encouraging our tamariki to wear their uniform with pride & as a reflection of their personal care with their appearance & adhering to the uniform expectations.** Shoes are to be **black & polishable** & **all uniform items must be clearly named.** Hats are **not worn in Terms 2 & 3.** PE gear should be in their bag **daily**, so that it is accessible for PE/Sport lessons. Thank you for supporting us in this.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday 12th May Mothers Day

Tuesday 14th May Y3/4 and Y5/6 Netball teams – shared lunch in Art room

Friday 17th May Photolife-Kura Photos (please wear school jersey)

Thursday 30th May Cross Country at Waipa (postponement Friday 7th June)

Friday 31st May Accord Day -Teacher Only day

Monday 3rd June -Kings Birthday Weekend holiday

Wednesday 12th June-Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa kura (postponement Friday 14th June)

Friday 28th June-Matariki Celebration (no school)

ABSENCE REPORTING: Please **phone** the School Office 07 346 1492 before 8.30am so we are aware of the reason for any absences and can inform your child's teacher. Just leave a message on the answerphone if the phone is not attended. You can now report your student's absence digitally through **SchoolBridge** (via BC [website](#) sign in or [app](#)) or **email** office.chapman@beth.school.nz

CARERS NEEDED!



Open Home Foundation -
(Christian Social Services),
are looking for Carers.

Christian people who are willing to open their hearts and their home, to a child or young person on the autism spectrum or with an intellectual disability. The child/young person would become part of your family during scheduled overnight stays, this may include one regular weekend a fortnight.

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