



# **HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | WEEK 8 TERM 3 2024**

The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does His work.

#### John 14:9-10

Ko ia kua kite i ahau kua kite hoki i te Matua; he aha koe ka mea ai, 'Whakakitea mai te Matua ki a mātou?' E kore ianei koe e whakapono, ko ahau kei roto i te Matua, ko te Matua kei roto i ahau? Ko ngā kupu e korero nei ahau ki a koutou, ehara i te kōrero nāku ake; engari, nā te Matua e noho ana i roto i ahau, ko ia te mea ana i ngā mahi.

#### Hoani 14:9-10

The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

#### John 14:26

Nā, ko te kaiwhakamārie, arā ko te Wairua Tapu, e tonoa mai e te Matua i runga i tōku ingoa, māna koutou e whakaako ki ngā mea katoa, māna koutou e whakamahara ki ngā mea katoa kua kōrerotia nei e ahau ki a koutou. Hoani 14:26

# Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

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With our Speech Final a major highlight last week, I have decided to feature a Speech which didn't end up being heard at our BC Chapman kura Final. Given our curriculum theme 'Designed' Kaea Maxwell-Crawford's speech challenged me in my own Christian walk regarding the temperature by which I live my faith. Am I 'All In'?

A lukewarm cup of water, tea or coffee is not what we'd choose or how we'd like it and it's not how as followers of Jesus, we are 'designed' to be. Iced water, iced tea or coffee in Summer is refreshing, hot tea or coffee in cold weather, in fact anytime, hits the spot. Lukewarm doesn't! All the half cups of tea scattered around my house and office confirm that. Coffee and tea are designed to be hot! The temperature is critical to the overall impact and enjoyment. I've taken some excerpts from Kaea's speech.

'God doesn't want another lukewarm Christian to add to His list. He wants us to be either all in for Him, or not at all. In Revelation 3:15, Jesus says to the lukewarm Laodicean church, that He "knows their deeds, and that they were neither cold nor hot, and He wished that they were either one or the other."

Have you ever drunk lukewarm water? Yuck! You might even spit it out, as Revelation 3:16 states. "So, because you are lukewarm I am going to spit you out of my mouth." That's strong language! Why is Jesus so against being lukewarm? Before I answer this question it's important to know what it means to be lukewarm. A Lukewarm Christian is a Christian that does nothing with their faith. They may go to church, and even do bible study, but their faith doesn't impact anyone. Their faith doesn't heal like hot water, and it doesn't offer refreshment like cold water would.

So if you find yourself in a place of being lukewarm, know that God still loves you and is waiting for you to turn to him. His love towards you hasn't changed. Remember, that knowing in your heart that Jesus truly loves you is the first step towards moving out of that lukewarmness. Growing in understanding of who Jesus is, all He has done for you, and the plans and purposes He has for you should motivate you to jump out of your lukewarmness and turn up the heat. So take that leap of faith knowing He is right there at the bottom ready to catch you'.

Our memory verses this week remind us that the Holy Spirit enables us to fulfil the good works that God has prepared in advance for us to do. Kaea, thank you for being courageous enough to ask us questions and to point us to live the godly lives we are designed for, which are then expressed through passionate whakapono/faith, tumanako/hope and aroha/love.

# SPEECH FINAL

On Thursday evening we held our annual Speech Final. Every one of our tamariki from Year 3 through to Year 8, presented either an informative or a persuasive Speech to their class. In the Year 3 & 4 Primary age bracket we focus on the speech being informative whereas in Year 5 & 6 we begin to encourage them to add some persuasion. The Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people enter into the realm of persuasive argument presenting a strong case for the position they take.

We had four Primary Finalists; Latu Paletu'a, Alyssa Goodchild; Shyra-Beth Paul and Talia Read. Our six Junior own beliefs.











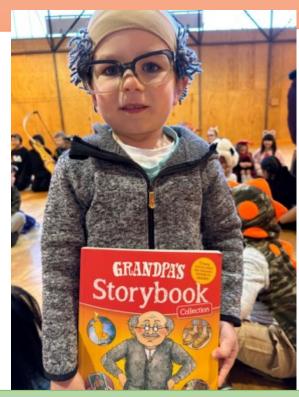


# **LOCKDOWN**

We held a 'Lockdown' practice on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 12.15pm. It was very smooth, ordered and calm with our kaiako and tamariki moving to the outside Assembly point after the 15-minute lockdown period. Emergency procedure relating to Fire Drill, Earthquake and Lockdown are practised each term so that our tamariki understand why and what to do, and are familiar with the necessary steps. In the event of an actual 'lockdown' please remember NOT to make direct contact with our kura office, any of our staff, or arrive at school. You will be duly informed of the start and end of a real lockdown via text. We continue to pray protection over our kura community here at BC Chapman.

# BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP

Whaea Sylvia is on the move, building up enthusiasm for 'Book Character Dress Up' day which is scheduled for the last day of Term 3 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. She actually already has her costume sorted though is refusing to tell us who she will be. We are giving you some warning so that there isn't a mad last minute dash to try to find or put together a suitable outfit for your son/daughter. As for our kaimahi/staff, well Whaea Sylvia is **ON** our case so we'll endeavour to make sure we look impressive too!



# **HEAD LICE**

Those nasty little critters that LOVE beautiful clean hair have turned up at our kura despite not being welcome. While they are a feature of life, they surely can cause a great deal of irritation for the child concerned, and alas also readily spread from one to another. Can you please keep an eye on your child's hair **and let our Office know** if you have had to deal with those little critters. There are excellent products on the market to send them packing.

# **SPRING FAIR**

This November our Spring Fair bi-annual event is gathering tremendous momentum as whānau engage with the Chapman PTA 'Waka Tautoko' link <a href="https://mailchi.mp/e606afb2e352/chapman-pta">https://mailchi.mp/e606afb2e352/chapman-pta</a> and sign up for the various different activities that will be on offer to those who attend on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. It's incredibly encouraging to hear of more ideas for our Spring Fair still being suggested.



# **ARTISTIC EXHIBITION**

These pieces of 'abstract collage landscape' art have been created under the guidance of Whaea Becs, by our Ruma rua tamariki on Wednesdays. The colour and the picture composition draw the viewer to examine and appreciate the skills and perspective of our Year 3 & 4 tamariki.



# WRITER'S CORNER

We have a leading author, **Izaiah Aguilar** who has just **written**, **illustrated and published his first book**. We thought you should have a sneak preview before it is released in NZ bookshops. We are **SURE** you will agree that this young man has a promising future in literary works. Look closely at his expressive illustrations. They are adorable! His story reads as follows:

# My Cat by Izaiah aged 5

My cat was always purring at me.

My cat played with me too.

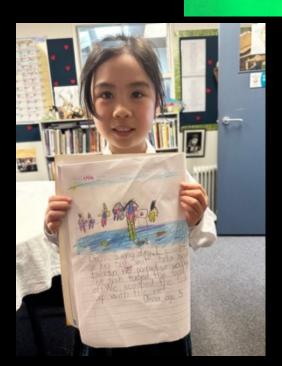
My cat slept with me too.

My cat jumped with me too.

My cat ate too.

My cat turned into a loaf. (Lulu the cat is curled up like a loaf of bread...so cute!)





**Olivia Qian**, aged 5 also wrote a marvellous story about **Trout Fishing** at the recent Open Day.

'On a sunny day, I caught a big fish with Felix and Falcon, near Paradise Valley. The fish tugged the food off. We scooped the fish up with the net'.

# **FRENCH**

Some of our French ākonga created a brochure featuring Paris as a tourist destination for those attending the Paris Olympics. They each came up with wonderful ideas and presented them in interesting and innovative ways as you can see by the photos.



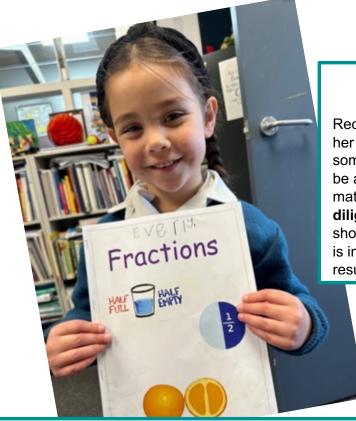




**Joshua Hall and Francis Naera** have been selected to play for the WASPS Representative rugby team. To make selection for such a team is a reflection of both their gifting and their character qualities given the rugby talent that is across the Bay of Plenty. The training schedule is rigorous and demands commitment and resilience. We pray these rangatahi will indeed continue to excel in their chosen sporting field as they humbly learn from their coaches and participate in the regional competition.

Congratulations to **Sofia Muliaga** who was selected as the **Sportsperson of 2024 for Kahukura Rugby Club**. This was Sofia's first rugby season and she has made her mark through her character qualities and her skills. Having watched Sofia in action, we can honestly say that whatever she puts her focus on there is the accompanying 100plus % effort to ensure her team benefit. Go Sofia!





# **MATHS STARS**

Recently, **Everly-Reign Bell** visited my Office to share her latest mathematical achievement. Fractions isn't something we might consider our 5 year old tamariki to be able to grasp since this can be a challenging mathematical concept. Everly-Reign is one of our **most diligent mathematicians** and she had a great deal to show and tell me about fractions. Just look at this smile, it is indicative of the joy of learning and the success that results from hard work. Way to go Everly-Reign!

# **NZ SEVENS WĀHINE**

On **Wednesday 18 September** the incredible **NZ Sevens wāhine** are inviting the whole of the Bay of Plenty to join them in celebrating their Paris 2024 gold medal win at **Blake Park, Mt Maunganui from 3:30pm** – **5:30pm**. As well as an opportunity to meet the team, there will be food trucks, kids activities, giveaways, performances and more. This event is run by NZ Rugby.



We have three potential Future Ferns Netball teams and two BC Chapman Touch Rugby teams in Term 4. We do need parental support for the management and coaching of these teams. Please contact our School Office if you are available and willing to assist. Whaea Stacy and Whaea Nicole are coaching our Netball players and Matua Caleb and Matua Roger are focusing on our Touch teams.

The Cricket Association run a fabulous Cricket programme on Thursday afternoons at Smallbone Park between 24<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> December in Term 4. If you are interested, please contact Rotorua Cricket at

info@rotoruacricket.co.nz or 022 622 1081.

Supersmash is for Years 1-3; Incrediball is for Year 3-5 (6 players per team) and Harrow Hardball is for (Years 4-6) with eight players per team. We'd love to see some of our Primary tamariki enjoying what Cricket offers as a team sport and the skills that it involves. If there is a keen parent who'd like to manage a kura team then please contact Mrs Angie Stevenson n our kura office.

Hi kids and parents,

It's time to start thinking about summer sport. <u>Cricket</u> is a fantastic way to get exercise, learn ball skills and best of all **HAVE SOME FUN!** It's really easy to learn with a range of formats for different aged kids. If you are interested, please contact your school Sports Coordinator who will be taking registrations.

## All events are on Thursday nights from 24 October, so if you are unsure, just come along.

#### SuperSmash Hub (Yrs 1-3 approx.)

- SuperSmash Cricket is an entry level, coached programme and is best suited to children 5-8 years old. It is designed to help participants learn the basics of cricket.
- This 6-week programme runs from mid-October from 3.45pm-4.45pm at Smallbone Park on Thursdays.
- Cost is \$30 for the 6-week programme.
- Mixed genders and all gear provided.

#### Incrediball Cricket (Yrs 3-5 approx.) and

- A modified game of cricket using a soft ball and plastic gear. It is suited for children who understand the basics of cricket or have reasonably developed hand-eye coordination.
- <u>Teams:</u> 6 kids per team (so the kids get more ball time than previous years), all games are mixed gender.
- **Games**: are played on Thursday afternoons, at Smallbone Park, Devon Street. These run from 3.45pm until 5.00pm (approx.), from 24<sup>th</sup> October until 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- Fees: \$10 per player for Term 4.
- <u>Coaches</u>: Rotorua Cricket will supply coaches for Incrediball teams (I know, cool right!). 1-2 parents per team are also required to support with organisation and mustering kids. Plus, it's a great game to watch, so come along and enjoy. For those parents keen on cricket, we encourage you to give coaching a go. Our coaches will act as mentors, supporting you to develop coaching skills for future years.
- Gear: all equipment is provided.

#### Harrow Hardball Cricket (Yrs 4-6 approx.) - NOW THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

- Hardball cricket is played using wooden bats and protective gear (helmets, gloves, batting pads etc), as well as a hard cricket ball. It is suited for children who have already played Incrediball Cricket or who have well-developed hand-eye coordination.
- **Teams:** are made up of **8 kids per team**, all games are mixed genders.
- Games: will be played on <u>Thursday afternoons</u> from 24<sup>th</sup> October through until 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
  - Matches are held in Rotorua starting at 3.45pm at various grounds around Rotorua (Boord Park, Neil Hunt, Puarenga etc).
  - You may play one game in Tokoroa, depending on the draw.
- **Training**: Nets are available for training, please book these through <a href="mailto:info@rotoruacricket.co.nz">info@rotoruacricket.co.nz</a>.
- <u>Fees</u>: The cost for hardball cricket is \$35 per player <u>for Term 4</u>, we will form new teams for Term 1 after the holidays.
- <u>Coaches</u>: Teams are required to have a coach and a parent who can score / umpire. We have a coaching development programme for parents or volunteers who haven't coached before, so give it a go. We may be able to support teams who struggle to find a coach, please enquire.
- <u>Gear</u>: Schools are encouraged to provide their own gear, however if you do not have any/enough equipment, please contact <u>info@rotoruacricket.co.nz</u> to discuss options as we have some team gear we can lend to schools.

### **PRAYER MEETING**

You are invited to come along & join our whānau Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays before school begins. This is a time of gathering together to pray for our kura, for whānau/families, & for the decisions that are made. It is our desire to commit all to the leading, guiding & blessing of our Heavenly Father.



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 <u>website</u> sign in or <u>app</u>) or email

office.chapman@beth.school.nz

Thank you whānau

# **UPCOMING DATES:**

Thursday 19th September - Y8 Gardisal Immunization - Final Dose

Friday 20th September - House Football Tournament

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 'Civvies Day' and Dress Up as a Book Character (No gold coin)

Friday 27th September - Last day Term 3

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October - Kura/School holiday break

Saturday 28th September – Daylight Saving Ends

Monday 14th October - Kaimahi/Staff only day

Monday 14th - Uniform Shop Open between 10am and 2.00pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Netball starts - Y3/4 4pm and Y5/6 5:15pm at Netball Rotorua Centre

Tuesday 15th October - Term 4 begins

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