

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | WEEK 8 TERM 4 2024

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power, riches & wisdom & strength & honour & glory & blessing!”

Revelation 5 v 12

“Pai tonu te Reme i whakamatea hei tango i te kaha, i te taonga, i te mātauranga, i te mana, i te honore, i te korōria, i te whakapai!”
Whakakitenga 5 v 12

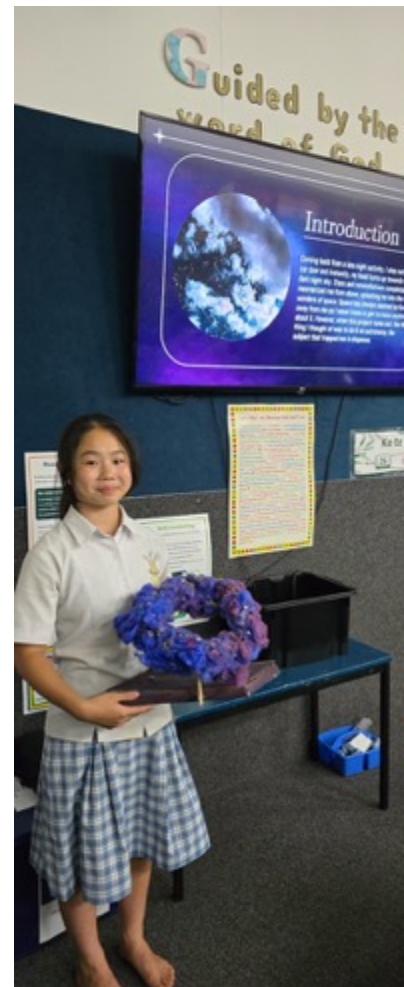
“The One seated on the throne said, “Look I am making everything new”. Revelation 21 v 5

Ā, ka kōrero mai tērā e noho rā i runga i te torōna: “Nā ka hangā houtia e ahau ngā mea katoa.” Whakakitenga 21 v 5

As we approach the final week of the year *our theme ‘Designed,’* will come to an end. It has yielded a breadth of curriculum content & allowed our rangatahi/young people to learn more about the world they live in & our Creator. Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi chose their final study topic & designed its presentation explicitly for our Year 3-6 tamariki. *The following final reflection by Gege Zhou Year 8, on her topic Nebulae & Supernovas* is a fine example of her research & of the evidence she found of God’s impeccable ‘design’.

‘Nebulae and Supernovas can be seen as a beautiful reflection of God’s work in the universe. The way everything just so perfectly works. We’re reminded that God, the Creator of all things, made the heavens and the earth with purpose and intention. These nebulae are like the cosmic “workshops” where God forms new stars, giving us a glimpse into His creativity and His ability to bring life from nothing. This echoes the way He created the world and everything in it—bringing order and beauty from the chaos.

In the grand scheme of the universe, we see a reflection of God’s plan for redemption. Every star’s birth and death, every nebula, and every supernova speak to God’s ongoing work of creation and renewal.



The universe is not a random, chaotic place, but a place where God is actively at work, shaping and forming all things with purpose. And just like the stars, we are part of His creation, with our lives, though fleeting, being part of His bigger story—one where death leads to new life, and destruction makes way for new beginnings. Through the stars, the nebulae, and the supernovas, we are reminded that God’s ways are beyond our understanding, but His plan is perfect. The universe is His masterpiece, and we are part of it, held in His hands and cared for by the Creator who makes all things new”. By Gege Zhou

We pray that as you & your whānau celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus this Christmas & as you relax & refresh after a busy year, that you’ll experience the love, joy & peace that God designed us to enjoy.

Me te aroha tonu, Delwyn, Lucelle, Wendy, Jasmine, Lama, Jesse, Sylvia, Surette, Janene, Wayne, Andy, Jon, Ian, Rebecca, Angie, Lisa & Hazel.

PASSION DESIGNED PROJECTS

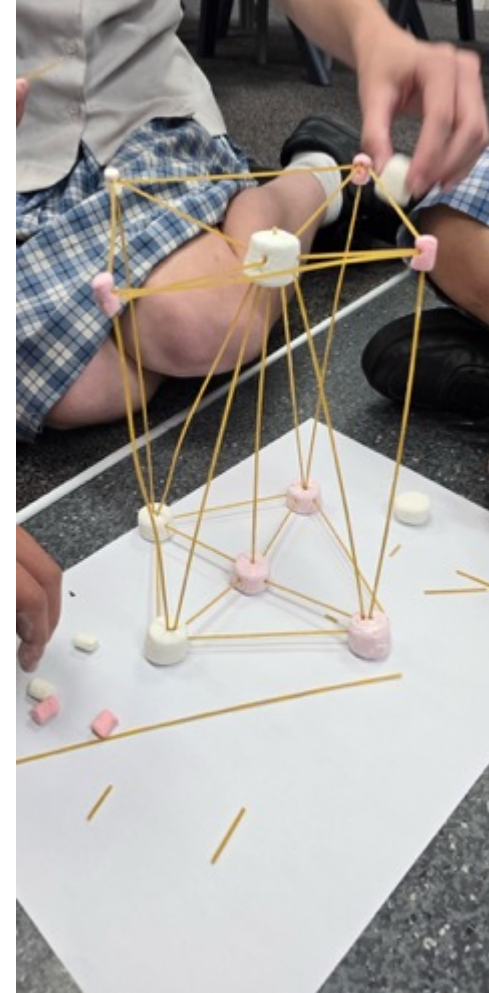
As you can see by the photos, the topics chosen were diverse & the presentations were highly informative & interactive. It's wonderful when we see 'ako' in action where our rangatahi are teaching & learning with & from each other.



SPAGHETTI SCIENCE

This term, our students have been diving into Earth Science, exploring fascinating topics such as the Earth's layers, tectonic plates, and the forces behind earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis. Through hands-on learning and interactive discussions, they've developed a deeper understanding of our wonderfully designed planet. In a recent lesson, Ruma Rima focused on the science of structures and their resilience in the face of earthquakes. Students learned about how different designs can influence a building's ability to withstand seismic activity. Putting their knowledge into action, they constructed their own earthquake-resistant structures using spaghetti and marshmallows. The classroom buzzed with excitement as groups tested their creations against simulated quake conditions. Each structure faced increasingly intense "earthquakes," and students observed how their designs held up—or toppled down! This hands-on challenge encouraged teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking as they worked to build the most resilient structure. It was a fantastic way to blend science, engineering, and fun.





SPRING FAIR

What an **AMAZING EFFORT** was made for Spring Fair on Friday 22nd November. The weather was an answer to prayer & while the wind did present a few challenges, it kept everyone & everything cool! The sumptuous smells of a range of cultural cuisine supported by the live music from **Paper Cranes** drew people into the centre of the Fair where the heart of aroha could be tangibly felt. Browsing through the Garage Sale items brought many bargains to light, while plate smashing was a 'hit 'n miss' affair, & face painting, hair salon, 'Refresh' bure Bubble Tea & Candy Floss generated & guaranteed joy!

What a wonderful celebration it was & the feedback we've had has been SO encouraging!!! **Special thanks to Liz Goodgame, Rebecca Shrimpton & to every team member of each stall and each activity. For those of you who came with whānau & friends, wow...what a turnout!!! You are simply THE BEST community!**









ATHLETICS

Our annual BC Chapman athletics is indeed an event that is much looked forward to by our kaimahi/staff, tamariki & their whānau. It's no wonder we call it our 'whānau day out' or the 'whānau picnic'.....mums, dads, grandparents, aunties & even uncles, plus the pre-school troops,all **45 carloads** of us! One dad said that he missed Athletics Day last year, & there was no way that was going to happen in 2024. This time he applied for leave for the day, & he was thrilled to be there. And yes, he ran in the parent relay race & didn't tear any muscle group for which he & we, were thankful.

Mrs Christine Brown & Mr Jared Miller from the BC Sports Office did a magnificent job of preparing for us. For the organization, set up, pack up, running of events, the consideration given to the age & stage of our tamariki with respect to the track & field events selected, we were deeply grateful. EVERYTHING, we had the opportunity to access & do, reflected the generosity & hospitality offered to us. The **BC Year 10 leaders** who formed the support crew were magnificent...so helpful, thoughtful, encouraging, responsible & entertaining! They showed heaps of initiative, servant-hearted leadership, enthusiasm & responsibility. Fantastic role models!

There were so many defining moments for us as kaiako & no doubt for you too, as whānau. Seeing talent realized & in some cases uncovered, hearing tamariki encouragement for one another & their ability to celebrate other's success, overcoming paralyzing nerves, building resilience, watching our tuakana consider the needs of their teina ahead of their own, observing falls & the refusal to give up... the choices of courage over fear.... Such an encouragement! As for those House Relays well, what a fine display of tuakana & teina running in their House team. An event like this reveals what we most treasure & ultimately it reveals the strength of character, the power of relational connection, commitment & the culture we seek to live in our kura community. **Whānau Relay team you provided the greatest entertainment.** We loved your competitive spirit right down to the flying rugby move of your runner Semi Gusuna across the finish line!





HIGH JUMP MAT

Our latest PE acquisition is a High Jump mat. Well, it certainly isn't small in size. Having never had a mat before to practise High Jump, to say that our mat was received with considerable delight is an understatement. In the past two weeks, it has been well & truly christened as all of our tamariki from 5 to 13 years have been able to use it. There are some innovative games that Matua Lama & our Junior tamariki have been playing so there is versatility. We now have the resource to enable our tamariki to really learn High Jump technique & build confidence in the process. Bring on Porritt Stadium in 2025 when we compete against other kura in our Kahui Ako athletics.



ARTIST EXHIBIT

This week we had a **'BIG REVEAL'** of a Monet modelled masterpiece which our **Year 1-4 tamariki** had spent several weeks composing. Tucked around the corner from their classrooms, close to the gym, the lights were turned off & a couple of fluorescent lights shone on the mural. The bridge adorned with floral creations was breath-taking & for a moment we were transported to an entirely different world. If you haven't yet viewed this original work of art, **may we suggest you venture down the corridor, flick off the light, & enjoy the impressionist experience of a lifetime.** You'll feel like you are standing in the Louvre in Paris, for at least a few seconds! It's not to be missed!



VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA



This is an opportunity to honour & thank all of those who so faithfully invest in our kura, who bring their expertise, give their time & enrich the experiences we have. I know you will join me in expressing your appreciation. We are immeasurably blessed by the extensive number of people who choose to bless our kura community & make it the amazing place it is. To those who sow so generously, we pray God's incredible blessing on each one!



LEAVER'S DINNER

We have mixed emotions when we prepare for & host this dinner, the culmination of Year 8, when these rangatahi have opportunity to honour their whānau & others who have in one way or other impacted their life. With a delicious spread of delectable treats, great company, photos, sharing of kura memories, & laughter & tears, it is a night to remember!

Mr Edmeades prayed a blessing over our rangatahi & release them to this next season of Secondary school. As we say here, ***“once a member of the BC Chapman whānau, you ALWAYS belong! You can never fall out of our whānau!”***.



UPCOMING DATES:

2024

Monday 9th December Whole Kura BC Fun Day

(wear PE gear to school and bring spare clothes-water fun)

Thursday 12th December Celebration Service/Prize-Giving 7pm

Thursday 12th December Reports issued

Thursday 12th December End of Term 4 2024

2025

Monday 20th January BC Chapman School Office opens

Monday 27th January Anniversary Weekend Holiday

Tuesday 28th January Kaimahi/Staff Only Day Bethlehem College Tauranga

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January Uniform Shop opens 10am to 2pm

Monday 3rd February Start of Term 1 2025

Thursday 6th February Waitangi Day

Thursday 20th February Pōhiri/Pōwhiri

Thursday 20th February Meet the Kaiako/Teacher

Thursday 3rd April Easter Service 7pm LWC Auditorium

7th-9th April Year 7 & 8 Camp Finlay Park

Friday 11th April End of Term 1 2025

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