



## HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | WEEK 6 TERM 1 2025

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"*

**Matthew 16 v 24-26**

*Kātahi a Īhu ka mea ki āna ākonga: "Ke te mea tētahi kia haere mai ki te whai i ahau, me whakakāhore ia e ia anō, me amo tōna ripeka, ka aru ai i ahau. Ki te whai hoki tētahi kia ora, ka mate anō ia; ki te mate tētahi, mōna I whakaaro ki ahau, ka kite anō ia i te ora. He ana hoki te pai ki te tangata, ki te riro i a ia te ao katoa, ā, ka kore he ora mōna? He aha hoki tā te tangata e hoatu ai hei utu mōna kia ora?"*

**Matiu 16 v 24-26**

Dear wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

In keeping with our Grace & Gratitude theme, I am featuring a poem written by Matilda Moffatt Year 6 entitled '**Summer**'. The motivation for this poem came from first drawing some of the items & activities they had enjoyed over Summer. This duly generated a wealth of experiences that each one could recall & I was struck by the richness of the whānau that each of our tamariki are part of. Those special whānau connections sadly are not every child's reality. Our tamariki were full of capturing their Summer in pictorial form which then translated into words which indirectly speak of the gratitude they have for the joy that Summer spent with their whānau generates. When you read these lines, you cannot help but be struck by everything Matilda mentions that merits gratitude. Living in Aotearoa with the availability of various summer fruits & vegetables, our beautiful weather, lazy days at the beach or lakes and other outdoor activities including evening indoor fun gives pause to express our gratitude. Even 'soggy togs' have their place!



### SUMMER

by Matilda

Summer is laden with juicy watermelons, scrumptious strawberries, and raspberries

It's celebrating New Year's Eve by toasting marshmallows and damper on a bonfire at the beach with friends

Summer is jumping off the wharf at Ohope Harbour and plunging into the freezing water below

It's when we bounce on the tramp and watch the leaves fall on to the wobbly surface

Summer is wearing fashionable jumpsuits, sunglasses, and soggy togs

It's going to *Hahei Resort* to go camping with friends and heading out on adventures on our bikes

Summer is watching the sun blaze while sun-bathing on the warm deck

It's having real fruit ice-cream and watching it drip continuously

Summer is exploring Cathedral Cove in Hahei, jumping off the rock, and watching stingrays



It's playing *Exploding Kittens* with the nervousness of picking up cards hoping that you don't explode

Summer is climbing up the Pinnacles with a heavy bag on your back, trying to get to the hut

It's taking thorough swigs of water because you are about to melt in the sun

Summer is daylight saving and trying to stay awake because you don't want to miss out

It's wondering if you remembered to take a photo of the view from the peak

Summer is eating lumps of ham, lamb, and occasionally, beef.

It's sun-drenched days of fabulous fun with family.

Summer.

You can read more of the great Summer poems written by our Year 5 & 6 writers in the Writer's Corner.

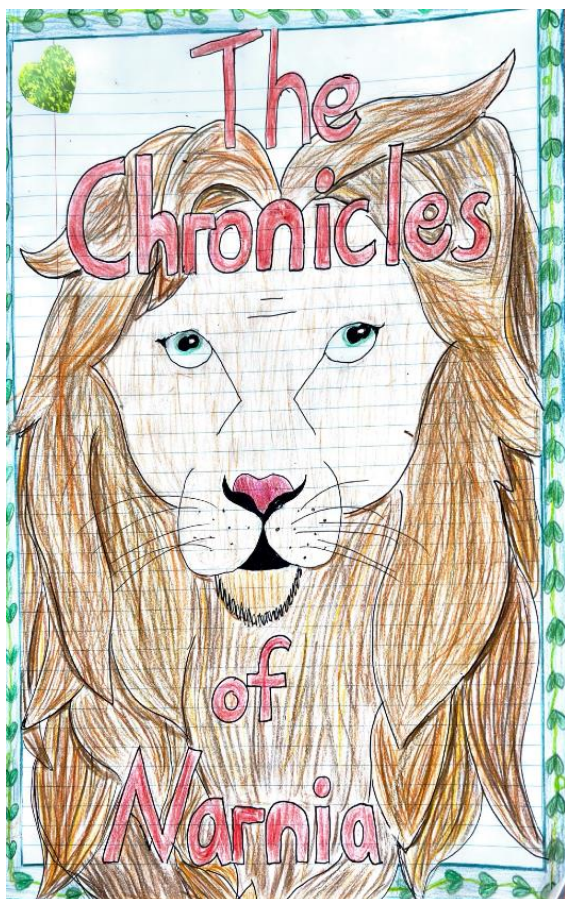
Me te aroha tonu  
With love always

Hazel

## CYBER-SAFETY OUR KIDS ONLINE PRESENTATION

A special 'Thank you' to those whānau who attended one of the three sessions offered on Cyber Safety last week. We are thrilled that you made the time to be informed & better equipped to understand the significance of child protection online. Those who attended will be receiving their code & an explanation of how to access the parent presentation and the resources which are specifically tailored to age appropriate.

For those parents who have not yet attended we will contact you directly as we will be running another session at school. We are committed to creating a safe community within our kura & to ensuring that the well-being of our tamariki remains paramount.



## ABSENCES

May we remind you that it is important **to arrive at school by 8.30am as our Rolls are marked between 8.40 & 8.50am**. The MoE is closely monitoring School Attendance as there is a direct link between learner progress & their attendance. As a kura, we are required to submit a daily report on the absences to the MoE. We all want students to thrive and be resilient and active members of their whānau and our community. Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders. Give them the best start – get them to school. **Attendance matters** and we need to all work together to increase school attendance.

**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](mailto:office.chapman@beth.school.nz) **THANK YOU!!!**



# SWIMMING

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we took a small swimming team to the **Interschool Swimming Sports** at Kaharoa Primary School. We honour the whānau of our amazing young people, and those who support and provide swimming lessons to bring a wonderful outcome in the competition. First and second placings were secured and our swimmers have now qualified for the CBP Swimming Sports on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.



## THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Bethlehem College Chapman is delighted to say that our kura is alive with the **'Sound of Music'**. We are thrilled that we have four tamariki who are members of the Von Trapp whānau. **Arkisha Madrid, Talia Read, Rowan Cook & Isobella Parker**. They are joined by **Miss Michelle Wynne and Whaea Lucelle**. Auditions were held before Christmas & it is wonderful to know that these cast members are using their amazing Performing Arts gifts to bless our wider Rotorua community. The rehearsals have been going since the New Year and are now increasing in intensity as the show dates come closer. The **Casablanca Theatre** is where the performances will be taking place & despite extending the season, the Show is completely booked out!







## UNIFORM

Thank you to whānau who are ensuring their son/daughter is wearing their school uniform properly & **who have named every piece of their son/daughter's clothing**. In Term 2, all our tamariki are required to wear full Winter Uniform. If you have any Winter uniform requirements can you please ensure you contact Mrs Trish Copeland our Uniform Manager. These may either be ordered online or **our Uniform Shop, which is open every Tuesday in Term time between 9.30am and 3.30pm**.

**On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April the Uniform Shop will be open between 10am and 2pm** however please do not leave purchasing Winter Uniform until the last minute.

### WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 & TERM 3



SENIOR BOYS



SENIOR GIRLS



JUNIOR BOYS



JUNIOR GIRLS

**Please note the shoes that are recommended.** They are to be leather & polishable **not made out of canvas or sport shoe materials**. Of course ALL items of clothing **MUST** be named so we can return the right piece of uniform to its owner.



# WRITERS CORNER

## Summer

by Mikaela

Summer is a big full breakfast in the morning

It's celebrating Christmas with cousins at Grandma's house

Summer is full of sun and fun

It's when we eat a huge dinner like chicken, veges, and jelly for dessert

Summer is wearing singlets and togs all day long

It's going to camp at Hahei, and swimming in the waters at Cathedral Cove

Summer is relaxing while reading my favourite book

It's having yummy fruit in the sun

Summer is exploring the great over-grown bush and getting lost on the way

It's playing *Plane* and *Exploding Kitten*.

Summer is climbing Mount Maunganui to the very tippy-top

It's taking a truckload of stuff to camp at *Hahei Resort*

Summer is daylight saving and staying up late to see the stars

It's wondering if I blinked in the best family photo

Summer is eating double-scoop orange chocolate chip ice-cream before it melts in the hot, blazing sun

It's sun-drenched days of fabulous fun

Summer

## Summer

by Coen

Summer is camping on the beach and fishing for big fish

It's celebrating Christmas and sharing God's love for us

Summer is going to the beach on a hot day

It's when we all have three scoops of ice-cream

Summer is wearing shorts, t-shirts, and togs

It's going to Tairua with all my family

Summer is having the best water fights

It's having a sausage sizzle on the barbecue

Summer is exploring the forest next to our house

It's playing *Spotlight* at night time

Summer is climbing big trees at Boyes Beach

It's taking friends to my forest and finding cool things

Summer is daylight saving, and sleeping in

It's wondering if Easter will ever come

Summer is eating chocolate-covered strawberries

It's sun-drenched days of fabulous fun

Summer





## Summer

by Arlo

Summer is taking 9-hour flights to Hawaii and back again

It's celebrating when we see old friends from Kona

Summer is snorkelling with turtles and fish

It's when we experience the thrill of dolphins at a resort

Summer is wearing football kits all day every day

It's going to the toy-infested pool at the YWAM campus

Summer is learning to surf at Ohope Beach

It's having colourful snow cones and ice-creams

Summer is exploring a huge resort filled with fish, coral, and waterslides

It's playing *Infection* with two-kilometre boundaries in every direction

Summer is climbing a huge kauri tree that was over 100 years old

It's taking our heavy suitcases to the baggage area

Summer is daylight saving, and playing on our neighbour's playground, tennis court, and grass

It's wondering if the drenching hot sun is better than the freezing cold

Summer is eating junk food all day long

It's sun-drenched days filled with fabulous fun with my cousins.

Summer.



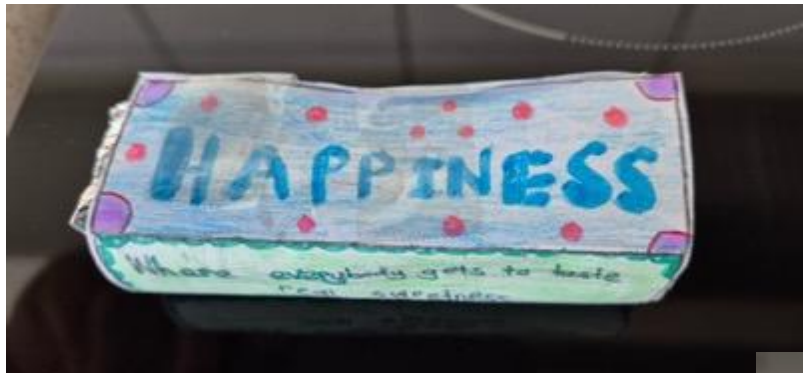


# MAKING CHOCOLATE

Our Ruma ono ākonga/students had a great deal of fun making chocolate. Now how you might wonder, is this connected to the curriculum? Part of studying the novel **'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'** by **Roald Dahl** led to a whole investigation into how chocolate is made. What are the necessary ingredients and where are they sourced? What mathematical proportions are required? What are the necessary cooking procedures and sequence that needs to be followed? How might it be flavoured and how could it be packaged & marketed to appeal to the consumer bearing in mind stewardship of the environment & pricing for affordability. In this Newsletter, we've captured the process beginning with making the chocolate. When you look at the packaging & marketing, then you can decide whether you will stick with Whitakers or Cadbury or if you'll employ one of our Year 5 & 6 entrepreneurs for your chocolate requirements. We will say that the temptation to lick one's fingers was noted more than once....which goes to prove that it really was 'finger lickin' good!'







## WHĀNAU/KURA CONFERENCES

These are scheduled to happen over **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. You have been notified of the time of your conference connection with your son/daughter's kaiako/teacher. **These 15 minute hui/meetings enable you to hear how your child is settling, holistically growing & to receive any Term 1 assessment results. This includes discussing your child's learning, their next steps & how you can effectively support them at home.** A bell will be rung to signal the end of a meeting & start of the next. **Tamariki can wait in the Art room with Mrs Warnes** where they will be supervised while your interview is happening.

While this is a designated opportunity to meet, **our 'Open Door' policy** means that at any time throughout the year if either you or your child's kaiako/teacher need to meet, you can make an appointment to do so.



**Greedy Cat** has been illustrated by our 5 year olds who have put their own spin on that naughty character. Just look at the expressions on Greedy Cat's face & well the size of the tummy verifies the consequences of over-eating! They are 'cuteness' for sure!



# ART EXHIBITION

This Newsletter we have an assortment of pictures from across our kura from 5 to 13 year olds.



These **Ruma ono, Year 5 & 6 Summer drawings** are vibrant configurations of whānau experiences which were then elaborated on through poetry.









# UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Immunisations Year 7 & 8

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March Whānau/Kura conferences**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Keswick Bethlehem College Band Concert 10am  
Y5-8 Ruma rima & Ruma ono

**Wednesday 26th March Kahui Ako Inter-kura Athletics Porritt Stadium Hamilton**

Tuesday 1st April 2025 CBoP Fun Day Ruma toru & wha (Rooms 3 & 4)  
at Kawaha Point kura

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Service Living Well Church Auditorium 7pm**

Mon 7th to Wed 9th April Y7/8 Camp Findlay Park

**Thursday 10th April last day of Term 1**

Friday 11th April Staff only day – Maths PLD @ BC Tauranga

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April Kaimahi/Staff Only Day**

Monday 28th April Uniform Shop open 10am to 2pm

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April Beginning of Term 2**





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