



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | WEEK 11 TERM 1 2025

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.”

Colossians 1:9–11

“Nō konei hoki, mai o te rā i rongo ai mātou, kāhore e mutu tā mātou karakia me tā mātou inoi mō koutou, kia whakakīia koutou ki te mōhio ki tāna e pai ai, i runga i ngā whakaaro nui katoa, i te mahara wairua anō hoki. Kia tika ai tā koutou haere, kia rite ai ki tā te Ariki, āhuareka rawa, hua rawa i runga i ngā mahi pai katoa, tupu tonu i runga i te mōhio ki te Atua. Kia whakanuia te kaha hei whakakaha mō koutou, kia rite ki tā te mana o tōna korōria, e ū tonu ai, e whakamanawanui ai i runga i te hari.”

Korohe 1:9-11

Dear wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

On Thursday evening last week, we gathered together as whānau, to mark the significance of Easter as it is central in our Christian faith. Our Worship was led by our whānau - mums, dads, granddads, uncles and past students! The engagement of our tamariki & wider community is such a blessed reflection of the faith, hope & love we share. **Jesus, God's son, Messiah, Saviour born fully God and fully man, is the answer to the sin condition of humankind. He lived a sinless life of obedience to the will of His Heavenly Father, was crucified & rose again.** Our Ruma rua tamariki have been singing 'Worthy is the Lamb' next door to my office & the words & tune, impact my heart every time I hear them.

At our service, **Abby Simpson-Castenada, age 6, retold the story of Easter with childlike simplicity, reminding us that the Gospel message, the Good News, is not complicated, but rather is easily understood by a child.** Often as adults, having our tamariki explain the Gospel gives us an entirely fresh understanding of the truth of Scripture. I love how God regularly teaches us through the faith of our tamariki. Our junior & senior dancers are growing in confidence as they express worship through the beauty of dance.

Easter demonstrates '**Grace**' & provides opportunity for our genuine expression of '**Gratitude**'. God's grace to humankind is demonstrated in the giving of His Son, Jesus, who paid the penalty for sin, so we could receive forgiveness & have a personal relationship with Him. The love of God which went to such lengths to provide '**The Way**' to have our broken relationship with Him restored, is mind blowing! **This IS grace!!!** Our response is one of deep gratitude, that God's love extended to such lengths, even to the death of Jesus on a cross.

As **Pastor Andrew Parrington** so aptly reminded us, just as with Peter after his third denial of knowing Jesus, this was not 'the end' but rather 'to be continued'. Peter admitted his 'mess up' & experienced the grace. He went on to impact others through teaching the Word of God & sharing his faith. **We have the freedom to share this message, which is life-giving, restoring, hope generating, & eternally true.** It doesn't get lost or buried in Easter bunnies, chocolate egg consumption, or even additional holidays. Rather, Easter is the time when the world presses pause & actually acknowledges Jesus, Saviour of the world. **Let's take the opportunity to worship Him, & to share this GOOD News with others we are connected to through whānau, friends & work & to celebrate our Saviour, our Living Hope!**

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel



YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP AT FINLAY PARK

After weeks of preparation, Monday finally arrived & our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people poured into our kura, filled with excitement & anticipation shortly after 7am. Do you remember looking forward to such kura calendar events that took your learning outside the classroom? They are the memorable, never to be forgotten highlights within kura education.



Finlay Park Camp was our Camp destination, a mere 60-minute journey! Within moments of arrival gear was unpacked, beds selected in the burés in readiness for the first of the many activities planned. As our photos show, there was a great deal of fun & hilarity, new steps of confidence & courage taken & deeper relationships formed with one another. There's nothing more revealing than living together for three days. We see one another with new eyes because we have gained more understanding & in the process, uncovered greater appreciation of one another. That person who encouraged us to **'have a go'** when we felt overwhelmed by a challenge, who reassured us when we felt a little homesick, who helped us resourcefully complete a collaborative task, who washed & dried dishes alongside us, & who had us rolling with laughter in concert items, recounting camp stories or telling jokes. We developed a much deeper appreciation of those we do life with at school, & grew in character attributes such as patience, kindness, self-control, perseverance &, in some cases, a little long suffering thrown in.





With activities like **Confidence Course**, **Slingshot**, **Paintball**, **Shooting**, **Archery**, **Axe throwing**, **Magic Carpet**, **Adventure Trail**, **Hydro-slide**, **Blob**, **Animal Survival** & the restthe whole Camp was simply a blast! We returned delightfully exhausted, & grateful we live in Aotearoa, where we have access to the most incredible array of outdoor action. It was also true that we knew in another day, school would conclude for Term 1 & we'd be able to sleep for the entire weekend & then be fully ready for more whānau action during the school holidays!





FUN DAY

Sporting events tend to be for Year 4 & older age groups, so ***the annual 'Fun Day'*** for our Junior tamariki is a treasured occasion. With 14 different activity stations scattered across the Kawaha Point kura grounds, our Ruma toru & Ruma whā tamariki, rotated through 8 activities, each of which involved some physical co-ordination & skill, as well as the ability to follow the necessary instructions. Special thanks to our wonderful whānau helpers who injected extra enthusiasm, assisted with activities, & cheered everyone along!





WINTER UNIFORM - TERM 2 & TERM 3

Please remember that ***we change into Winter Uniform for Terms 2 & 3.*** If you are needing to buy an item of uniform ***Mrs Trish Copeland will have the shop open between 10am & 2.30pm on Monday 28th April.*** If you are purchasing new school shoes, ***please select the appropriate recommended polishable shoes rather than the latest trend, your son or daughter might prefer.*** School shoes need to be durable, polishable and pragmatic, suited to weather changeability & the multiple activities we do at school. The photos included provide details of BC Chapman Winter uniform.



SENIOR BOYS



SENIOR GIRLS



JUNIOR BOYS



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PLEASE NOTE: White skivvies can ONLY be purchased for our Junior Tamariki girls in Whaea Delwyn & Whaea Lucelle's classes as they are easier for younger children to manage. Year 3- Year 8 girls will wear the BC Chapman school blouse

AROUND THE SCHOOL- Easter Celebrations and Decorations

Room two/Ruma rua were busy making Easter decorations, Room six/Ruma rima made and decorated Easter cookies, beautifully wrapped and delivered as gift. Room four/Ruma wha celebrated being a friend of Jesus with the 'Creative Box' and outdoor play.





ROOM 2/RUMA RUA

Room two/Ruma rua baked some blueberry and chocolate muffins with Chef Subin. We learned to work together with one purpose, to share, listen, follow instructions, and then patiently wait to enjoy eating our baking! The children learned about mixing and folding ingredients to keep the air in the baking to make the muffins light and fluffy. YUM! We are so grateful for Chef Subin to share some of his baking secrets!



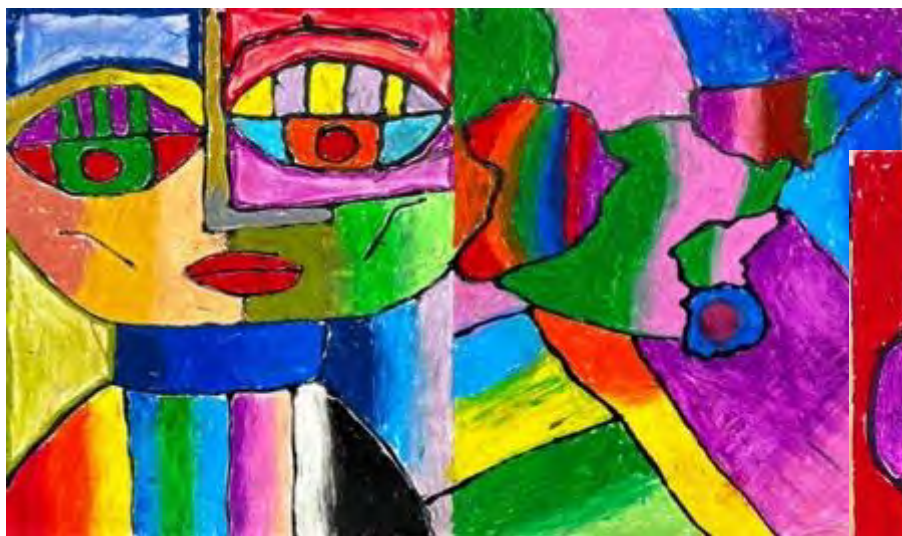


The children in Room 2 have been learning 'Orientation' in Maths. These Maths and PE activities were tricky... especially when there was a bakery on the map



ARTISTS CORNER

Our gallery exhibition this week features **Whaea Lisa's Ruma rima/Room five artists**. With guidance from **Whaea Jas**, they have followed **Cassie Stephen's interpretation of the style used by original artist Sandra Silberzweig**. The resulting artwork combines a creative personal portrait with significant geographical, whenua, & whānau connections which are normally shared orally through **pepeha**. **The purpose of a pepeha, a traditional Māori introduction, is to establish connections and express personal identity through acknowledging one's connections with the land, people, and previous generations**. A pepeha is often used in formal settings to foster a sense of community and belonging as connections with one's own story are made with that of other people.



WRITERS CORNER

This week, we are featuring a couple of 'Home' poems which, although not explicitly intended, are an authentic reflection & expression of the gratitude these writer's have for their own home and whānau.

Reading these poems is a moving experience as they highlight heart connection to home & whānau.

Home - by Latu Paletu'a Year 7

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is more than a house
It is where I feel comfortable
And my safe place from isolation.

Home is more than a piece of land
And a yard of grass
It is my calm area.

Home is more than a street
And a wooden fence
It is my protection at night.

Home is my structure of peace
Near the church where it's stationed
And the house consists of ingredients my mum
creates for us.

Home is my comfortable space
And my place of wonders
It's knowing that I'm safe.

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is where my heart recognises:
Grace & Gratitude.

Home -by Taliah Christensen Year 8

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is not just the school art on the walls
It's not only the picturesque black on the bricks
And the view from my parents' window.

Home is climbing & sliding & balancing
And the exhilaration of being somewhere you
shouldn't
It is the traces of chalk on the driveway.

Home is halls of family memories
And the joy of seeing cats at peace
It is knowing where to turn at night
And the comfort of my duvet against me.

Home is walking side by side with swans,
or to the Library
Past the neighbour's dogs, dodging the boats,
bikes, & knick-knacks
It's using my card to borrow & reserve books
It's knowing your way through roads of painful
yellow cars.

Home is rounding the corner to visit friends
And laughing & running & having a great time
It's knowing I can truly be myself.

Home is more than a door, more than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.
It's where my heart recognises:
Grace & Gratitude.



Home - by Joshua Vautier Year 7

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is sitting down at the dinner table before praying
and eating
It is a place where the good and the bad happen
And listening to 'Adventures in Odyssey'
On the iPad at the end of the day.

Home is sleeping in and getting woken up on school days
And waking early on Saturdays and Sundays.
It's having the soothing taste of honey and peanut butter
on toast
Sometimes it's having my siblings' annoying friends over.

Home is hopping into my very comfortable bed at 8.30pm
And getting home and doing my homework, waiting to
finish it so I can check it off proudly
It is going outside and playing handball with my siblings
And eating seconds and thirds of the remaining dinner.

Home is playing with my fun lego
Near the end of 2024, it's leaving for 6 or 7 days to see
family
And getting competitive with my also very competitive
siblings
It's getting icecream and watching a movie on Friday
night.

Home is going to bed thinking about tomorrow
And my siblings losing my handball over the neighbour's
fence
It's knowing when to talk and when to be quiet.

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More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

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Home - by Aaren Zhang Year 8

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is a place where I can go
It is a place where I can relax
And a very warm and loving place

Home is my foundation
And the place where I feel most loved
It's a place where you can see Mokoia island.

Home is a place where I can be grateful
And a place where I can always let go of my stress
It is more than a place where I can stay
And more than a roof.

Home is the Utuhina Stream
Past the trout swimming
And next to the stream are picnic tables
It's more than a body of water.

Home is God's creation
And praising and worshipping
It's knowing God as a best friend.

It's where my heart recognises:
Grace & Gratitude.



Home- by Ana Moffatt Year 8

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is that happy feeling you get
As you snuggle down on the couch with your
family to watch a movie
It is waking up at 9am to a Saturday morning
And reading your book as long as possible.

Home is going on long bike rides in the Redwoods
And rolling your eyes at Dad's terrible jokes
But deep down inside wanting to laugh
It is devouring ribs with homemade BBQ sauce.

Home is my messy bedroom
And admiring the 12 dozen pictures on the wall
It is walking over to Taliah and Michaela's home
And making each other laugh so much
That you both end up rolling around on the floor.

Home is driving to school and carpooling with the
Christiansens
Past the shop with the yellow cars
And trying to score the best punch on the arm of
the person sitting next to you
While counting how many yellow cars there are
It's spending the rest of the day with a dead arm.

Home is getting 100,000,000,000 cards a day
from Hazel
And wrestling with Matilda even though you know
you are going to lose dreadfully
It's knowing that I am with my favourite people as
I go to sleep at night.

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And the walls of a building
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Home- by Joshua Vijo Year 8

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is warm, toasty doors and windows at
noon
It is a big bounce on my trampoline
And refreshing ice-cold watermelon juice on
hot days.

Home is more than a safe and comfy zone
It is shady feijoa trees providing shelter from
the blazing summer sun
And sharing its yummy, ripe and juicy feijoas.

Home is a spice house
And delicious home cooked traditional meals
It is exploring my forest area
And chucking rocks at the fallen bamboo
sticks.

Home is walking through my neighbourhood
Past the Brooklyn shops
And across the pedestrian crossing
It's visiting family friends randomly.

Home is going to church on Sunday mornings
And communicating with friends after
It's playing games in the massive church field
after Sunday School.

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And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

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Grace & Gratitude.



Home - by Katie Lotter Year 6

Home is more than a door,
More than a roof,
And the walls of a building
It's more than the number on my letterbox.

Home is the doorbell that no one uses because it looks broken
It is getting my favourite book off the bookshelf and reading it for
hours, even if it's my fifth time reading it in a row
And it's knowing where mum hides the lollies in the cupboard.

Home is going to the dairy and getting the new icecream flavour
And it is biking to the top of Otonga Road hill and racing my
friends to the bottom
It is riding through the Tihi forest
And stopping at the blackberry bush to gather and eat as many
as you can!

Home is watching the lady and her bloodhound walking down the
road again
And it is watching the neighbours across the road playing soccer
and getting the ball stuck on the roof
It is your favourite TV show with your family and wondering what
will happen next
And it is creating secret paths that my landlord can't find.

Home is getting a blank piece of paper
And designing a masterpiece that my parents struggle to
understand
It's the place near the Tree Trust where we can hear the loud
sheep
And it is going for long walks with my parents
It's walking down the road to see Patchy, the big orange and
white dog.

Home is jumping on the trampoline at night with friends and
making up dances
And it's going to Jackson Park to play on the swings
It's knowing where to find the Bible and reading it.

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And the walls of a building
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SPORT

CBOP SWIM MEET

Our BC Chapman swim team competed in the recent **CBoP Swim Meet event on Wednesday 2nd April**. Once again **Ana Moffatt, Falcon Chu, Jeffery Pan, Aaren Zhang, Felix Chu & Nathan Zhou represented us**. Watching them move through the water with freestyle, butterfly, backstroke & breaststroke streamlined finesse, is close to poetic beauty. We could not be prouder of these rangatahi/young people who also demonstrated sportsmanship towards their fellow competitors. Special thanks to Levi Chu who kindly managed them at the event.



MINI MARATHON

If your son/daughter has entered the **Rotorua Mini Marathon**, he/she need to be tracking their way through 40 kms over the next couple of weeks & marking off their 'Passport'. The final 2 Kms will be done at the Sport BoP scheduled event on **Friday the 2nd May**.

INTERMEDIATE NETBALL TERMS 3 AND 4

Due to lack of team members, BC Chapman will not be registering an Intermediate Netball team in the Term three/four competition. Our hope is that next year, we will have enough players to create an Intermediate Netball team.



NETBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Netball Rotorua's Year 7 & 8 Development Programme is designed to provide Year 7 & 8 players with further development outside their school teams. They will be running two workshops during the school holidays and two in term 2.

Workshops will include Fitness and conditioning / Nutrition / Fundamental movement skills / Positional play / Understanding the game / Rules

Find out more and register at:
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UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday 10th April End of Term 1

Friday 11th April Teacher/Kaiako Only Day-Maths PLD at BC Tauranga

Sunday 13th April Futsal Tournament Year 5 & 6 team

Friday 18th April Good Friday

Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday-Jesus is alive!

Monday 21st April Easter Monday

Friday 25th April ANZAC Day

Monday 28th April Teacher Only Day

Monday 29th April Uniform Shop Open 10am-2.30pm

Tuesday 29th April Term 2 begins (Winter Uniform)

Friday 2nd May Rotorua Mini Marathon

Friday 6th June BC Chapman Cross Country at Waipa

Monday 16th June Rural Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa



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