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Ephesians 6:10–13- The Whole Armour of God

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”

Epeha 6:10-13 Ngā Kāhu Whawhai Katoa a te Atua

“Heoi, kia kaha i roto i te Ariki, i te mana hoki o tōna kaha. Kākahuria iho ngā mea whawhai katoa a te Atua, kia tāea ai e koutou ngā mahi tinihanga a te rēwera te tū ki te riri. Ehara hoki tā tatou i te pakanga ki te kikokiko, ki ngā toto, engari ki ngā rangatiratanga, ki ngā mana, ki ngā ariki o te pōuri o tēnei ao, ki ngā taua wairua kino o ngā wāhi i te rangi. Mō konei kia mau ki ngā mea whawhai katoa a te Atua, kia taea ai e koutou te tū atu ki te riri i te rā kino, ā, ka poto i a koutou ngā mea katoa te mahi, kia tū.”

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

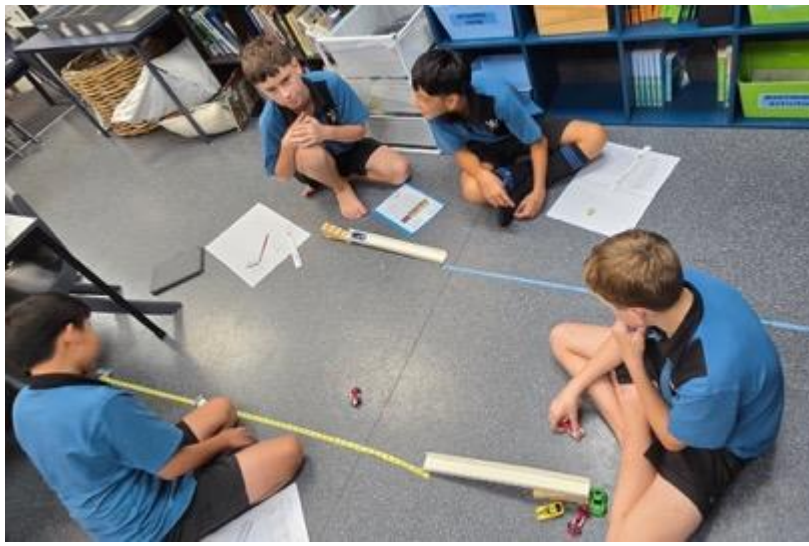
Welcome to Term 2! Although the holiday break was quite a mixed weather bag, I think we'd all agree that the change of pace was a blessing! As always, our request is for any photo which captures a special whānau moment, to be sent into our kura Office. Such photos add to the interest in & the conversation around our 'Celebration Board' in the foyer. Autumn has definitely modified the leafy attire of the trees around our city. These photos taken around Rotorua by Miss Wynne capture God's splendid seasonal handiwork. There is much to be grateful for, when we live in Aotearoa where the seasons are so clearly delineated. Blueberries, feijoas & raspberries are on their way out, while NZ mandarins are arriving to offer a citrus change. Perfect timing for half time refreshing energy for our Saturday morning sports teams!



Mother's Day is this coming on Sunday & **it's a wonderful time to express our gratitude to our mums, grandmas, & other significant women in our lives who have invested in each of us.** We are sure your tamariki will bless you abundantly even the one who is celebrating his 11th birthday on 11th May is willing to share the glory with his mum! Judging by the poems & cards we've seen our tamariki write this past week, they genuinely do notice the multiple things you do behind the scenes to ensure your whānau is the loving, safe & special place it is. Thank you for the wonderful women you are & for all you do to encourage your tamariki to develop their gifts & talents, pursue & extend their knowledge & interests, persevere & overcome their doubts to become all God intends them to be.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel



CROSS COUNTRY

We are launching straight into Cross Country preparation & have added a little creativity into training for this event in the hope that it will make it a little more enjoyable. ***We plan to hold our main event at Waipa where we run a forest track.*** As we encourage all of our tamariki to embrace the challenge of running a longer distance, & supporting one another to do so, this is yet another opportunity to build community. To push oneself that little bit further beyond one's usual comfort zone & successfully attain the end goal.

SCIENCE UPDATE

Our **Year 8** rangatahi have been learning to use '**control variables**' when carrying out a science experiment. Ultimately, Whaea Surette is hoping that the learning connected to '**control variables**' can be transferred to **ALL** Science experiments. They investigated how ramp height effects the distance, travelled by a toy car. Such learning is readily transferable to mountain-biking & jumps! Focusing on accuracy & recording of their experiment results on a table, was a further part of their scientific understanding.



PRODUCTION

We will be presenting our Production in Term 4 & your son/daughter **will be part of the cast** as we involve our entire kura. This year we are going to do the musical **Antshillvania** which we did eight years ago. It is the story of **the Prodigal Son** which fits perfectly with our **'Grace and Gratitude'** overarching curriculum theme. As this story is set in the context of a colony of ants,

Your son/daughter will require a long-sleeved black skivvy & black leggings.

Given that we are in Autumn and heading into Winter, **this is the time to purchase black skivvies & leggings from K-Mart or Warehouse** as by October such items of clothing are nigh on impossible to find.

Prepare yourself for the learning of lyrics to the many catchy tunes that are part of the Antshillvania story as by November, you too will be ready to take the stage. **If you have prop creating, make-up, craft, visual art, design, photography or sewing expertise, then please let Mrs Warnes or Mrs Stevenson know as we will need lots of assistance to make the Production a success. Whaea Bees is our resident artist & the creation of splendid stage props, & auditorium & café ambience is something which really requires the same kind of community support & participation as our bi-annual Spring Fair does.** This will be our fifth whole kura production & another wonderful opportunity to use our God-given gifts & talents to bless others, as we share HIS message of grace.



Thank you for sending your son/daughter in their correct Winter Uniform. Please note that **our Ruma toru/Room 3 & Ruma wha/Room 4 kotiro/girls can wear a white skivvy instead of a white blouse** which makes it easier for them to manage dressing without buttons. A couple of our whānau have fed back that they are appreciating the change for those little ones!

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

If you have some spare ice cream containers with lids, our wonderful **Mrs Janene Joll Food technology Kaiako/teacher** would love them. **They will be used for freezing any leftover Food Tech delicacies for distribution to families in crisis or need.** Please drop in to the school office.

SPORTS NEWS

Mini Marathon

17 of our tamariki who have run a total of 40 kms over the past three weeks completed the Marathon distance by running the final 2 kms of the Rotorua Marathon Course. Special congratulations to these diligent, focused, dedicated & resilient athletes who participated in this event. As you can see by the photos there were many participants & a great deal of fun along the way!



FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 13th April, our BC Chapman Futsal team played in a tournament at Rotorua Girls High School. **Matua Aaron Russell** looked after our team players who had a great time learning the game of Futsal. While it appears to mirror aspects of Football, it is, in fact, an entirely different ball game!

FOOTBALL & RUGBY

STOP PRESS! We have heard that we have an inaugural local club football team comprised of our **BC Chapman Year 5 & 6 girls & coached by Matua Aaron Russell!** Their first training was Thursday 1st May.

We realize that *many of our tamariki are involved in local football or rugby club teams which is fantastic! Please send in some photos of your son/daughter in action with their team* so we can post these on our Sports News Board.

TAI MITCHELL RUGBY

We are super proud of **Ezekiel Muliaga & Malachi Hall** who have been **selected for Tai Mitchell Rugby development**. These boys are talented players who are keen to learn & further their skills. This opportunity will also allow them to form wider relationships across our Rotorua community & to grow in the character qualities which foster 'team' spirit.



NETBALL

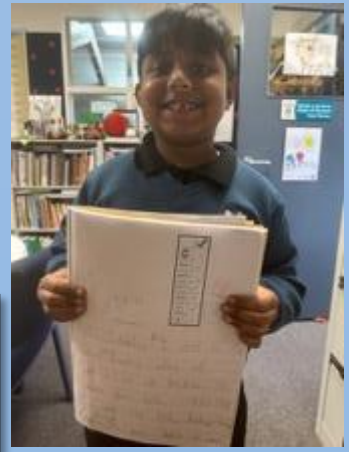
With FOUR Netball teams we simply had to squeeze in a few photos to show off our stars! It has been a fantastic season of growing skills, strategies & sportsmanship! Well done to all of our BC Chapman players! Please return freshly laundered netball dresses and rep T shirts as soon as possible.



WRITERS CORNER

This week we feature the writing of our wonderful recently just turned **7-year-old author Jeshurun Marri!** He has captured his visit to the Zoo and is using his excellent structured literacy skills to spell with accuracy. Within minutes his story was written. **Way to go Jeshurun!**

"On Saturday 15th April, I went to the Zoo called Paradise Valley, and patted a lion cub because the mum gave birth. After that, I saw the fish, ducks, and birds and one of the pools had a cave. Later that day, I saw the wild deer and I was about to throw up because there was a bad smell. Next, we saw the chickens and the pigs, but they were brown."



OTAGO MATHS PROBLEM SOLVERS

This particular Maths Challenge is something that our Year 7 & 8 talented mathematicians enjoy. The problems presented require logical analyses, selection & systematic application of knowledge & strategy, as well as comprehensive explanation & justification of rationale to reach their answer. **Whaea Surette**, is working with these rangatahi, supporting them to do engage with thought provoking, mathematically mind-developing, stretching challenges, which are offered through Otago Problem-Solving each term.



The advantage of having a **Secondary Maths & Science** trained kaiako like **Whaea Surette** is God's wonderful provision in our kura. **Taliah Christiansen, Morgan Packer, Rowan Cook, Falcon Chu, Jeffery Pan & Aaren Zhang** are our 2025 Year 7 & 8 mathematicians who are participating in this.

ART GALLERY

This week we are featuring some splendid paintings which four of our Year 6 ākonga/students, did as part of their research on a country of significance to them. **Matilda researched Scotland, Emlyn chose India, Yuna selected South Korea & Katie researched Italy.** Can you match the paintings correctly with their country of choice? **Clue: the painting does in some direct way connect with that country & their cultural traditions.**





PERFORMING ARTS



Our **six** Performing Arts stars who had roles in the recent production of ***The Sound of Music*** directed by **Evelyn Falconer** excelled themselves. The privilege of being able to attend such an outstanding show right here in our city, was incredible! We are thrilled that these BC Chapman stars embraced an opportunity to develop their gifts & to abundantly bless others. We are delighted to be able to share these photos with you!

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UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday 11th May - Mother's Day

Thursday 15th May – Powhiri/pohiri for our new students 8:30am

Wednesday 21st May – Online Safety Course 5:30 – 7:30pm

Monday 26th May – PhotoLife Kura Photos 8:30am

Monday 2nd June - Kings Birthday holiday

Friday 6th June BC Chapman Cross Country at Waipa

(postponement Friday 13th June)

Monday 16th June Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa

(postponement Wednesday 18th June)

Tuesday 17th June Kahui Ako Music Festival at Waipa Christian School

Tuesday 24th June BOP Cross Country

(postponement Thursday 26th June)

Friday 20th June - Mataariki holiday

Friday 27th June Reports issued

Friday 27th June Last day of Term 2

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 THANK YOU!!!



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