



## HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | WEEK 4 TERM 2 2025

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear Him.”

### Psalm 103:10–11

Kīhai i rite ki ō tatou hara āna meatanga ki a tatou; kihai anō i rite ki ō tātou kino āna utu mai ki a tatou. He rite hoki ki te rangi e tiketike ake ana i te whenua, pērā tonu te nui o tāna mahi tohu ki te hunga e wehi ana ki a ia.

### Ngā Waiata 103:10-11

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.”

### Psalm 103:12–13

Pērā i te mātara o te rāwhiti i te uru, pērā tonu tāna whakamataratanga atu i ā tatou mahi tutū i a tatou. E aroha ana te matua ki āna tamariki, pērā tonu tō Ihowa aroha ki te hunga e wehi ana ki a ia.

Dear wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

In keeping with our 2025 theme, **‘Grace & Gratitude’**, we’d like to acknowledge two very significant ladies, **Liz Goodgame & Anelda Venter** who authentically live these qualities. They have invested & enriched our BC Chapman kura whānau in beautiful & impacting ways. This week we farewell (we know they’ll return one day) Liz, Ben, Jonah, Jude, Maggie & Max Goodgame who return to America. **Liz has been such an inspirational connector**, drawing our BC Chapman community closely together through her leadership in our Spring Fair, in creating fun through surprising us with muffins, hot chocolates, biscuits, and bubbles, organizing & tidying our **‘waka tautoko’ PTA room** & in our Tuesday morning before school whānau Prayer Meetings.

**Faithful & tireless in her enthusiasm for Jesus & for our kura/school whānau & wider Rotorua community, Liz is full of grace & always finds someone or something for whom or which she is grateful.**



On Saturday, at the Bethlehem Tertiary Institute 2025 Graduation Ceremony, **Anelda graduated as a Food & Nutrition Secondary teacher.**



It was a joy to be able to celebrate this incredible achievement with her. Anelda, Petrus, Samuel, Markus, Jemima & Dawid moved to Hamilton three years ago. Anelda was a Teacher Aide here at BC Chapman & many of you will remember what a wonderful gracious lady she is. **It was Anelda who led our hospitality/manaakitanga following Pōhiri, end of year Leaver’s Dinners, Spring Fair catering, Sausage Sizzles, Hamburgers, Morning & Afternoon teas, Blokes ‘n Kids Breakfast, Speech & Chess, Production cafes, mid-Winter Christmas Dinners, & Wedding catering, humbly, expertly & so successfully! She was also the instigator of the Parent Prayer Group.**



All too often we can allow time to roll by & omit to see those who are right in front of our eyes faithfully serving often behind the scenes drawing others into our BC Chapman whānau living examples of the expression of **'grace & gratitude'**. **Liz & Anelda we honour & thank you both, for who you are & for the ways you allowed God's love to flow through you.** May God bless you & your families immeasurably & may you know how grateful we are & always will be that you are part of our BC Chapman waka. We will continue to carry on what we have learned from how you beautifully lived out your love for Jesus.

Me te aroha tonu  
With love always

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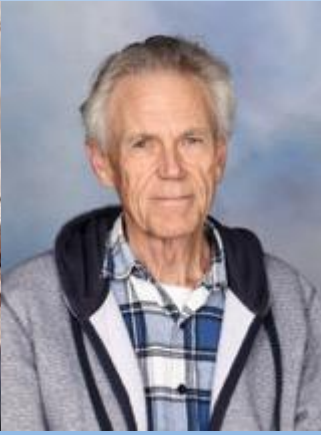
## PŌHIRI

Last Thursday we welcomed our latest five new ākonga & their families into our BC Chapman whānau. It was a very special time together & in holding this important Maori cultural practice we stop to honour, invite & embrace these tamariki & their families. We will hold our next Pōhiri at the beginning of Term 3 & we would love you to attend as 'tangata whenua' representing members of our existing BC Chapman waka whānau.





# ROTATIONS



This week we began our next Year 7 & 8 twelve-week Rotation cycle. In **Wood & Material Technology**, led by **Wayne Goodchild**, & assisted by **Andy Morton & John Parker**, our rangatahi have been creating **Money Trays & Wooden Koru Shaped stands**. Using recycled rimu, & learning the importance of accurate measuring, cutting, sanding to attain a quality end result provide character growing opportunities as well as lifelong material skills.



In **Food & Nutrition**, led by **Mrs Janene Joll**, there have been many different nutritious meals & other culinary delights made, shared & frozen for dispersal in the wider community. Teaching our rangatahi how to eat a healthy diet, cook using nutritious ingredients, to serve & to budget wisely, are all part of crucial lifelong learning. By the way, if you'd like to drop in for Morning Tea on Wednesdays it'll be worth your while because the staffroom biscuit & cracker boxes are no competition for what our Year 7 & 8 have added to the table. Mrs Joll also teaches 'textiles' where she shows our tangatahi how to steward through upcycling garments.



## FRENCH

It is not only French language that is learned, **Brochures & Power Points** feature top tourist attractions & or café or restaurant explanations & examples of genuine French cuisine. Definitely designed to give interesting factual information they also contribute to fueling the big OE Travel desire & an appetite for sampling some of those French foods including dare we say **'Les Escargots-snails'** which incidentally all but one student did with mixed response!



## MUSIC

Whaea Maria likewise teaches across our kura & focuses on the learning of different musical knowledge & skills. The sounds of Percussion, Ukelele, Guitar, Recorder & other instruments are a blessing!

## VISUAL ART

Whaea Becs is constantly coming up with new ideas for Visual Art as she teaches right across all year levels. Come to school and have a look at what these artists have been learning & creating. You could well be looking at a future van Gogh; Monet; Michelangelo, Matisse or other famous artists...watch this space!





Whaea Wendy & Ruma rua tamariki have been busily tending to our BC Chapman gardens. Having removed the lettuce & spinach plants that had gone to seed & the weeds, they prepared the soil for new planting. These tamariki have planted broccoli, spinach, beetroot, lettuces & silver-beet...how's that for a nutritious selection to support the wider Rotorua community via 'Mara Kai' Feed Rotorua. An assortment of herbs is being planted later this week so that flavour can be added to the final meals.

## THE BC CHAPMAN GARDENS



As we approach Mataariki, it is the ideal time to be sowing the next seeds/plants in preparation for Spring & Summer. While our Year 4's were the confident leaders due to having experience with gardening last year, they quickly taught their younger classmates what to do. Passing on knowledge & understanding is a marvelous way of cementing their own & serving the learning of others in the process. This learning can transfer to home 'vege pods' or raised gardens so the potential for multiplication of the learning & harvesting in future days is maximized.



**An additional reptile sanctuary has been created by Arkisha Madrid in the 'hothouse' where there is a Skink' hotel.** You may like to visit however the dedicated custodians **Rebecca Vijo, Harry Irons, Ariana Simpson-Castenada, Jocelyn Chan, Essie Tjing, Hazel Moffatt & Arkisha** will need to be consulted beforehand as protection of these creatures is of paramount importance.





## Junior Kura Teaching & Learning \*Day & Night\*

*Ruma toru are now learning about Our Solar System, planets, moon, sun & how marvelously they all function as designed by Our Creator God.* Last week the drawing of their shadows before school began, yielded some fascinating knowledge. Revisiting & re-drawing the shadows at 11.30am revealed they'd changed position, angle & length. Maths & Science in a nutshell. As time passed & the sun moved. It brought first-hand understanding of 'day & night' & the daily journey of the sun. The seasons too, change. Right now, we are rapidly approaching the beginning of winter which is only over a week away. Their artwork & posters are capturing some aspects of the learning they are doing.



Rm 4 Practicing Art APPRECIATION skills!  
Enjoying learning about Vincent van Gogh's artwork.





We are featuring some of the latest Artwork across our kura which you will find displayed in our corridors, classrooms & foyer. It never ceases to amaze us as our tamariki develop their God-given visual art talents.



# MOTHERS DAY

**Mother's Day** surfaced the perfect opportunity for writing **to express love & gratitude**. Now that some of the poems, cards & decks of cards are all safely with the mums, we have chosen a couple of examples of the use of metaphor, by our Year 5 & 6 tamariki to effectively capture the strength & unique role of a mother in their lives. You will notice these authors have mastered the power of metaphor.

My Mum

**By Felix Chu**

You are a brave fire that lights up my path

You are a steel shield, always protecting me from danger

You are a queen bee, taking care of our hive

You are as tuff as a vault, always thinking about what's ahead.

You are a chef, who whips up dinner in a flash

You are the last piece in our puzzle, keeping our family together

You act like the best doctor in the world when I'm sick

You are the frame keeping our family picture intact

**Happy Mother's Day!**

My Mum

**by Yuna Fan (Year 6)**

You are a gleaming light, showing me the way

You are a multitasker, doing everything at once

You are a beautiful crystal, more precious than gold

You have a talent for knowing what's going to happen

You are pure sugar, sweetening up my day

You are a pair of glasses, making blurry things clear

You are an open box, keeping all my possessions safe

You are my wall, yes, and you catch me when I fall

You are my GPS, when I get lost

You are an observant hawk, watching over me

You are the best Mum ever, and

I love you

**Happy Mother's Day**





Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people found 52 different reasons why they are grateful for their mothers...one for every single week of the year!





# RM 4 READING AND WRITING



We are also including a few of our 5 year old authors who combine their writing with their gorgeous artwork. There's so much to learn when a child begins reading and writing. These little people are showing their skills are definitely growing!







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## UPCOMING DATES:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – PhotoLife Kura Photos 8:30am

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Kings Birthday holiday**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June BC Chapman Cross Country at Waipa  
(postponement Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa**  
**(postponement Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June)**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Kahui Ako Music Festival at Waipa Christian School Te Awamutu

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June BOP Cross Country**  
**(postponement Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June)**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki holiday

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Reports issued**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Last day of Term 2





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