

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER | WEEK 6 TERM 2 2025

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”.

John 8:31–32

Me i reira ka mea a Īhu ki ngā Hūrai i whakapono ki a ia, “Ki te mau tonu koutou ki tāku kupu, he tino ākongā koutou nāku; ā, e mātau koutou ki te pono, mā te pono anō koutou ka rangatira ai”.

Hoani 8:31-32

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

He maha anō ērā atu tohu i oti i a Īhu, i te aroaro o āna ākongā, kāhore nei i tuihituhia ki tēnei pukapuka. Otiā, kua tuhituhia ēnei kia whakapono ai koutou ko te Karaiti a Īhu, ko te Tama a te Atua: kia whiwhi ai hoki ki te ora i runga i tōna ingoa, ina whakapono.

Hoani 20:30-31

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

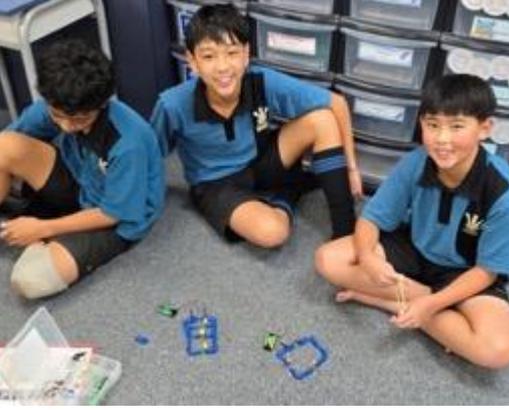
This week we would like to introduce you to our **Board of Trustees** who recently visited our kura where we presented our Annual BC Chapman Report. We appreciate the extra time they give to travel here & the interest they have in our Rotorua community. These are the people who meet monthly to support Mr Edmeades & our Bethlehem College kura ‘sea & lakeside’ to deliver a Christ-centred education. This usually involves many hours of reading reports, reviews, dealing with Budgets, Policies, the issues of our time, latest educational directives & making decisions which enable us to continue to effectively serve God & those in our care.



We are grateful for these committed volunteers led by **Paul Shakes (Chairman)**, who represent the Christian Education Trust, BCL, & our whānau body in Tauranga & Rotorua. It was our privilege to host this meeting at BC Chapman & to honour these men & women who love & sacrificially serve us as Rotorua kura community. Our BoT is made up of : **Paul Shakes (Chairman), Jo Wallis (Deputy Chair), Larne Edmeades (Our Principal), Karen Miller (Secretary), Jon Parker, Hayden Briscoe, Katy Lietze, Jo West (Staff Rep), Helen Gregory, Gillian Flores, Kerry-Lee Fox, Rob Stacey, & Jaiden Murray (Student Rep)**. Unfortunately, Jaiden & Rob were unable to attend our meeting this time.

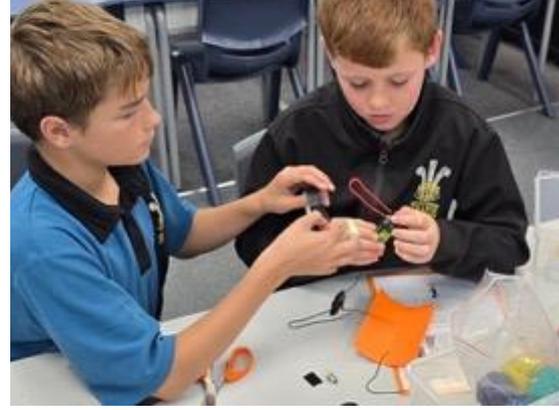
Behind the scenes are many unknown, unseen highly skilled people, unsung heroes, who love our Lord Jesus & believe in Christ-centred education. They bring their passion & their personal expertise to our kura & humbly serve. We are grateful that God has called them together for such a time as this. They are a blessing!

Me te aroha tonu
With love always



A SCIENCE UPDATE

Our Year 5-8 students/ākonga lit up the classroom with excitement while exploring the ***Electric Future House of Science kit***. Using playdough, LED bulbs, and everyday materials, they experimented with circuits, resistance, insulation, and current flow. From hands-on challenges like building torches, to discovering which materials conduct electricity, this engaging kit helped bring abstract science concepts to life. It was a joy to see our young scientists asking questions, problem-solving, and marvelling at the power of electricity in action! ***We are grateful for the resourcing that our local House of Science personnel faithfully*** bring to us each week as these enable us to engage with our learning in multiple ways.



NETBALL FUN DAY

On Sunday 25th March we had a Netball Fun Day to celebrate the end of the Future Ferns season and enjoy fun, food and fellowship together. Our netball players faced the tough opposition of their whānau but were not deterred by the presence of these giants on the court, nor were they intimidated. The skills they'd been learning & practising with Whaea Nicole & Whaea Stacy were proudly on display along with laughter & fun for all!

It is true to say that we have some competitive parents who enjoyed themselves SO much that they are considering forming a 'social' team for the local community competition. We will need to keep track of how they go & see if they do as well as their tamariki. Go the mums & dads! It was an 'awesome' way to bring closure to the season. Thank you so much to Whaea Nicole & Whaea Stacy and all the mums and dads who stepped up to support their tamariki.





Whaea Del, Miss Grace & Whaea Lucelle, along with Ruma toru & Ruma wha are investigating Fire Safety & the Fire Service where our Firemen serve our Rotorua Community. We have a number of 5 & 6-year-olds who dream of joining the Fire Service so a visit to our local Fire Station which just happens to be a few doors away was a popular field trip! Fortunately, this one didn't involve anything more than walking in convoy, 100 metres down Biak Street!

All the usual highlights.....trying on the fireman's gear, rolling out the hose, climbing into the Fire Truck all of which add to the experience & have confirmed that this could most definitely be a career path for some of our tamariki! They have also gained knowledge about **Fire Safety** in their homes, at school, & in other possible fire emergency situations. These photos capture some of the learning & the delight!





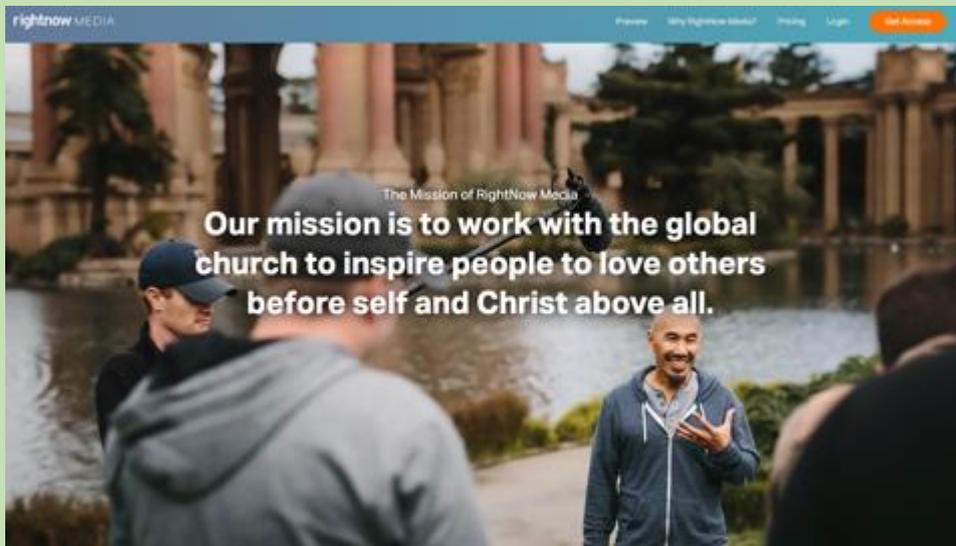
Whaea Lucelle, Abby & Carly, were able to deliver Morning Tea a few days later as a small way of showing their gratitude for the opportunity to visit the Fire Station & learn from the Fire Service team firsthand.





MATHS

Our Ruma rua tamariki have been learning about Place Value which includes rounding to 10 & to 100. Hands on materials are one of the most effective ways to show one's understanding & these tamariki are benefiting from being able to manipulate these resources.



RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Enjoy Right Now Media as part of the BC community, including parenting resources, personal devotions and professional development content for parents, safe Biblical kids content (no ads), and support for parents to disciple their kids with confidence. <https://app.righnowmedia.org/join/bethstudents>

PARENT SURVEY

May we remind you of the recent Parent Survey link which was sent out last week. ***It is important to complete this survey as it enables us to know what is working well from your perspective & how we can make responsive decisions going forward.*** The opportunity for us to receive feedback in written form is encouraging & also future shaping. Thank you for supporting us to serve you more effectively. The link is as follows:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bethlehem_College-Chapman_Survey_2025

Important Information School Production

In preparation for the school production in Term 4, **could you please purchase or locate for your child/children a long sleeved black skivvy with round or turtle neck and a pair of black leggings.** We are giving you advance notice while these items are in still in store. Some suggestons are:

<https://www.kmart.co.nz/product/leggings-s145717/...>

<https://www.kmart.co.nz/.../long-sleeve-plain-t-shirt.../...>

ART EXHIBITION

This week we feature Art from across our kura *from Michelangelo through to Pop Art.*

TUPAIA

Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi (young people) centred their art on **NZ Histories & the artist Tupaia**. The focus was on significant symbols which hold historical importance.

'Tupaia was a skilled Polynesian navigator and priest who joined Captain Cook's ship, the Endeavour in Tahiti. He played an important role as a translator and guide during the journey through the Pacific. When they arrived in NZ in 1769, Tupaia helped communicate with the Māori, as their languages had similar roots. This helped build better understanding between the two cultures.

Tupaia was also an artist & one of his most recognised works show Joseph Banks bartering with a Māori man for a lobster. It is a watercolour & pencil artwork completed in 1769. This piece painted on mulberry tree bark using watercolours & pen, captures the generosity of the Māori & Tupaia's unique perspective as both insider & outsider. His artwork blending European materials with Polynesian tradition, has inspired many modern interpretations and remains a vital visual record of first contact between cultures.

Room 5 made recycled paper & then used watercolour & pencil to show other items that may have been traded between Māori & Pakeha. First the Year 7 & 8 rangatahi created handmade paper which then formed the background for their artwork. The grain of the paper has added to the overall effect of the finished piece of art which I know you will agree is definitely worthy of framing.







KORU ART

In ***Ruma rua, Matua Lama*** has been doing some exciting koru Art & as you can tell the results show the beauty of the koru symbol. The koru 'Māori for 'loop or coil') is a spiral shape evoking a newly unfurling frond from a silver fern. It is an integral symbol in Māori art, carving and tattooing, where it symbolises new life, growth, strength and peace. We find koru growing in the Whakarewarewa Forest & recognise it as a symbol used in many different forms of Art.



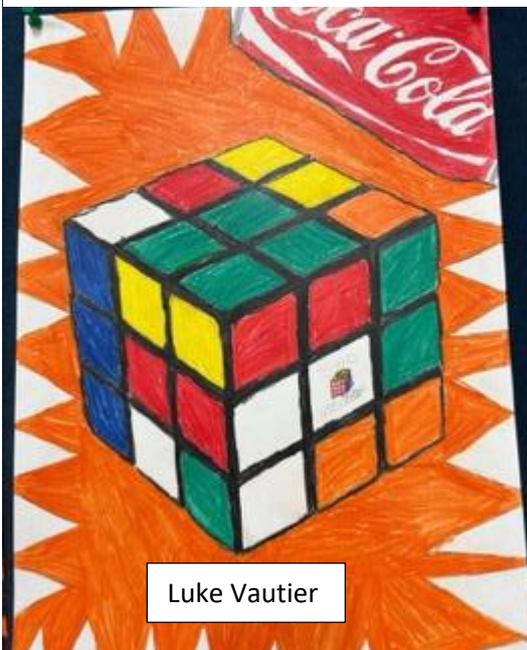
MICHELANGELO AND THE SISTINE CHAPEL

Ask your 5 or 6 year old artist all about ***Michelangelo*** & see what they can confidently tell you. Last week they attached their paper underneath the big Art table & drew upside down, to see what it was like for Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo spent **four YEARS painting upside down** – we'd had enough after four minutes! **It's HARD WORK!!**



POP ART

Pop Art is an art style from the 1960's. You know it's Pop Art because the colours are **BRIGHT & BOLD**, & the subjects are **ordinary & easily recognized**. POP is short for Popular Culture. The original Pop Artists wanted to change how people thought about art-to shift it, from being expensive & exclusive to being accessible & open to everyone. **Andy Warhol** was one of the pioneers of Pop Art which is inspired by comic books, common food & technology & famous people. **Burton Morris** is a current artist, known for his bold, graphic pop art paintings. Have a look at a few of our Ruma ono artists who are perfecting using the Pop Art style.



Luke Vautier



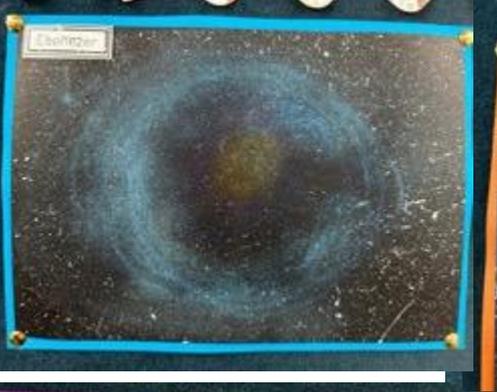
Coen Otter



Arlo Russell



What continues to amaze us is the artistic gifting & talent across our kura. Art is definitely a powerful way in which to express oneself & in the process of doing so blesses others.





RUMA TORU GALAXY ART



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UPCOMING DATES:

Friday 13th June BC Chapman Cross Country at Waipa

Monday 16th June Rural Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa (postponement Wednesday 18th June)

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

Friday 20th June Matariki holiday

Tuesday 24th June Regional Cross Country

Friday 27th June Mid-year Reports issued

Friday 27th June Last day of Term 2



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