

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 2 TERM 3

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Welcome Back to Term 3!

With the rainy weather & the presence of flus, colds & long surviving coughs, we are aware that a number of you have been contending at home with these challenges. For others, there have been holiday programmes, or time away in various different locations within Aotearoa & overseas. This past weekend & week has presented some of our best winter weather. Frosty mornings, frozen windscreens, spectacular white tipped grassy fields, & cloudless blue skies...what more could one ask for? The glory of God is evident, woven throughout His creation. We are blessed!

Whaea Del, Whaea Jesse & our New Entrant/Year 1 tamariki have relocated to where Whaea Lisa, Whaea Sylvia & Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people were. In other words there has been a 'swap' in location of their classrooms. We would like to acknowledge the way in which our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi assisted with the shifting of furniture, displays, & resources towards the end of Term 2 in readiness for Term 3 & the 'servant-hearted' attitude they have not only shown but are modelling to our younger tamariki. They 'looked to the interests of others ahead of their own' recognising the need for a larger space for our Junior tamariki.

Younger tamariki & older rangatahi have both appreciated what loving others means. It is **Grace & Gratitude expressed in practice**. If you pop into either of the classrooms you will honestly believe those tamariki/rangatahi have always been there. Special thanks to **Whaea Lisa & Whaea Del** who have worked so hard to create these engaging learning spaces for their tamariki.

We would like to also specially thank **Mrs Sue Burge** for the gorgeous mats gifted to our little ones' classroom. They are SO soft, & SO endearing that, Whaea Del & Whaea Jesse are having to compete to keep the attention of their tamariki. The evidence in this photo is clear...Friday afternoon, 2.30pm & Jeremiah is peacefully **ASLEEP** exhausted after his first full week at school. Too cute to miss a photo opportunity! We simply couldn't resist!



Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*

Romans 6:13b-14

"...as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

Rōma 6:3b-14

"...engari, tukua atu koutou ki te Atua, he hunga kua ora i roto i te hunga mate, me ō koutou wāhi hoki hei kaimahi i te tika ki te Atua. E kore hoki te hara e waiho hei rangatira mō koutou. Ehara i te mea kei raro koutou i te ture, engari, kei raro kē i te aroha noa."

Romans 8:5-6

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

Rōma 8:5-6

"Ko te hunga hoki i runga i tā te kikokiko, whakaaro ana rātou ki ō te kikokiko; ko te hunga ia i runga i tā te Wairua, ki ō te Wairua. Ko tō te kikokiko whakaaro hoki he mate, ko tō te Wairua ia he ora, he rangimārie."

Our Pōhiri led by our kaumatua, **Matua Dave, Whaea Bessie & Whaea Dawn on Thursday 17th July**, was another significant & memorable occasion. Such a meaningful & beautiful way in which we can honour Te Tiriti, & engage in tikanga which invites manuhiri (visitors/new people) into our BC Chapman whānau/family. We welcomed our new whānau members, **Estelle Rademeyer, Ella Irons, Fe 'ofa aki 'Alofi, Zerah & Ziya Sijo, Nathan Weber, Jeremiah Muliaga, & their whānau**. We also welcomed our **Bethlehem College Head ākonga/students Ezra Vukona - Head boy, Grace Winata - Head girl, Asher Lambert - Deputy Head Boy and Alexia Le Roux - Deputy Head Girl**.

Ezra, Grace, Asher and Alexia also spent time in classes with our tamariki making lovely connections with them, for which we are really grateful. Having older role models is so important for our young people. In fact several of our BC Chapman rangatahi mentioned how much they'd enjoyed their visit.



PRODUCTION UPDATE

Our Production performances will be during the week of the **17th-21st November with the rehearsal week being the 10th-14th November**. Right now these dates appear to be far away in the distance, close to Christmas, however, experience teaches us that we will be there faster than we expect. We do want to be well prepared. The message of our kura Production is **'Antshillvania'** & is the story of **The Prodigal Son**. The story is situated in an 'ant' town where the lead character Antony, gets up to all kinds of 'antics' because he wants 'freedom' to explore the world beyond Antshillvania. Needless to say, that does have some consequences he didn't anticipate, despite the fact that his father the Commandant had tried to give him wise advice. **Please pray for our Production** as the message is centred on **'Grace & Gratitude'**, it is the **Gospel message** in a nutshell.

Having undertaken auditions towards the end of Term 2, the casting of the major speaking parts was announced in the final week of the term. Scripts were placed in the hands of our lead characters so over the holiday break they have begun to learn their lines. As we progress through Term 3 auditions & the casting of the minor character parts will be decided. Practices will be held throughout the school week with two lunchtimes & an afternoon set aside for this. The words of the songs have been printed & we will be practising those.

Currently we are looking at a way in which you might even be able to practise them in your car/van travelling to & from school! **If you haven't already noticed, when we do ANYTHING here at BC Chapman, the whole whānau ends up involved.** By the time we get to presenting the Production you will be able to go on stage too!!!!

The 'ant' antennae have arrived courtesy of 'Temu' & Whaea Becs who spotted the opportunity! We will be working our way through the costuming for each child. There are **many ways** you can support our Term 4 Production, the first of course being ensuring your son/daughter has black leggings (right to the ankle), or black track pants (no other writing or colour on these) & a long sleeved black skivvy or long sleeved black T-shirt. The black clothing will be underneath other costuming e.g. overalls for 'paint-ants'; or shirt & shorts & tool belt for builder-ants etc. K-Mart, the Warehouse & 'Temu', are all apparently handy sources for black clothing needs.



If you are a sewer & would be willing to sew some 'hoods' for our 'ants' then please contact Mrs Stevenson in our kura Office or email in your availability. Sewing could happen either at your home or here at school as we do have sewing machines available here. Coffee, company, chat & food is guaranteed here at school too! Other needs include assisting with make-up in dress rehearsals & prior to stage performances. Ticket selling, advertising, baking & serving Café food & drinks for the evening performances, costume sorting, selling Production memorabilia & preparing other 'Waka Tautoko' wares (jewellery, candles, shopping bags, etc.) pre-Christmas in time for gifts, are further ways you can help. **Our kura Production is our main 2025 Fund-raiser & in 2023 we generated almost \$10,000 through our ticket sales, Café & memorabilia.**

WAKA TAUTOKO/OUR CHAPMAN PTA

Waka Tautoko/Waka encouragement is the name of our Chapman PTA-Parent/Teacher Association. This is one of the many ways in which **we treasure & build connection by walking in partnership whānau/home & kura/school.** Our tamariki, families, kaimahi/staff & our kura community are blessed & we then flourish together! If you have tamariki at BC Chapman - congratulations, you are automatically members of our Waka Tautoko group!

First, we'd like to honour **Mrs Rebecca Shrimpton** who has been our **Chair-person for the past 11 years.** Her leadership & investment in our Chapman kura whānau, culture, connections, events & activities has certainly enabled us to thrive together. **Rebecca, you are truly a 'taonga' a treasure to us!** For your vision, dedication & creativity we are beyond grateful & we are also delighted that you will continue to support us!

On **Thursday evening 17th July,** our first meeting, our AGM, for the year was held at **Sarah Moffatt's** home (complete with dessert & coffee or tea!!!). In looking over the past year 2024/2025, we have much to celebrate with new Representative Sports Tops, Year 7 & 8 Camp food cover, various fun activities, Sausage Sizzles, Blokes 'n Kids Breakfast, our very own new High Jump Mat, Senior Playground, Staffroom oven, & of course Spring Fair being some of the achievements & resources purchased. **God continues to bless everything our 'Waka Tautoko' commits to do.**

Our new Chairperson is **Sarah Moffatt,** our Secretary is **Jasmine Russell** & our Treasurer is **Olive McVicker.** We will hold two meetings a term and we are looking forward to strengthening connections between whānau & welcoming more members. If this committee is a part of our kura you'd be keen to join then please voice your interest to either your son/daughter's kaiako/teacher, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Warnes or Sarah Moffatt. Whaea Lucelle has placed posters advertising 'Waka Tautoko' & is in the throes of creating a brochure outlining the purpose & foci which centre on building & strengthening our BC Chapman whānau! The ideas were flowing thick & fast so you can expect these to materialize in the near future.

ASSEMBLY

Our recent Assembly was led by **Whaea Surette's class & compared by Indie Moke, Lydia-Rose Muliaga & Mika Russell,** all of whom have MC talents! We heard **Gratitude Poems** from **Fiona, Alyssa, Ava & Amelie** & heard the class waiata presentation. Filling the Gratitude Jar with some of the things we are most grateful for in our lives centred on whānau, our kura & friends. It is always advantageous to pause & consider all that we are grateful for. Precious!





Our **Cross Country Champions** were awarded their Cups which have just arrived from the Engravers. **Kate Vautier & David Meng** First Place in Years 0-3 Girls & Boys races. **Atawhai Longbottom & Luke Vautier** First Place in Year 4-6 Girls & Boys & **Hosanna Santhosh & Jeffery Pan** First Place in Year 7 & 8 Girls & Boys.

Please see the BC Chapman Whānau Connection Facebook page for further **Cross country photos**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2600148116931496>

Our first Principal's Awards have been presented to the first Primary winners:

Arlo Russell, (Tika) & Yuna Fan (Atawhai), & first Junior Secondary winners: **Aaren Zhang (Māhaki) & Jabbie Tjing (Atawhai).**

This meant double points for their Houses. Excellent! A number of others have now also won their Principal's Awards & will be receiving this when Mrs Warnes visits their classrooms to present their Awards. **To achieve a Principal's Award requires personal responsibility, true diligence & commitment to growing Godly Character, Service, Academic Studies, & Cultural & Sporting achievement.** In turn this earns points for their respective House, & therefore contributes to community success. If you would like to track the House point progress it is on display in the foyer hallways just across from Whaea Del's new classroom location.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



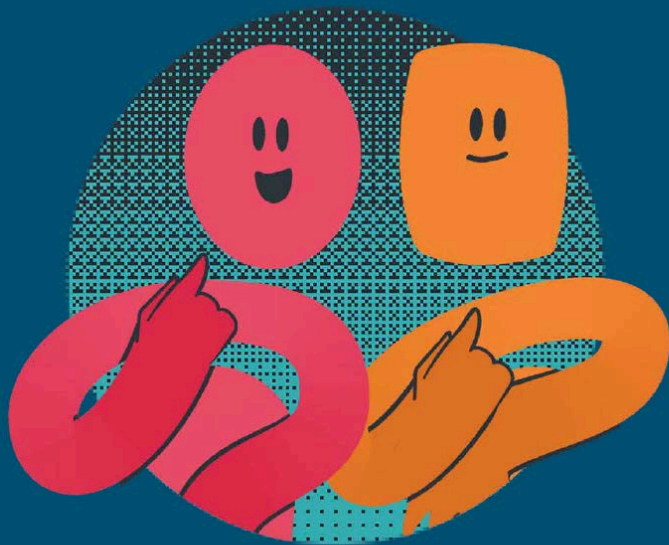
NETBALL AWARDS



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAEA STACY AND WHAEA NICOLE



Whaea Stacy and Whaea Nicole, our Netball coaches, presented certificates to our Netball Team members. What a fantastic season these players have had. Not only have their skill developed, character, growth and team spirit has been exemplary.



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know
to be a school board member.

OUR STAR ACTRESS CONGRATULATIONS MATILDA MOFFATT SPEECH & DRAMA



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
Please check your emails for information regarding the upcoming School Board Elections. We have 5 Parent Representative vacancies for parents from either BC Chapman, BC Primary and/or BC Secondary. You may nominate yourself if you are on the electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll, you must be nominated by someone who is. Nominations can be made [online](#) | please contact our [Returning Officer](#) if you would like a paper copy. Nominations close: Wednesday 06 August at 12pm



WRITER'S CORNER

This week's Writing comes from Ruma ono, Year 5 & 6 writers.

Autumn

By Shyra-Beth Paul

Autumn is looking through the window to see
the embarrassed bare trees.

It sounds like the blasts of wind shaking your
roof at night.

Autumn smells like soggy, disgusting football
boots and socks lying on the deck.

It tastes like hot, creamy pumpkin soup in
your mouth.

Autumn feels like the beginning of
mercilessly chilly nights.

Autumn is an amazing season of new
colours and surprises.

Autumn

By Ava Wilkinson

Autumn looks like the beginning of frosty
mornings, pumpkins growing, and leaves
changing colour.

It smells like smoke out of the chimney, all
the spices on the chicken, and stinky football
boots.

Autumn tastes like feijoas, hot chocolate,
and German soup.

It feels like leaves crunching underneath my
feet and itchy school jerseys.

Autumn is a season of turning on heaters,
cool sunsets, and catching nasty viruses.

Autumn

By Felix Chu

Autumn looks like unending beautiful sunsets
that let your eyes feast on many shades of
colour.

It sounds like gusts of wind and trees swaying in
the distance.

Autumn smells like piles of dry and wet leaves
giving off a nostalgic scent.

It tastes like corn being cooked on a grill and
getting drenched in butter.

Autumn feels like the appearance of naked trees,
cold mornings, and memories you can make with
others.

Autumn is a reminescent dreamy season, the
proof of brand new life.

Autumn

By Coen Otter

Autumn looks like vibrant and bright brown,
yellow, and red leaves falling off bare trees.
It sounds like hungry and excited sparrows
waiting for people to throw some bread out.

Autumn smells like yummy hot chocolate
with marshmallows being made with love.

It tastes like perfectly crispy carrots,
kumara, and potatoes being cooked in the
hot oven.

Autumn feels great when you are in your
warm, cosy, soft bed.

Autumn is a beautiful and amazing change
of season.

ART EXHIBITION

We are featuring 'Duck' pictures from our youngest whānau members in Ruma wha. The variety in the way our artist's view their ducks is an apt reflection of unique perspective, creativity & colour choice. Adorable!



UP & COMING DATES

Tuesday 5th August Y5-8 Science Roadshow at Rotorua Intermediate 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Thursday 21st August Speech Final Living Well Church Auditorium - 6.30pm sharp

Friday 5th September Blokes' n Kids Breakfast 7am-8.15am Café Living Well Church

Friday 12th September House Football Tournament (postponement Friday 19th September)

Thursday 18th September Final Immunisation Year 8

Friday 19th September – last day Term 3

'ECB Cleaning & Gardening Services

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