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HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER TERM 3 WEEK 6

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

In the last 10 days we have had the privilege of two sets of visitors who are inspiring. Graham & Vicky Preston who supported us to pioneer non-denominational Christian Education in Rotorua popped in to connect with & pray for us. In 2010, this couple in the role of Principal & Office Manager began Chapman College. This meant daily travelling between Tauranga & Rotorua & for some months during the year, their little caravan was parked in the 'Pit' which is behind the gym. In the Winter months there was a significant absence of central heating & no heat pump! Graham & Vicky committed 4 years of their lives to focus on establishing Chapman, remaining unswerving in their faith, hope & love. We are grateful for the vision & of the faithful pursuit of establishing what has become Bethlehem College Chapman. Our kura/school had small beginnings, 23 tamariki & two kaiako/teachers and now 15 years later, in Term 4 2025, we have 128 ākonga/students & 5 classes. In 2026, another class & kaiako will join us! God has given this increase, this extending of His whānau/family, & we are tremendously excited and grateful!

Ephesians 4:29–30

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Epeha 4:29–30

²⁹Kei te puta tētahi kupu kino i ō koutou māngai, engari hei te mea e tau ana hei hanga i te pai, kia whiwhi ai ki te pai ngā tāngata e rongō ana. ³⁰ Kauga hoki e whakapōuritia te Wairua Tapu o te Atua, nāna nei koutou i hīri mō te rā o te whakaoranga.

Ephesians 4:31–32

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Epeha 4:31–32

³¹Kia wehea rawatia atu i roto i a koutou te nanakia, te riri, te āritarita, te ngangau, te kōrero kino, me te mauāhara katoa; ³² kia ngāwari tō koutou tikanga tētahi ki tētahi, kia pai te ngākau, me te hohou noa iho i te rongō tētahi ki tētahi, kia pērā anō me te Atua i hohou nei i te rongō ki a koutou i roto i a te Karaiti.



Vicky and Graham



Marion and Laurie

Our other visitors, were Laurie & Marion Sanders, both of whom were instrumental in the beginning of Bethlehem College in Tauranga & subsequently Chapman here in Rotorua. Marion voluntarily committed to providing the Professional Development for BCC staff as we couldn't afford to access it due to the expense of the courses. For years, she has graciously met with me & given guidance centred on strengthening Christian Education. Marion & Laurie are also a key part of our intercessors prayer group which covers us as a BC Chapman community. Laurie faithfully writes emails of encouragement on a fortnightly basis after our Newsletter is published. He has also been writing 160-200 page biographies. Laurie enjoys history, likes investigating, & is a gifted & avid writer. At the TECT community awards this year he represented Waipuna Hospice in the 'volunteer of the year' section, but instead was awarded the 'People's Choice' Award with over 7000 people voting online for him (a landslide result). We honour & celebrate these our unsung heroes who behind the scenes are actively investing in our kura whānau, faithfully following Jesus & living their lives to serve Him & others. The word inspirational comes to mind & is an apt descriptor! We are grateful for you!

Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*

SPEECHES

We have been thrilled again this year with the quality of the Speeches that our Year 5-8 rangatahi have written. A carefully sequenced, logically developed, connected persuasive speech can sway the audience when delivered with confidence, conviction & courage. Choosing finalists was left to classroom kaiako, no mean feat! Our finalists for 2025 were:

Primary: Esther Gusuna, Matilda Moffatt, Shyra-Beth Paul, & Talia Read

Junior Secondary: Malachi Hall, Ana Moffatt, Epoki Paletu'a, Jeffery Pan, & Hosanna Santhosh



SCIENCE

FOSSIL FUELS

Our Year 5 to 8 have been studying Fossil Fuels known also as Petro-chemical fuels. Diesel, kerosene, oil, petrol, jet fuel, LPG & Natural gas are a few we are familiar with. These provide energy sources we humans use, & their impact on our environment overall is considered to be negative. For example, oil spills in the ocean are not easily cleaned up & detrimentally affect Marine Life. Natural Gas leaks which are greenhouse gases increase the retention of heat within the planet contributing to global warming. It is also true that our modern world is highly dependent on Fossil Fuels for transportation, food production, emergency services, heating & military functioning. Hands on experiments, & avid discussions engaged our students & their knowledge extended accordingly.

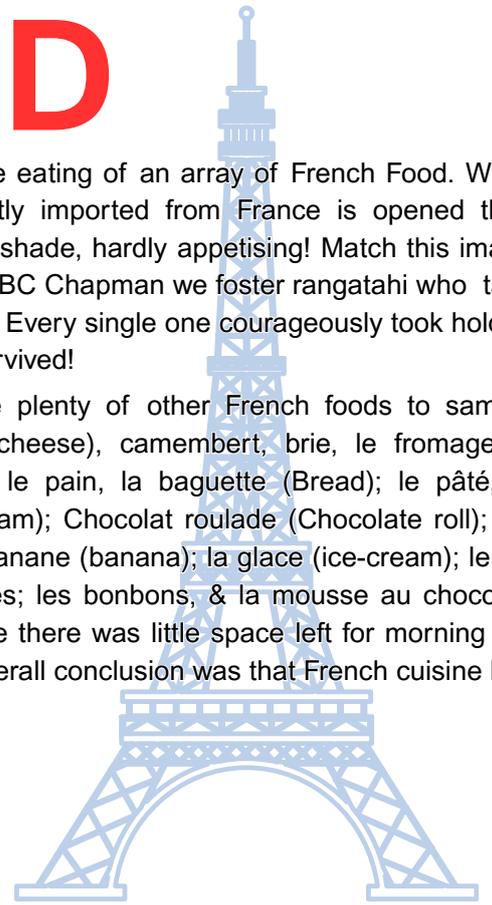


FRENCH FOOD

By far the favourite lesson in the 12-week French Rotation would have to be the eating of an array of French Food. While there is great enthusiasm for trying les escargots/snails, when the tin directly imported from France is opened their enthusiasm pales into oblivion. The appearance of the snails is a dull grey slug shade, hardly appetising! Match this image with the smell quite frankly is enough to more than put one off ! However, here at BC Chapman we foster rangatahi who take risks! When sautéed in garlic butter, les escargots looked & smelt less formidable. Every single one courageously took hold of a snail & while most quickly swallowed it whole, a few braved chewing it...ALL survived!



Fortunately, there were plenty of other French foods to sample such as le fromage (cheese), camembert, brie, le fromage le chevre (goat cheese); le pain, la baguette (Bread); le pâté, le croissant; la jambon (ham); Chocolat roulade (Chocolate roll); les éclairs; les crêpes; la banane (banana); la glace (ice-cream); le jus d'orange; les profiteroles; les bonbons, & la mousse au chocolat. You can no doubt figure there was little space left for morning tea let alone lunch & the overall conclusion was that French cuisine has Year 8 converts.



WRITERS CORNER

SNOWY ENCOUNTERS

Trees surrounding me and the cold mountain wind somehow breaks through my four layers of clothes. Swerving through the snow which looks like clouds, it sprays with precision. Sharply, I turn left then right, acting like a hawk, avoiding all obstacles. I can hear cheers from the crowd which puts joy in my heart. Locked into ambition, I skilfully pull myself over a steep bump, revealing the beautiful scenery filled with mountains which didn't even look real, trees that resembled a game, and a sky bluer than the ocean. As I descended from the slope, I knew the gold medal was mine!

Felix Chu Year 6



SNOWY ENCOUNTERS

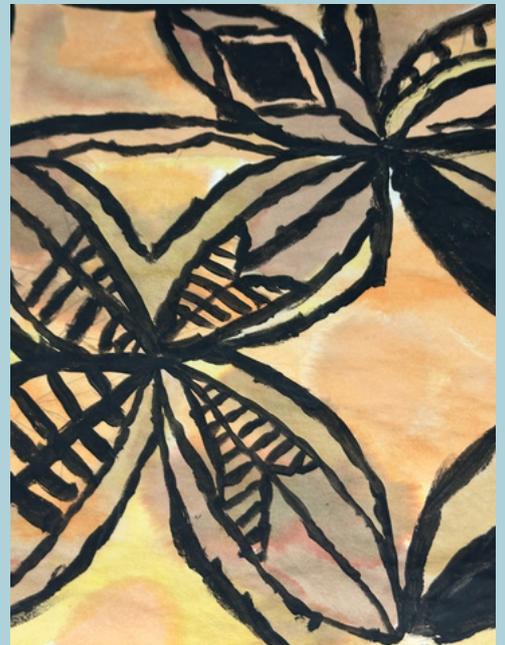
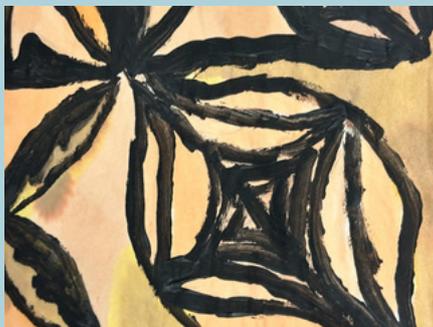
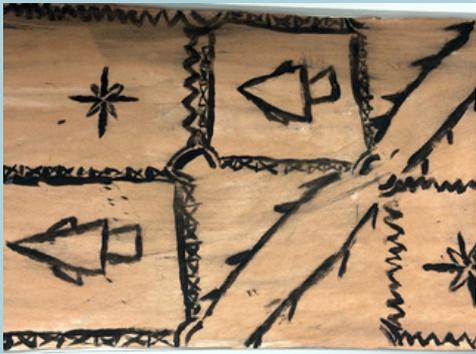
Have you ever experienced what it is like to ski? Well.....I have! As I glanced down at the steep, fluffy valley of snow, I took a deep breath, carefully adjusted my ski goggles and took off. Swiftly, I swerved side to side, bending my body as I zoomed down the steep slope. Trying to block out the chatter of people around me, I built up my speed and did a magnificent jump through the air. Finally, I reached the bottom of the slope, and started to head up to the cafe to get a hot cup of chocolate.

Elyse Chan Year 6



ART EXHIBITION

In Ruma rima, Year 7 & 8 artists have been working with Whaea Jas, learning about significant Pasifika designs & using these to create meaningful patterns. These have come together to form wonderful panels which represent tapa patterns similar to those found in Samoa, Tonga & Fiji. It is interesting to study the Art within different cultural contexts & uncover its significance & the embedded meaning.

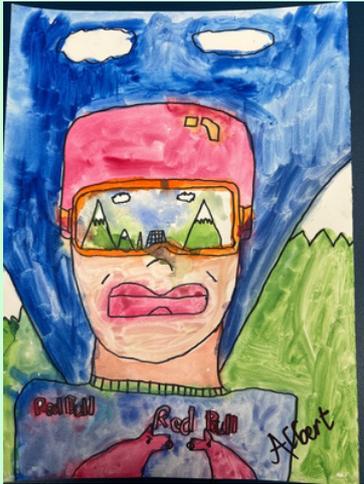


ART ROTATION BUSY WITH PAPERCLAY AND PAINTING....



ROOM 3 FRENCH KNITTING





In these paintings, our artists used their goggles to reveal what the skier or snowboarder is currently seeing. Clever!

FOOTBALL TEAM PHOTOS

This week we are including a couple of photos of our tamariki in their local club football team. We have some extremely strategic girls who are fully embracing opportunities to outsmart & out-skill their opposition. Moving from Summer to Winter & therefore Netball Future Fern competition to Lakes Club Football has been a smooth transition. These girls readily showcase their ability to find space on the field & play either a strategic attack or defensive position. The word on the football fields is also that our BC Chapman boys are developing their football skills & one team is now travelling to other cities to broaden their opportunities to build on & extend their competitive edge. It would seem that our football players will be well prepared for our BC Chapman traditional House Football Competition at the end of this Term. The question is which House will win the 2025 Tournament?



EXCEL SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

On Wednesday 13th August, we had the privilege of being the audience for the Excel School of Performing Arts team. To have rangatahi/young people present strong messages about living life as God intended through dance & singing is not only engaging, but powerful. The Performing Arts has the unique ability to relate in a holistic way to those who comprise their audience. They tour from city to city, kura to kura, church to church, carrying Biblical truths which stand to impact the lives of those whom they minister to.

This year there was a distinct emphasis woven through song lyrics & dance choreography targeting the anxiety & increase in 'fears' prevalent in this young generation. The team were seeking to point listeners to a relationship with God & the assurance that is found in & through Him alone. Having older teenagers & those in their early 20's using their performing arts gifts & talents to share the Christian faith & hope found in Jesus is inspiring for our young people to hear. The harmony of their voices was truly heavenly, the instrumentalists were highly skilled & the dancer coordination was exceptional.

WHĀNAU PRAYER

Every Tuesday morning at 8am during Term time, parents & caregivers gather to pray for BC Chapman. We place great importance on prayer so please come & join us, even if you can only make it for 10 minutes or so.

UP & COMING DATES

Tuesdays – Whānau prayer at BC Chapman every Tuesday Art Room
8am to 8:30am

Friday 29th August Book Character Day (dress your young person as their favourite Book or Bible character)

Friday 29th August Friday Pie Day plus a surprise treat!

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

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

Thursday 18th September Final Immunisation Year 8

Friday 19th September – Last day Term 3

Monday 6th October – Staff only day

Monday 6th October Uniform Shop open 10am to 3pm (change to summer uniforms)

Tuesday 7th October First day of Term 4

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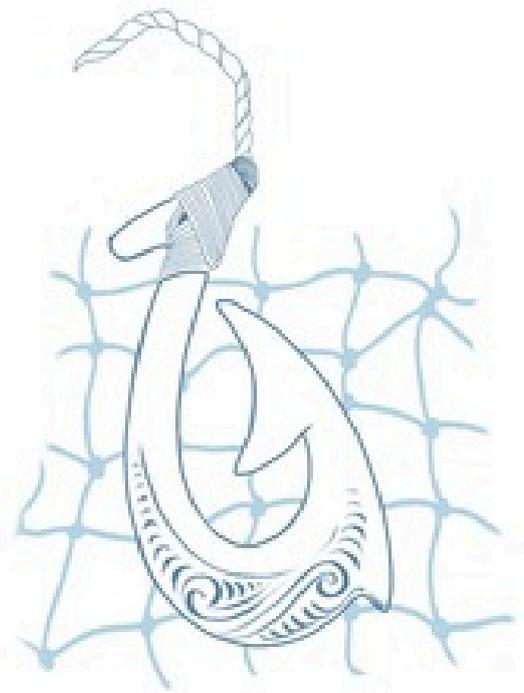


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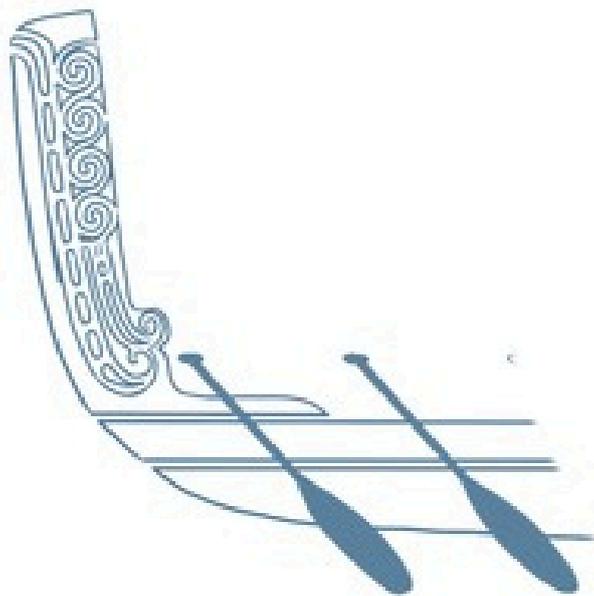
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