



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER TERM 3 WEEK 8

Colossians 3:14–15

“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

Ā, hei waho i ēnei mea katoa uhia ko te aroha, ko te tauhere tika rawa ia. Ā, waiho mā te rangimārie a te Karaiti te whakahaere tikanga i roto i ō kotou ngākau. I karangatia hoki koutou ki tēnei i roto i te tinana kotahi; kia whakawhetai hoki koutou.

James 3:17–18

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Ko te mātauranga ia o runga, he mea kinokore i te tuatahi, muri iho he rangimārie, he ngāwari, he hohoro ki te whakarongo, kī tonu i te mahi tohu, i nga hua pai, kāhore āna whiriwhiringa i te tangata, kāhore ōna tinihanga. Ā, e ruia ana ngā hua o te tika i roto i te rangimārie mā te hunga hohou rongo.

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

A double rainbow right across our kura carpark, a double reminder of the goodness, faithfulness and promises of God. We have officially left Winter behind and have now entered Spring with all its promise of the tulips that bloom over the coming weeks thanks to the diligence of our local Rotorua Council employees who planted these several months ago. Over the past few weeks I have been reminded of the incredible BC Chapman community we have. We have much to be thankful for!



One taonga/treasure we have is Mrs Stevenson who has been our Office Manager, my PA and general SUPER woman since 2014! We assure you this it is NO MEAN FEAT!!! Mrs Stevenson is gracious, loving, prayerful, patient, and manages to multi-task across our kura ensuring administrative tasks are smoothly & efficiently achieved. She is retiring at the end of 2025 and is planning to spend more time with her husband Mark and her extended whānau. As you can imagine they are all looking forward to this. We know that you as BCC whānau appreciate Mrs Stevenson and that you will want to wish her the best in this new 2026 season. It would be an understatement to say that we love Angie deeply, and we will greatly miss her! Your prayers are much appreciated as we now advertise the Office Manager position as it is critical in our BC Chapman Christian education ministry. We would also like to highlight our gratitude for you as parents. Irrespective of what events we are involved in, you as whānau are intimately involved and present.



Schedules are re-organised so you can turn up to help us make things happen. You are interested in, supportive of, and consistently willing to go the extra mile. It takes all kinds of different forms. Praying together for our kura as whānau in your own homes, as well as before school on Tuesdays or on your way to and from work, is powerful. God truly answers in ways that are a constant reminder HE hears and cares for us.

From transporting your own and other tamariki to and from practices and events, to being members of ‘waka tautoko’ our PTA, you fuel the heartbeat of our kura, going with the rhythms that each week surfaces. Whānau engagement ensures we are able to promote, hold, or cater for community connections. Pōhiri leadership, coaching sports teams, assisting with property projects, sewing Production costumes, offering hospitality by catering, creating Spring Fair products, sharing birthday treats, and of course

forming the enthusiastic sideline spectators or audience for our Performing Arts, Sporting and Cultural events. These are just a few of the multiple ways you share your time, expertise and fully participate in BC Chapman kura life. We are forever grateful we get to journey together in harmony within this community!

Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*

SPEECH FINALS

On Thursday 21st August our Speech Finalists had powerful messages to share, challenge & inspire the audience. The encouragement of their peers was evident in the way our tamariki engaged & listened, their applause and in the number who took the opportunity to offer genuine congratulations following the announcement of the winner. Performing Arts gifts were readily viewed as Whaea Lucelle's tamariki captured our hearts with '**God made it all**', our **Junior & Senior dancers** presented the lyrics in symbolic form, **Miss Trunchbull** had us shaking in our boots and the '**Von Trapp children**' bid us "**Goodnight**". Unlike the '**Von Trapp**' children who had to flee the impending Nazi domination, our children live in Aotearoa where 'free speech' and democracy are woven into the fabric of our nation.

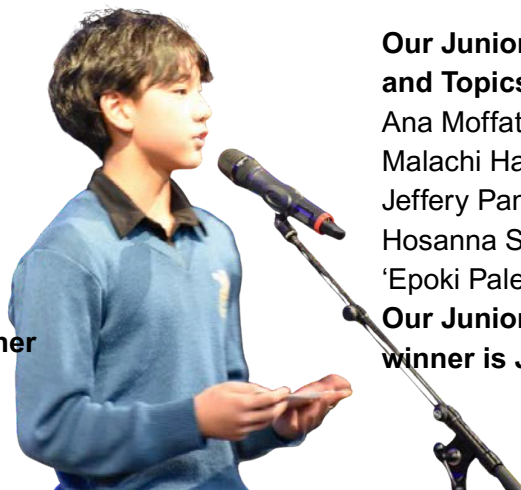
Our Judges, **Mr Angus Duffett** and **Mr Ben Howell** were faced with a difficult decision, one none of us envied! Our Primary and Junior Secondary Finalists gave their persuasive perspectives on a range of topics and compelled the audience to consider their well-constructed arguments.



Our Primary Finalists and Topics were:

Shrya-Beth Paul-Be Brave
Esther Gusuna-Learn Maths
Matilda Moffatt-Value Your Family
Talia Read-Read Fiction

Our 2025 Primary Cup winner is Talia Read.



Our Junior Secondary Finalists and Topics were:

Ana Moffatt-Thank you
Malachi Hall-Study Hard
Jeffery Pan-Positivity
Hosanna Santhosh-Live God's Word
'Epoki Paletu'a-Diligence

Our Junior Secondary 2025 winner is Jeffery Pan.

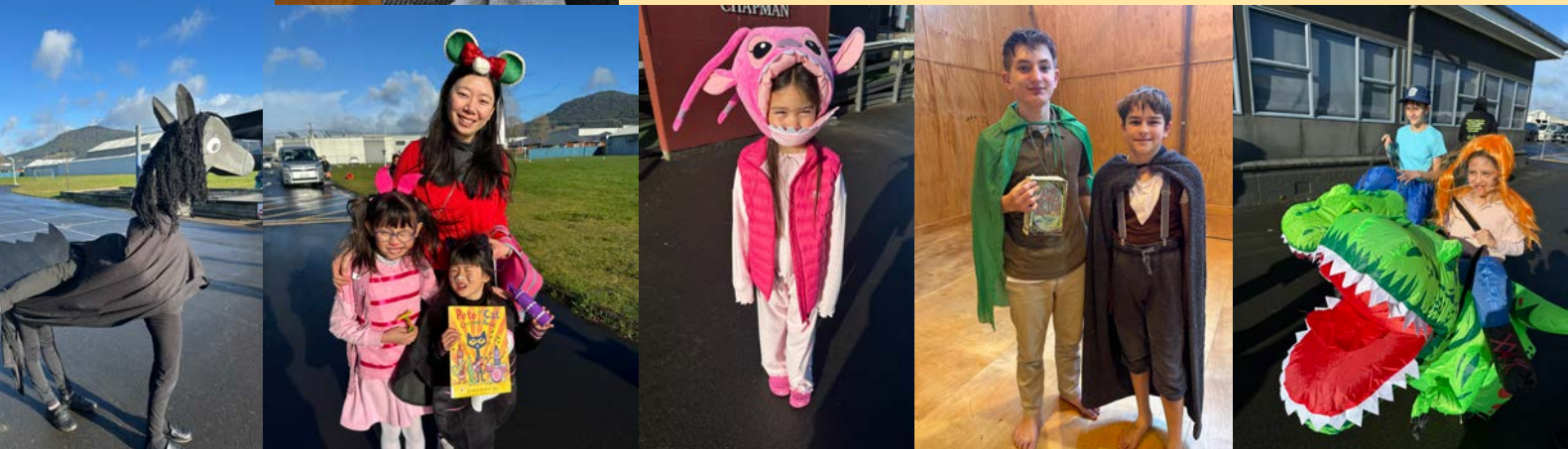
BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Book Character Day on Friday 29th August was another great success! BC Chapman whānau you truly get right behind an event and support us to make it happen. Friday was a wonderland of creativity as costumes and characters arrived, some clearly connected to the book they were proudly carrying. Reading is a much loved activity, a lifetime pastime, an effective educational strategy and reading confidence and competence is something to celebrate. Pie Days and chocolate treats added to the enjoyment of the day.





These traditional events bring us together, and lasting memories are made as you will no doubt see by the photos we are including. Whaea Sylvia rounds up our staff and ensures that we all have suitable outfits connected to one of the well-known stories in our Library. Admittedly, some parts of the costumes were abandoned during the day as they restricted movement in the playground however, they were proudly paraded in the gym and as these photos prove there was plenty of creativity, enthusiasm and smiles!



A very special thank you to Tanja Lotter, Tanya Perrett, Zhen Christiansen and Michelle Wynne who guaranteed our pies were correctly ordered, heated, bagged and finally delivered to the right child in the right classroom. What a fantastic team!!!!





BLOKES & KIDS BREAKFAST

It was Friday morning, and you could smell the bacon wafting through the building! Adding scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, and freshly made toast completed the perfect breakfast plate! This was duly served to our excited tamariki and the special '**blokes**' in their lives. There were dads, grandads, sports coaches, builders, chefs, teachers, electricians, authors, mechanics, engineers, pastors, business owners, managers,men with all kinds of different talents and skills. Yet, they share the love of these our BC Chapman tamariki and rangatahi!! Such a privilege to be able to honour these guys! To finish the morning before the school bell rang, delicious pastries were consumed!





SPORT

Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge

A group of enthusiastic participants entered the recent **Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge** at Lakes Ranch. Now you may wonder how this photo of competitors dressed in 'pink tutus' went on such a muddy course. The before and after photos say it all. For some of our other competitors knee deep in the muck was the driving force for entering! Any excuse to experience all that mud and water was definitely not to be missed! Thank you to those whānau who registered, transported and supervised their tamariki in this event.



SATURDAY SPORT

On Saturday, our BC Chapman tamariki were literally scattered across the football fields enthusiastically playing for a variety of different football clubs with a full contingent of whānau supporters. In fact, I noticed many of our mums and dads were either coaches or referees and sometimes they were both! Having spent around 15 years on the sidelines of the football field while our own sons played, it remains one of our most treasured whānau highlights! Even when it was raining, hailing, freezing cold or blowing a gale, to attend and watch team games over years and build connections with others was a joy. Character, sportsmanship, skills, strategies, camaraderie, competition, failure and success is all part of the growth.

Mid-week, Friday and of course Saturday morning sport are 'kiwi' traditions, and we are often spoilt for choice as to what is available in our local communities. To our Rugby, Hockey and Basketball players,

well done on another Winter season of sporting involvement. Forming relationships across kura is healthy, and sporting involvement is a natural way to foster greater identity as Rotorua community.

HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We are fast tracking our way towards the House Football Tournament with all the competition that goes with the territory. We can already see players eyeing each other up on the Football field trying to evaluate just who is on which House team. We will see how it all works out with House Meetings and House leaders deciding who will play in which position. Amazing how much strategic planning goes into the day! As for the trophies, fashioned like no other and much prized by those who win them. They are all sitting in our kura office....ready to be presented following the tournament.



CONGRATULATIONS MIKAELA

Mikaela Christiansen is a young gymnast who faithfully grows her talent through conscientious practise of skills. In her recent Sport BOP Gym Competition, Mikaela won Gold (First Place) in the junior competition. Go Mikaela!



WRITERS CORNER

MY DAD

My dad is sweet like a sweet cup cake with a cherry on top. When he comes home my dad smells like glass and tools because he's a joiner. My dad's eyes are dark brown, which look like yummy chocolate, his eyelashes are black too. Whenever my dad has spiky, grey, brown and black facial hair, he shaves. Surprisingly, he looks like my dad's dad. My dad's hair is black, grey and white. It's soft and smooth. My dad is 46 years old and he loves God! My dad loves fishing in the Summer. In his spare time, he normally watches fishing videos. What I love about my dad is that he loves adventures. Another thing I love is when I get sad, he cheers me up. When we eat dinner, my dad appreciates the food.

Arkisha Madrid Year 4

MY DAD

My dad looks brown, his eyes look black and his hair is black with specs of grey. My dad smells like dirt, and spray and wood. My dad sounds like someone I know. He has specs of grey because he's 39. My dad loves going hunting with Shaq, Kjon and Boogs. My dad likes to pick kina and mussels. My dad likes to watch Sky Sport. I love that. My dad teaches me golf, hunting and rugby.

Kaleb Burton Year 3

MY DAD

My dad has kind, blue as the ocean eyes, just like mine. His hair is soft brown and always has hairspray in it. He has a big brown spiky beard. His job is to sell cars. He sells Isuzu, Hyundai and sometimes Nissan cars. He is always busy fixing things at the house or busy at work. His work starts at eight in the morning and finishes at five. He comes home for lunch because mum always makes lunch. He sometimes takes me camping at the beach. He always videos our holidays and puts it on our family YouTube. He's a carnivore so he can't eat sugar. He has to eat meat. He gives me the biggest cuddles that I can't resist. He's one of the kindest people I know. He tells me the best jokes and I love that he is my dad.

Sadie Otter Year 4

MY DAD

I have a dad whose eyes are unique, sharp, oval-shaped and light brown, mixed with black. His glasses are rectangle-shaped, and it makes him look very strict. My dad loves to cycle, he smells like sweat after his cycle training. My dad has long legs and is very tall which helps him pedal faster. My dad's moustache is small, spiky, prickly, scratchy and itchy; and it kind of looks like mini cat whiskers. His hair is short and it's black, it also has white flecks from his habit of scratching his hair. Sometimes I see brown flecks mixed in his dark brown hair. Around his bike, he is quite strict. I guess it's very precious. Dad wants Elyse, Alyna and I to learn from our mistakes, and to not break anything. At dinner time my dad sometimes cooks his steak. It's soft and the best. He doesn't want to spend money on things like snacks. Most of the time he is in his office working on the computer looking and observing bones, because he is an Orthopedic surgeon. Dad always gives me some homework. I love my dad because he gives good hugs, is always happy and because he is the best dad!

Jocelyn Chan Year 4

FATHER'S DAY POEMS RUMA ONO/ROOM 6

MY DAD

Dad is a steady black oak tree, always knowing
what to do in every circumstance
He is a shining sun getting rid of dark clouds
Dad is an alarm clock waking me up if I oversleep
He is a chef who cooks up scrumptious
breakfasts, lunches, and dinners
Dad is a nocturnal owl, observing and looking for
darkness lurking
He is a gentle bull, never charging in head-first
Dad is a diligent, helpful person when anyone
needs him
He is an unbeatable sun, where pouring clouds of
negativity don't stand a chance
Dad is the rich soil ready for new seeds to be
planted to grow
He is a joyful father figure who acts as my one
and only inspiration
Dad is a sacrificing father, always willing to spend
his time with our family
He is a vanilla soft-serve ice-cream,
Dad is sweet and melts your heart
He's my Dad and I love him.
Felix Chu (Year 6)

MY DAD

Dad is a big fluffy bear, giving me enormous hugs
He is a farm tractor, going around making sure we
have a clean home for guests
Dad is a block of Lego, building our family foundation
of love
He is a windy day, laughing big gusts
Dad is a sweet tooth, secretly stealing all our biscuits
He is a party of smiles, spreading happiness with
every step
Dad is a big flat white, sharing his kind, foamy heart
with me
He is a hilarious comedian, with sneaky dad puns
Dad is a tub full of rum and raisin ice-cream, freezing
memories to keep forever,
But best of all, he's my dad and I love HIM!
xoxo - Talia.
(Talia Read Year 5)

MY DAD

My Dad is a giraffe, who loves to eat salad leaves.
He is an apple tree, sharing apples with everyone.
My Dad is the healthy dirt, that helps me to grow
He likes to eat strong cheese and crackers
My Dad is a trusty Toyota, that likes to rev
He is the steady rain, pouring on the roof.
My Dad is my hobby machine who I enjoy spending
time with.
He is a gentle giant who protects me all the time.
My Dad is a generous gentleman who provides me
with gifts.
He is my Dad and I Love him.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD!
Albert Jackson (Year 5)

MY DAD

My Dad is a powerful Venus Flytrap who
catches all my worries,
He is a bright rainbow who lights up
everybody's day,
My Dad is a strong river washing our fears
away,
He is a toasty teddy bear who keeps me
warm at night,
My Dad is stinky steel cap-boots which he
uses every day,
He is a magnificent role model, worthy of
following
My Dad is a hard working bundle of joy,
He is a slow dusty yellow van, driving me to
school every morning,
My Dad is a bowl of mushrooms, but best of
all
He's my Dad and I love him.
Alyssa Goodchild (Year 5)

ART EXHIBITION



DAD
SKETCHES
RUMA
RUA

RUMA TORU ART



ART ROTATION COLLAGE



EBENEZER FIJI TRIP



Nanny Bessie, Ebenezer, and his mum Frankie travelled to Fiji. This had been a lifelong dream of Nanny Bessie and Papa Dan who had hoped to connect with a Christian based ministry over there. They felt incredibly blessed to have met Auntie Lai and her team from International Needs Network Fiji. They thoroughly enjoyed their time with them and to be able to gift some stationery from our BC Chapman kura.

It was also a real joy to meet a Mission team from Bethlehem College while they were there. After their visit, they received a lovely email from Lai, and it was heartwarming to hear how their time together left a positive impact. Nanny Bessie, Ebenezer, and Frankie felt incredibly blessed to be able to connect.

2026 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS (as at 7 April 2025)

		TERM START	TERM FINISH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
TERM 1	9 wks*	Monday 2 February Y1-Y13 at school	Thursday 2 April (92 half-days)	Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April
TERM 2	11 wks	Tuesday 21 April <i>20 April Staff Only Day</i>	Friday 3 July (104 half-days)	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July
TERM 3	10 wks	Tuesday 21 July <i>20 July Staff Only Day</i>	Friday 25 September (98 half-days)	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October
TERM 4	9 wks	Tuesday 13 October <i>12 October Staff Only Day</i>	Friday 11 December (86 half-days)	Saturday 12 December
<p>*NB: Wk 0 prior to start of term, Y12-Y13 course confirmation Wednesday 28 January, and Y13 students at camp Wednesday 28 January – Friday 30 January</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These term dates comply with Ministry of Education requirements - open for instruction 380 (half) days in 2026. Please refer to the website calendar for any other important dates that will have an impact on the school term for students.</p>				

Start of Year - Commencement Dates for Students	
Wednesday 28 January	Y12 & Y13 Course confirmation Y13 depart for camp No other year groups at school
Thursday 29 January	Y13 at Camp No other year groups at school
Friday 30 January	Y13 return from camp No other year groups at school
Monday 2 February	All Primary and Secondary Students Y1-Y13 at school
2026 Statutory Holidays	
Monday 26 January	Auckland Anniversary Day
Friday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 3 April	Good Friday (start of holidays)
Monday 6 April	Easter Monday (during holidays)
Tuesday 7 April	Easter Tuesday (during holidays)
Saturday 25 April / Monday 27 April	ANZAC Day / ANZAC Day Public holiday observed
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday
Friday 10 July	Matariki (during holidays)
Monday 26 October	Labour Day

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

Friday 12th September - BC Chapman House Football Tournament
(Postponement Date - Friday 19th September)

Thursday 18th September - Year 8 Immunisations

Friday 19th September - Last day Term 3

Monday 6th October - Kaimahi/Staff Only Day

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

Tuesday 7th October - Term 4 begins

Thursday 9th October - Pōhiri for our new tamariki and their whānau

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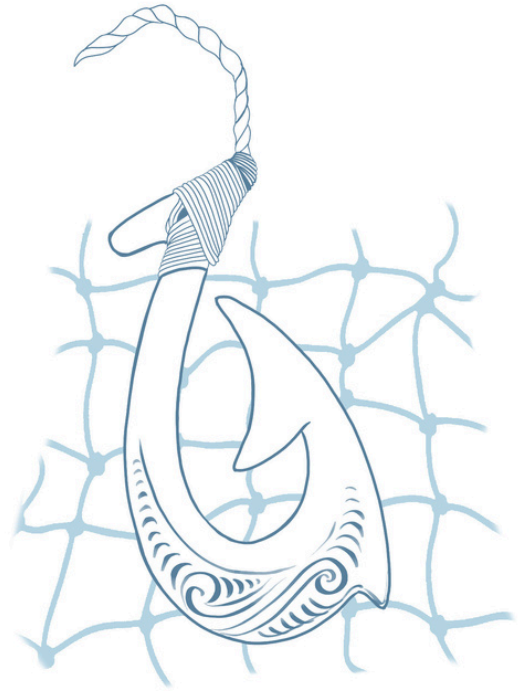
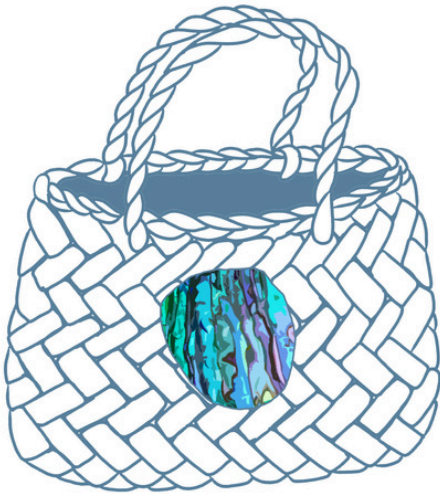
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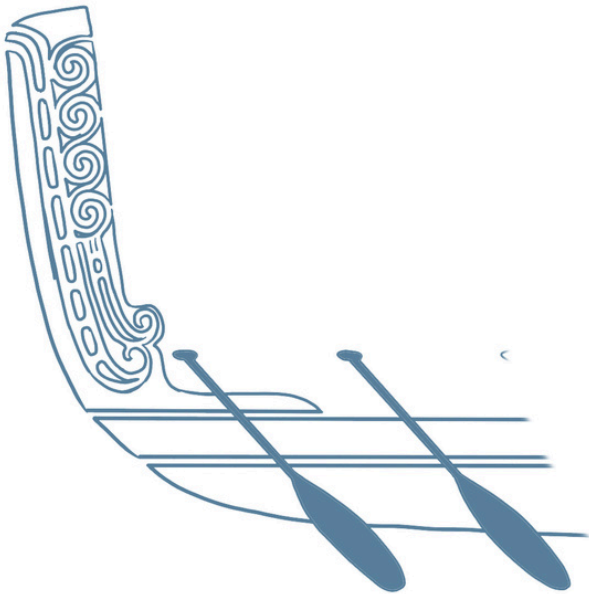


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