

HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER TERM 3 WEEK 10 2025

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."

Hēmi 3:17-18

"Ko te mātauranga ia o runga, he mea kinokore i te tuatahi, muri iho he rangimārie, he ngāwari, he hohoro ki te whakarongo, ki tonu i te mahi tohu, i ngā 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."

James 3:9-10

"With it (the tongue) we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."

Hēmi 3:9-10

"Ko tā tatou (te arero) mea ia hei whakapai i te Atua, i te Matua; ko tā tatou mea anō ia hei kanga i ngā tāngata, i hangā kia rite ki te Atua. Kotahi tonu te māngai puta ake ana i roto ko te manaaki, ko te kanga. Ehara i te pai, e ōku tēina, kia pēnei ēnei mea."

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

The Scriptures we have been learning are an apt reminder of the power of the words we speak and their effect on others. As people, we have this amazing gift of language and the ability to communicate what we think, feel and are learning. As we approach the final week of Term 3, and have had a few rainy days to navigate, the words that are spoken can reflect the prevalence of those BIG feelings over a more reasoned approach. As parents, we would all agree that when feelings completely take over, any kind of logic goes right out the door, off the property, and sadly out of the country! Some space to enable the feelings to settle is indeed step one.

There have been a few moments of frustration between tamariki who have felt the game wasn't being played exactly the way they felt it should be. As we have walked tamariki through the breakdown and fall out of relationship, it has been a timely reminder of how significant healthy relationships are. Even adults need the willingness and skills to sort conflict and restore relationship.

Similarly, it is important to have some clear rules when playing a game and a personal willingness to accept and play by them. Changing rules mid game would be much like shifting the goal posts on the netball, hockey, basketball, football or rugby court, turf or fields. We can laugh at the thought of doing that, however when it comes to playground or board games, we can all be sorely tempted to make our own rules especially if 'winning' is at stake.

We are grateful that God graciously gave us clear guidelines to live by relationally, ones that stay the same, no matter what. The 10 Commandments which Moses received at Mount Sinai were neatly summarised by Jesus when HE told us that we are to "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind soul and strength and love our neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10 v 27). Living by following these, enables us to work through our differences and to live at peace with one another, and heighten our awareness that a person matters more than winning a game at all costs. It is truly beautiful when children genuinely own personal responsibility or their actions, seek forgiveness and humbly restore relationship. The fruit of love and peace returns joy and is truly delicious!

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI (15TH-19TH SEPTEMBER)

This week we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, which is an incredible opportunity to immerse ourselves in the language and culture, and the tikanga of our tangata whenua. Extending our knowledge of Te Reo Māori 'kupu'/words, phrases and 'waiata' is not only for this week, but is a daily commitment to grow our ability to kōrero Te Reo Māori.

This is a karakia/prayer we often say at our kura to thank God for the kai/food we have in our lunchboxes. Once again we are sure your tamariki would love to teach you this.

E te Atua, (Dear God)

Whakapaingia ēnei kai (Bless this good food)

Hei oranga mō mātou tinana (May it nourish our bodies)

Whangaia hoki o matou wairua (and feed out spirits)

kite taro o te ora (with the bread of eternal life)

Ko Ihu Karaiti tō matou Ariki (Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour)

Ake, ake, ake (Forever and ever)

Āmine (Amen).



The next beautiful 'waiata'/song is one we sing often on Worship Wednesdays, and it has become a real favourite with our tamariki. Five of our Year 8 rangatahi lead the actions using Sign Language. Ask your tamariki to teach you the words and the actions.

Wairua Tapu

Dr Ngāpō Wehi (1934-2016)

Wairua tapu tau mai rā (alight Holy Spirit, come to rest)

Wairua tapu mai runga (Holy Spirit from above)

Ūhia mai ngā taonga pai (cover all we hold dear)

Homai tō aroha (give us your love)

Wāhia kia tika (Lay us down)

Ākona mai rā kia ū ki te pai (so all is right)

Horoia kia mā tonu rā (Teaching us to hold firmly to the right)

Mōhou te tino korōria (wash/clean us, so that we may keep holding, yours is the true glory)

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'The genesis of this waiata was inspired by the most beautiful rendition of 'Holy Spirit', a hymn that was heard by Dr Ngāpō Wehi at the tangihanga of his beloved sister. The inclusion of Māori Sign Language in the performance was to acknowledge the shocking deaf statistics of Māori at the time; one of the many unprecedented feats attributed to the Wehi legacy'. It is a song of gratitude for the myriad of blessings in life. It is so simple in composition and yet so calming for the mind, body and soul. Its impact on audiences is profound and will continue to resonate for generations to come' (<https://www.aotearoasongbook.com/songbook-volume-1/wairua-tapu>)



ASSEMBLY

Our recent kura Assembly was led by Whaea Lucelle and Ruma toru. MC's Samuel Sombrano and Abby Gulliver competently guided us through each of the presentations showcasing their public speaking skills. Watch Out TV 1 News Reporters....your employment is under threat! We loved the item God Made it All, the digital and audio sharing of Science World Exploration information and stories read. As for their Scripture memorization of the year to date verses - Phenomenal. Such talented tamariki and such wonderful rich learning. We all loved it!



SPORT

The AIMS Games would be more appropriately named as the NZ Intermediate Year 7 & 8 Olympics. It was held in Tauranga at the beginning of September. Ryan Liao, Year 7, represented our kura in Tennis competing in the Singles and Doubles competition. Ryan won a Bronze Medal, placed third in the Singles, and a Silver Medal in the Doubles with his partner Hugo from Bethlehem College in Tauranga. We are SUPER proud of Ryan!



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The Big Little Bible App

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Need more Bible resources in your home? Here is a free resource from the Bible Society for more school holiday fun

WHĀNAU/ FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Although we do understand that trying to go overseas to connect with family or for a holiday is less expensive if done during School Term time, ***we are required to remind you of the Ministry of Education stance on School Attendance.*** We submit our attendance figures on a weekly basis. Given the realities of Covid in 2020/2021, and the difficulties with return to school, and the subsequent learning gaps resulting from absence, the Ministry has taken a very strong stance ***on 'Justified' and 'Unjustified' absence. Any holiday taken in school term time is viewed and marked as directed by the Ministry as 'Unjustified'.***

May we ask that any absence outside of School holidays is directly communicated by email to Mrs Warnes, to Mrs Stevenson in our Kura Office and to the kaiako/teacher/s that your child/children have. Our teachers plan their Teaching and Learning Programmes with meticulous care and unexpected absence for prolonged periods does create learning challenges as the child/children who are not present will have missed curriculum content which does then impact their progress.

We recognize that family holidays are deeply significant and that the gains cannot be measured and ideally booking them 1 or 2 days either side of the holidays is optimal. Informing your son/daughter's teacher well in advance allows their teacher to plan accordingly and to minimize impact on their learning.

AFTER-SCHOOL PICK UP

Just a gentle reminder that school finishes at 3:15pm, and we ask that tamariki are collected no later than 3:30pm. This allows our staff to get to their meetings and complete important mahi for future classroom planning. Ngā mihi nui! We really appreciate your support with this.

ABSENCE REPORTING:

Please phone the School Office 07 346 1492 before 8.30am so we are aware of the reason for any absences and can inform your child's teacher. Just leave a message on the answerphone if the phone is not attended. You can now report your student's absence digitally through SchoolBridge (via BC [website](#) sign in or [app](#)) or email office.chapman@beth.school.nz Thank you whānau

Y7 AND Y8 NARRATIVE

Year 7 and 8 rangitahi have thoroughly enjoyed writing their own imaginative narrative. These stories were written to share with their peers. The writing quality was exceptional.



UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM - TERM 1 & TERM 4



SENIOR BOYS



SENIOR GIRLS



JUNIOR BOYS



JUNIOR GIRLS

If you require any Summer Uniform items, please connect with ***Mrs Trish Copeland on Monday 6th October when she will have the Uniform Shop open between 10am and 3pm.***

In Term 4, we will be back in full Summer Uniform which means ***hats will be being worn when outside in break times.*** Please ensure that **all** Summer Uniform items are clearly named including hats, sandals etc.as this assists us to return lost or misplaced uniform items.

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

The Office Manager and PA to Head of Chapman permanent full time vacancy for 2026 is now being advertised on the BC website. Here is the link for further information:

<https://www.beth.school.nz/about/work-us/vacancies>

Please share with anyone you may know that would fit into our staff team.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Here are the results of the Board Elections sent to us by the lovely Del Miller - Returning Officer. We are so appreciative of all the volunteer hours and mahi/work that the outgoing Board have completed. Thank you to those who participated in this voting process

2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION Declaration of Parent & Staff Results

Parent Representative Votes:



Ben Runciman	68	Bevan Rakoia	89
Bruce Cameron	64	Carl Zimmerman	140
Clarissa Van Emmenes	102	Emma de Laborde	100
Gareth Pheloung	44	Hayden Briscoe	126
James Chamberlain	67	Jeffery Orr	58
Katy Lietze	265	Nathan Smart	99
Paul Shakes	156	Philipp Potgieter	35
Richard Germann	52	Rob Stacey	183
Sean Embling	96	Shaun Sutcliffe	136
Will Viljoen	53	Invalid Votes	6

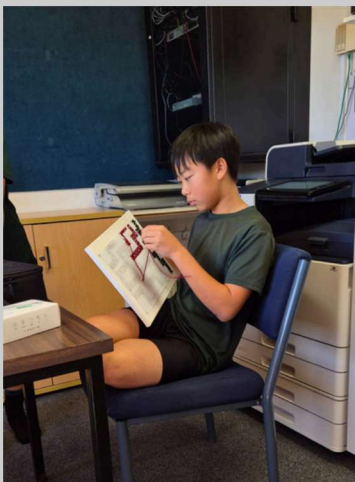
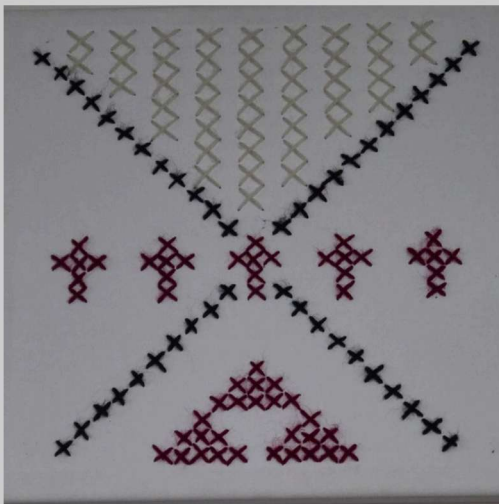
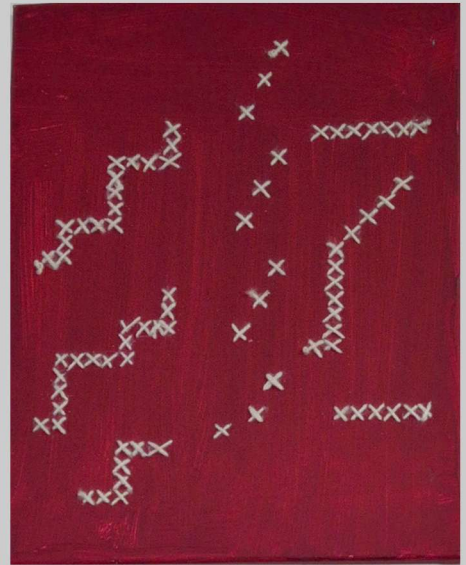
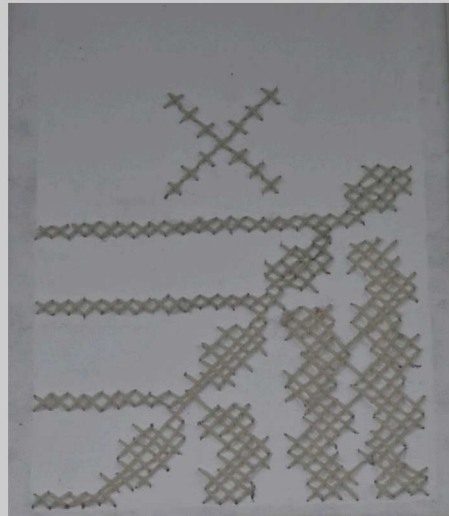
I hereby declare the following duly elected: **Carl Zimmerman, KatyLietze, Paul Shakes,**

Rob Stacey &Shaun Sutcliffe . Nathan Martin-staff representative

Iaiden Murray is the 2025/2026 student representative

ART EXHIBITION

This week's exhibit is a rich plethora of colour, texture and form. **Tukutuku patterns** took our **Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people** on a whole journey of learning exploration. This then involved stitching and patterning which opened up the learning of new skills, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed.



Tukutuku is a type of weaving using reed lattice work rather than threads to adorn the inside walls of wharehui/meeting houses on a marae. The tukutuku panels are placed in between the carved wall slabs in the wharehui. Similar to carvings, they communicate meaningful connections using visual symbols.

Traditional tukutuku is made from kākaho (toetoe reeds) placed vertically side by side with kaho (horizontal wooden laths) lashed in front of them. The kaho are coloured red or black and on this framework coloured patterns are produced by thin strips of native grasses laced round both the kākaho and the kaho. Each tukutuku design is named. Poutama is a common design and refers to education, progress and ascension. A whole panel covered in white crosses is called purapurawhetū (star seeds) while vertical bands of white crosses are known as roimata (tears) and a

MT TARAWERA ERUPTION

Ruma rua have been learning about the Tarawera Eruption and the devastation it caused by burying the local Te Wairoa village in 1886. The children learned about the Science of Mount Tarawera's eruption, the social impact, the environmental consequences, and the emotional toll. They are learning that God is their refuge in times of need. They read a fictional story of a Christian family who lived through the eruption. Comprehension questions initiated discussion about how Christians are to navigate trouble with prayer and an unwavering faith in Jesus. We give thanks to God for Mrs Jean Montgomerie for her fun and warmth as she encourages the children in their learning.



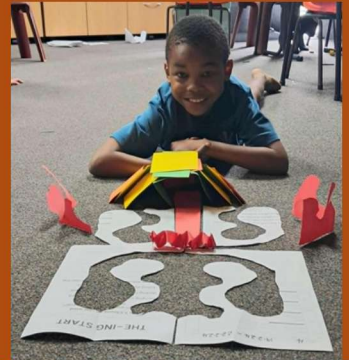
RUMA RUA COLLABORATION ART

COLLABORATING! All 26 children worked together to reach the same goal of painting Te Wairoa Village and Mount Tarawera erupting. Every child's careful contribution mattered! We give thanks to God for Whaea Olga's gentle guidance, warm encouragement, and awahi as she supported the children in the collaboration.



RUMA RUA/ROOM TWO TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE IN ROOM 2! Making a table with one piece of paper was the challenge! How did they do? Love the table with a maths problem!





Zoomerang Holiday Program at Fenton Park Bible Church is on the second week of the school holidays, 29 September- 3 October. Zoomerang is for primary aged children Years 1-6. Costs: There are costs involved in creating this fun-filled week. \$50 will cover the costs per child. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt they are an additional \$10. Please note, they are the same t-shirts from the last holiday program. Registration will be considered on a first come/ first serve basis. Preference will be given to those children who are able to attend for the full 5 days.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE YOUR PAYMENT UNTIL YOUR CHILD'S SPOT IS CONFIRMED.

You should have confirmation within a few days of registration. If costs are restrictive to you please let us know. We do have limited scholarships available.

Drop off is no earlier than 8:45am and pick up is 3:00. Please note, there will be no supervision before 8:45am or after 3:00pm. Our first activity starts at 9:30 and finishes at 2:45.

What to bring: Morning tea/lunch, full drink bottle, shoes, warm clothes and a day bag.

What not to bring: cell phones, electronic games, anything illegal or dangerous.

To register your child please click [here](#).

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 19th September Last day Term 3

Monday 6th October Kaimahi/Staff Only Day

Monday 6th October Uniform Shop Open between 10am and 3pm

Tuesday 7th October Term 4 begins

Tuesday 7th October Whānau Prayer Meeting 8am-8.30am

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

Friday 10th October BC Chapman House Football Tournament 9:30am

Wednesday 15th October PTA 'Waka Tautoko' meeting 6:30pm

Thursday 16th October Visit of Mrs Charlotte Bartrum and her BC Year 12 Christian Studies class

Monday 27th October Labour Day

Tuesday 28th October Vision and Hearing Tests

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 20 April Staff Only Day	Friday 3 July (104 half-days)	Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July
TERM 3	10 wks	Tuesday 21 July 20 July Staff Only Day	Friday 25 September (98 half-days)	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October
TERM 4	9 wks	Tuesday 13 October 12 October Staff Only Day	Friday 11 December (86 half-days)	Saturday 12 December

*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

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.

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



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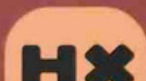
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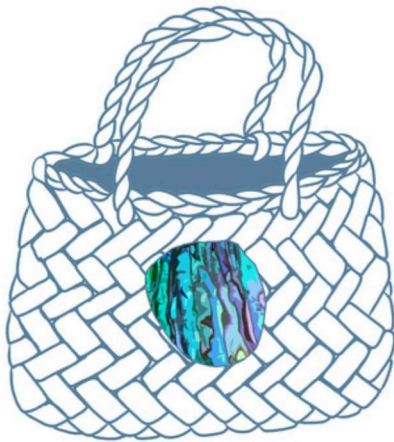
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ROTORUA

SUNDAY 21 SEPT, 4:00 PM
ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
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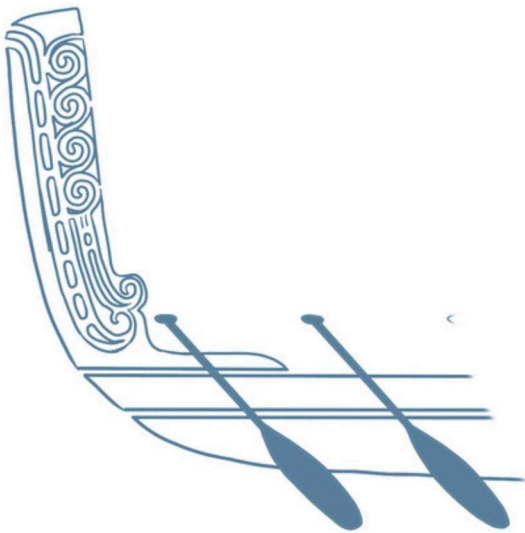
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