



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 7 TERM 4 2025

John 1:14, 18

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

Hoani 1:14, 18

"I whakakikokiotia te Kupu, ā, noho ana i a mātou, i kite anō mātou i tōna korōria he korōria e rite ana Tama kotahi a te Matua, kī tonu i te aroha noa i te pono. Kāhore anō he tangata i kite noa i te Atua; ko te Tama kotahi, kei te uma nei o te Matua, nāna ia i whakapuaki."

John 15:12-14

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Hoani 15:12-14

"Ko tāku ture tēnei, kia aroha koutou tētahi ki tētahi, me ahau hoki kua aroha nei ki a koutou. Kāhore he aroha o tētahi i rahi ake i tēnei, arā, kia tuku te tangata i a ia anō kia mate mō ōna hoa. Ko koutou ōku hoa, ki te meatia e koutou āku e whakahou nei ki a koutou."

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Well, this is the week we'd been 'ANT-icipating, it finally arrived! The excitement-ANT last Thursday as costumes and make up went on was tangible! There were exhuber-ANT ants, and other 'Antshillvania' characters lining up for their photo shoot in the gym, as we staged various different poses.



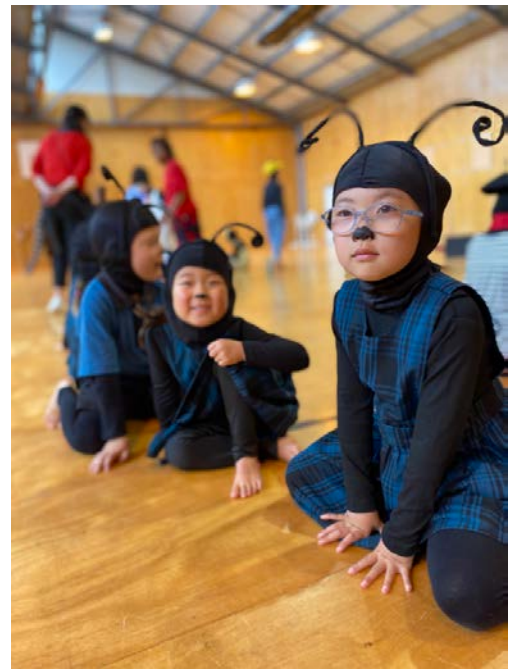
Thank you Mel Burton and Olga Simpson-Castenada for capturing memories by taking photos for us. On Friday, we had both casts do full rehearsals, but Monday brought with it costumes, make-up and getting wired for sound! Too exciting for words!

After weeks and for our leads that amounted to months of practices, we were ready for our two Matinees and two evening perform-ANT-ces! Having an audi-ANT-ce, makes all the difference to the energy level of our young people, as it becomes real! Suddenly there is a full realization, that what we've working towards is actually happening.

Certain opportunities in school life, offer us platforms on which we can serve with our abilities, where we can develop our unique talents, shine and grow. For some, this is in the realm of a sports team or event, a top mark in an exam, a project they've completed, a challenge they've overcome, where they have given their all to achieve what they've dilig-ANT-ly worked for. There is no doubt that a Production is such an experience where we ALL work together, as whānau, as community, each one playing their part. It is our 'village' once again in action! Our commitment was to present the message of **Love, Mercy and Grace**, the story of **The Prodigal Son**, a 'good news' message!



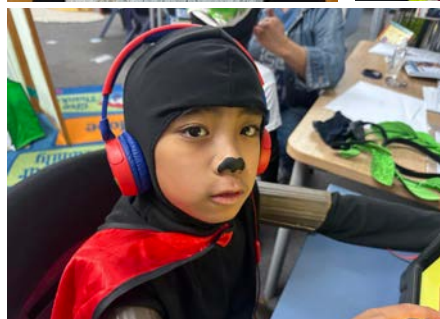
To see our young people use their Performing Arts God-given giftings, has been exciting but what has been even more wonderful is to watch the way their character has developed. Growing resourcefulness, perseverance, encouragement, self-control and love for one another has been a joy to see. Our lead actors were fully supported by the remainder of the cast. Every single one of our 129 tamariki were needed from the littlest cutest, to Miss Millipede and her beautiful flowers, to the Tap-d-ANT-cers who learned a completely new skill, right through to a group of Village-ANT-ies, the entire cast sang, danced, and acted the storyline with committ-ANT!



Thank you to everyone in our BC Chapman community for supporting us ...from selling tickets, to baking, manning The Fatted Aphid Café or our Salt & Light Gift stall, assisting with Make-Up, Sound, Set up and Clean up team, dressing children in costumes, wiring our leads up for sound, encouraging and helping your son/daughter deal with being tired, through to cheering clapping and believing in the message we are sharing!

We have the most phenomenal BC Chapman community, and we love you to pieces!!!!

Me te aroha tonu *Hazel*
With love always



IRMA VAN NIEKERK

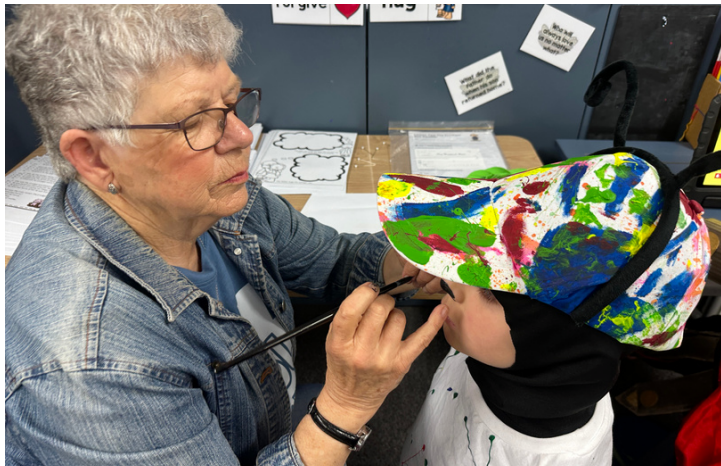
We are delighted to introduce to you our new Office Manager, Irma van Niekerk. Irma is married to Christo, and they have three beautiful daughters, Lucia, Milah and Amelie. Irma is an avid gardener, sewer and she loves to spend time in God's creation. They immigrated from South Africa in 2008 and have made Rotorua their home. We have already discovered what a loving, people centred, pastorally caring lady Irma is. We know that you will make her feel very welcome as one of our three newest BC Chapman whānau members.



ATHLETICS

Aside from Production, there is plenty of Sprint, long jump, ball throw, shot put, novelty races and other athletic activity going on. Next week we will drop our amazing new High Jump Mat onto the gym floor so that our tamariki feel completely prepared for that event also. This is part of the lead up to our **Athletics Day** which will be held at **Bethlehem College on Friday the 5th December**.

Thank you for all those who have offered to assist with transport. We are working through the transport currently, as it is a true BC Chapman whānau day out which includes picnic food and blankets! Oh, and around 50 vehicles of excited tamariki!!! On the home run, it is quieter and some even fall asleep...athletes, that is! Please pray for good weather, for this special occasion!



WHĀNAU FUN DAY

On **Monday 8th December**, we will be holding our **BCC End of Year Fun Day**. This involves the setting up of a whole gambit of different activities and we usually throw 'water' into the mix! As we do life together as whānau/family, we finish the year by doing exactly that rather than having separate class activities! We will send out more details closer to the day!

DEVICES 2026

We are purchasing a **full class set of Chrome Books, school/kura owned for use in our Senior Year 7 & 8 class in 2026**. This decision has **NOT** been taken lightly! With increasing research documentation regarding issues with digital technology, we have made a 'bold', move to have only kura/school owned devices for learning use at school.

This means that only the specific Learning Aps/Programs we wish to have are available and that devices are **KEPT** at school. **We would like to see our young people enjoying family/whānau connection, reading more, engaging with outdoor activities, and playing with their siblings and reduce distraction, vulnerability and promote holistic well-being!**

Our '**Waka Tautoko**' PTA, have therefore endorsed this purchase, and we are excited to see the fruit of this decision. We will be evaluating throughout the year and inviting feedback from our rangatahi/young people and their whānau. We made a bold decision in 2010 **NOT** to have Mobile phones at our kura, and we have never regretted that!

ART EXHIBITION

Artwork from Ruma ono is featured this week.



SPORT UPDATE

NETBALL FUTURE FERNS

We're starting to plan for next year's netball season and would love to know who's keen to hit the court in 2026! If your child would like to be part of a school netball team next year, please let us know so we can gauge numbers and begin organising teams. We're also on the lookout for parents interested in helping out or coaching—your support makes all the difference!

This is just an expression of interest, so no commitment is required at this stage. **Please email Nicole Moke nicole@barronimports.co.nz with your child's name and year level for 2026.** Let's get ready for another fun, active, and action-packed season of netball! 🏐💪

Here is the proof that netball brings people together! 🏐

Our amazing Chapman Parent Team – the “Goal Getters” – showing that netball isn't just for the kids. It's about fun, teamwork, and community spirit both on and off the court. What a fantastic way to stay active and connected!



TOUCH RUGBY

BC Chapman Touch Downs (Year 5 & 6 Mixed team)

Two wins with the first game 4-2 and **Reuben Parker** scoring his first ever try! **Nice one Reuben!** **Nathan Oliver** also hopped over the line for successful 'touchdown' while **Lydia-Rose** ran past the opposition to score twice. **Player of Day was Raine Parker!** Coach **Neil Oliver** described the team, as being '**on fire**'! Their goal scoring is a testimony to their commitment to working together! Go the BC Chapman Touch Downs!

BC CHAPMAN UNTOUCHABLES (YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS)

Coaches Maika 'Alofi and Matua Lama have been delighted with the growth in players '**teamwork**', **self-discipline**, and **humility**. The focus on character is yielding fruit that is indeed lifelong. We are super excited to see our Senior young guys seeking to support each other as they learn and practise their strategies and skills. On the field, their results speak for themselves with several wins. It was a special moment last week as '**Epoki Paletu**' scored his first ever try! **The whole team genuinely shared 'Epoki's joy!**

UP & COMING DATES

Thursday 4th December Volunteers Morning Tea 10:30am

Thursday 4th December Leaver's Dinner 6pm

Friday 5th December BC Chapman Athletics at Bethlehem College in Tauranga

Monday 8th December BC Chapman Fun Day

Thursday 11th December -School Reports 'hard copy' issued

**Thursday 11th December End of Year Celebration Living Well Church Auditorium
6pm (note change of time)**

Thursday 11th December Reports issued

Thursday 11th December Last day of Term 4 at BC Chapman 2025

Friday 12th December-Digital Copy of Reports sent out via email

2026

Monday 19th January 2026 School Office opens

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th January Uniform Shop opens 10am - 3pm

(Please make an appointment with Trish 027 279 3029 to schedule)

Monday 2nd February Term 1 2026 begins

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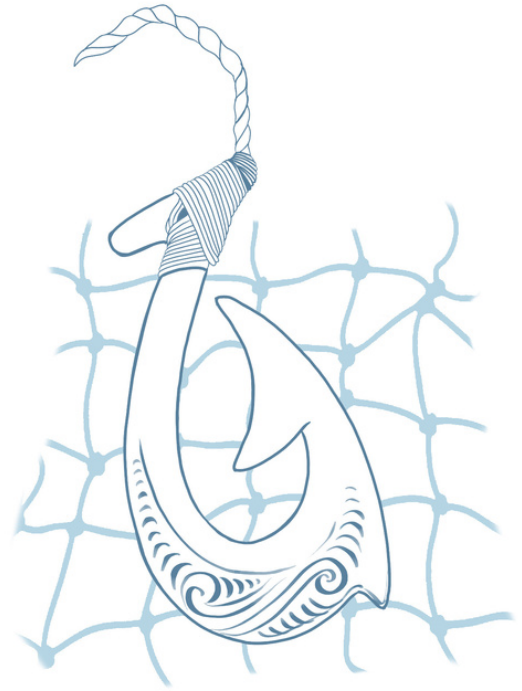
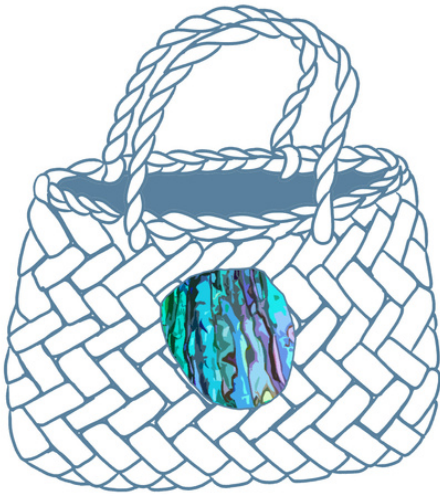


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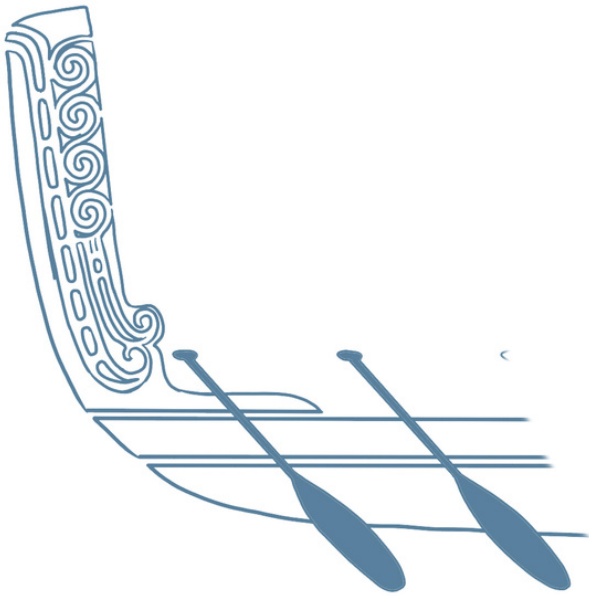
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