



## HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 4 TERM 1

*Psalm 33:8 (CSB): "Let the whole earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him". "Kia wehi te whenua katoa ki a Ihowa; kia ohooho nga tangata katoa o te ao ki a ia."*

*Psalm 99:3 (CSB): "Let them praise your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy. "Kia whakamoemiti ratou ki tou ingoa nui, whakamataku; he tapu ia."*

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

We have already completed our first month of Term 1, 2026, and are fast approaching the change of season from Summer to Autumn. It's been a fantastic start to the new year. A number of us are hopeful that perhaps March and April will yield some sunny Summer type weather, though a 'nip' in the air has signaled that this might be wishful thinking.

Recently, in a walk through the **Whakarewarewa forest**, I took a couple of photos of a fort that had been created with I dare say a tremendous amount of patience, perseverance, vision and strategy. **There was nothing 'random' about it, it didn't simply evolve, it had been intentionally and purposefully planned, every branch placed.** No doubt what followed was not only joy for the diligent builders but also a number of other children who have since discovered it.



It made me think about **how our amazing God has miraculously and intentionally created with love, the environment we have around us.** We live in the playground **HE** has made with all its beauty and provision. There is much to marvel and wonder at and to thank Him for. **'Awe' & "awesome"** are words we casually attribute to how we feel or how we appreciate something we are pleased about, yet **these words only truly take on their true meaning when we attribute them to the ONE who is worthy of such descriptors.** This year, as we focus on **'Wisdom and Wonder'**, we pray our tamariki will be filled with **'awe and wonder'** as they grow in their understanding of **our mighty God.**

Me te aroha tonu  
With love always *Hazel*



# PŌHIRI/PŌWHIRI

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February led by our **kaumatua Matua Dave, Whaea Bessie and Whaea Dawn**, we welcomed our new whānau/families. 18 new whānau and 28 new tamariki, from Aotearoa and from a wide range of nations across the world, is yet another reminder of how God has continued to answer our prayers. Special thanks to **Mrs Tanja Lotter, Whaea Irma, and Whaea Sylvia** who lovingly prepared the morning tea for our new whānau members.



The Bible teaches that **'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain'. (Psalm 127 v 1)**. Matua Dave and Mr Edmeades, our Principal spoke of the importance of recognising our **dependence on God and or our tamariki growing to honour their parents all the days of their lives**. Our BC Chapman kura and our Teaching and Learning programmes are constructed on His Word and His Wisdom and aligned with His purposes. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to be faithful in serving our Lord and you our whānau. We believe HE brings the fruit, when our dependence is on Him.



# TUAKANA TEINA

Whaea Del carefully matched our tuakana/teina last Friday. At Year 5 our tamariki become 'tuakana' the older and are matched with a 'teina' from the New Entrant to Year 4 area of our kura. Becoming a 'tuakana' is a genuine 'honour and milestone' one that our younger tamariki look forward to. As part of developing relationships in a true 'family' sense, we have adopted this tradition. Each Friday, they will have lunch together and then follow this by playing together. Over the course of the year, we hope to see **meaningful connections grow between our tamariki and development of greater responsibility for and understanding of loving and serving one another.** These photos are simply the beginning!







We had the joy and privilege of having a group of five passionate young people from Canada and America, Jess, Mary, Julia, Silas & Moses who are part of **YWAM (Youth With a Mission)**. They spent a morning block of time with Whaea Lisa's class looking at 'Inductive Bible study' focusing on the passage from John 10 Jesus the Good Shepherd.

This was an excellent endorsement of the approach taken in our Biblical Studies programme i.e. **Observation, Interpretation and Application**. To have young people sharing their **love for Jesus and His Word**, and who are actively seeking to serve Him is always **inspirational and invaluable**. They also managed to squeeze in a game of football with our Year 7 & 8 stars!



## MEET THE KAIAKO

We have had two wonderful whānau/family occasions in the past two weeks as our BC Chapman community has come together. Strengthening the village surrounding our tamariki/children happens as we connect with each other and as we spend time with each other. **Thank you/Ngā mihi nui** for taking the time to come to meet our kaiako/teachers as we begin this 2026 partnership between home/whānau and school /kura which is integral to our tamariki thriving in every possible way. Our class teaching and learning programmes are taking on secure rhythms as expectations and routines are carefully modelled and structured. We are committed to maintaining close relationship with you.

## SUNNY FRIDAYS

Sunny Fridays have begun with a mixture in the weather but not in the enthusiasm for conversations while tamariki play happily together. Even if it is only possible to stay for 10 or 15 minutes the connections are worth it. Our tamariki gain a bigger picture and understanding of belonging with other families who share the same faith and values as well as having stacks of fun together in the process.



# House Team Building Day

Our four 'Houses' are connected to Micah 6:8. **Tika** means 'justice'; **Māhaki** means 'humility', **Tuari** means 'service' and **Atawhai** means 'mercy'. House ownership is shown in the PE top worn, Blue/Tika; Red/Māhaki; Yellow/Tuari and Green/Atawhai and of course in the loyalty to and competition between the fabulous four! Mrs Charlotte Bartrum and her Christian Studies Classes came over to serve our kura by running a House Team Building day. Dressed in House colours there was no lack of enthusiasm or energy as activities were fully embraced and engaged in. Our new tamariki rapidly learned where their allegiance lies and it was exciting to see the way our House leaders operated in serving their teams. This is where 'tuakana/teina' older/younger relationships can truly be lived.

## Our 2026 House Leaders



### MĀHAKI:

Rowan Cook & Katie Lotter



### TUARI:

Olivia Perrett, Caleb Kieck & Jabbie Tijing



### ATAWHAI:

Felix Chu & Miria Maxwell-Crawford



### TIKA:

Malachi Hall & Esther Gusuna



TEAM  
SPIRIT

GAME  
ON



"UNITY IS STRENGTH... WHEN THERE IS TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION, WONDERFUL THINGS CAN BE ACHIEVED."







**PLAY HARD, PLAY FAIR  
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
PLAY WITH HEART.**



# SPORTS UPDATE

**Touch Rugby and Cricket** have begun while **Future Ferns Netball** is about to launch with our coaches Whaea Stacy and Whaea Nicole. We are thrilled to see our tamariki enjoying participating in these different sporting codes. We are also aware that we have tamariki involved in **Swimming, Gymnastics, Tennis, Football, Futsal and Rugby teams through local Rotorua club organization.** *Please send in photos you take so that we can share these and celebrate our young people on our Sport Board and in our fortnightly Newsletter.*

**Our Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby 'BC Chapman Touch Downs' and Year 7 & 8 BC Chapman 'Untouchables'** are settling into the groove of practices with **Matua Neil, Matua Lama and Matua Maika.** There is no shortage of enthusiasm or energy as character qualities are grown, skills develop and love for the game extends.

**Our BC Chapman cricketers** are enjoying the opportunity the Rotorua Cricket Association provides for a smaller kura like ours to be involved in Cricket and for the ways in which confidence and skills are taught and promoted.

**Incredible parental support** is indicative of the commitment you have to your tamariki and we are grateful for all that you do to coach, transport and cheer along the sidelines.



**P.E SHED LOOKING AMAZING, THANKS GIRLS!**

## **PARKING/UNIFORMS/ENTRANCE TO OUR KURA/SCHOOL**

**Please park your car in the car park** and walk your son/daughter to the coned area in the mornings and afternoons when dropping off or picking up children. The safety of our tamariki is vital and we all need to ensure that we are vigilant in ensuring we take the utmost care. (photo)

May we ask that **every item of uniform is marked with your son/daughter's name** as this means any missing item can be returned to the owner. Children do also...sigh...leave various uniform items in interesting places and the naming of uniform does help us to work as a family when we know what belongs to who.

If you are coming to school for any reason, **please enter through our BC Chapman school entrance** rather than the Church as it allows the Living Well Church Staff and us to keep tabs on who is in the building.

# ART EXHIBITION

This week's art features our Year 1 & 2 artists from Whaea Lucelle's class. The 'cute' factor boldly comes through in their art with undeniable originality and creativity. No doubt these will bring a smile and appreciation for the unique portrayal of each one.



# WRITERS CORNER

## **Moments of Wonder**

**By Essie Tijning, Year 4**

*A pinch of pink flowers enjoying the breeze,  
Two cups of sunlight that shines on my face.*

*Add a tablespoon of the Northern Lights,  
And a hint of a colourful rainbow.*

*Stir in a calm ocean,*

*To 100 grams of amazing sunset.*

*Add a squeeze of fluffy clouds,*

*And a dash of a waterfall slowly coming down.*

*Mix in some shimmering moonlight,*

*With a handful of bright green grass swaying side to side.*

*Add a selection of little bunnies hopping around,*

*And a couple of beautiful butterflies gliding past you.*

*Combine some really cold, soft snow,*

*And a heap of "What ifs..."*

## **Moments of Wonder**

**By Wairua Grace Maxwell-Crawford, Year 6**

*A pinch of sand under sunny skies,*

*Two cups of thunder ready to roar.*

*Add a tablespoon of rocks from up on the moon,  
And a hint of willow tree leaves from in the woods.*

*Stir in the Aurora from the Northern skies,*

*To 100 grams of fire from the sun.*

*Add a squeeze of snow from Mount Everest,*

*And a dash of stingrays (only if you don't get stung!).*

*Mix in some shooting stars, if you can catch them,*

*With a handful of seaweed from the Indian Ocean.*

*Add a selection of the finest flowers from the rainforest,*

*And a couple of icebergs from Antarctica.*

*Combine with cheetahs to mix things up,*

*And a heap of "What ifs..."*

## **Moments of Wonder**

**By Albert Jackson, Year 6**

*A pinch of the sea swallowing the sand,*

*Two cups of sand burning my feet red.*

*Add a tablespoon of dirt hiding underground,  
And a hint of weird bugs crawling up and down.*

*Stir in some mud, wet and squishy,*

*To 100 grams of snow falling down on me.*

*Add a squeeze of rain drenching me to the bone,*

*And a dash of cheetahs, king of speed.*

*Mix in some gravel crackling together,*

*With a handful of grass brushing against my bare feet.*

*Add a selection of trees swaying in the wind,*

*And a couple of weeds, good for nothing!*

*Combine mud and sand to get a mud pie,*

*And a heap of "What ifs..."*

## **Moments of Wonder**

**Zoey Whelan, Year 6**

*A pinch of shooting stars falling into the abyss below,*

*Two cups of galaxy shining in the distance.*

*Add a tablespoon of comets falling in the night sky,*

*And a hint of rivers glistening in the sun.*

*Stir in lightning flashing across the sky,*

*To 100 grams of whales' song echoing through the ocean.*

*Add a squeeze of Grand Canyon all orange and yellow,*

*And a dash of snowflakes falling on the frozen water.*

*Mix in some clouds raining on a cold day,*

*With a handful of stardust flowing in the sky.*

*Add a selection of seaweed moving in the sea,*

*And a couple of pebbles that lie at the bottom of the lake.*

*Combine a solar eclipse covering the sun,*

*And a heap of "What ifs..."*



**TURN UP TO LEVEL UP YOUR SWIMMING**

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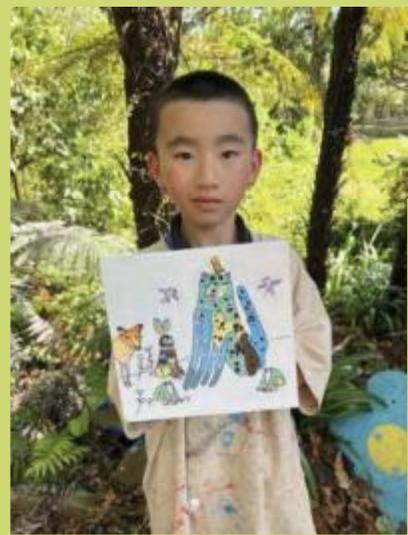
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## ART CLASSES: Janet Keen

*Beginners After School Art Classes with Janet Keen enrolling NOW for Term 1, 2,3 and 4  
This year my theme is) "Look for the rainbow in your day."  
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*Janet has been running this after school art school for the past 20 years and she still loves seeing the variety of work that the students produce.*



# IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March-Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: PAT assessments- Years 3-8**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March-Kaharoa Inter-School Swimming Sports

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Inter-Christian Schools Waikato/BoP Athletics  
Porritt Stadium**

Kaiako/Whānau Hui

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March Easter Service 6pm Living Well Church Auditorium**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April -Year 7 & 8 Camp at Finlay Park

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Last day of Term 1**

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Start of Term 2**

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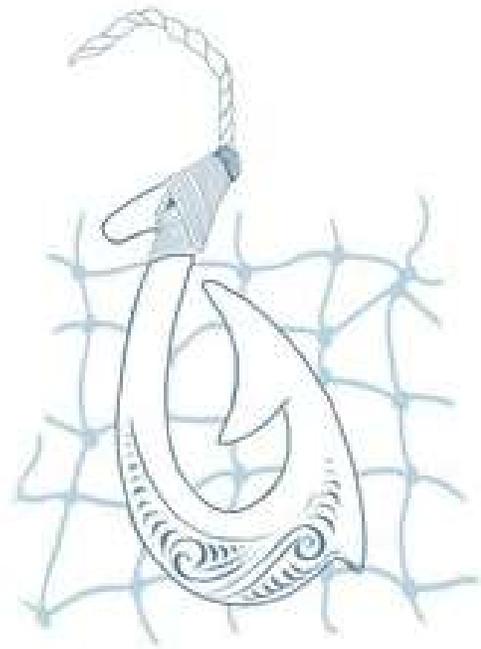


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