



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER TERM 1 WEEK 8 2026

Psalm 8:1, 3-4

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

Ki te tino kaiwhakatangi. Kititi. He himene na Rawiri. E Ihowa, e to matou Ariki, ano te nui o tou ingoa i te whenua katoa! Paku ana i a koe tou kororia ki runga ake i nga rangi! ³ Ka titiro ahau ki au rangi, ki te mahi a ou maihao, ki te marama, ki nga whetu, i hanga nei e koe;

⁴ He aha te tangata i maharatia ai e koe? te tama ranei a te tangata i tirohia ai ia e koe?



Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman whānau,

This week we will hold **our annual Easter Service** when we come together as whānau to celebrate the true meaning of Easter. It appears that earlier and earlier each year the commercial arms of Easter appear, and from February onwards you will find the evidence. While the Supermarket shelves have endless Easter Eggs in boxes and packets, and Easter bunnies are to the forefront, **there is a distinct absence of the Cross.**

We count it a privilege to have the freedom in Aotearoa to be able to come together and openly own what we believe. We recognise the sinful state of humankind, the need of a Saviour and the extravagant unmerited love and grace of our Heavenly Father who gave His Only Son Jesus Christ to die in our place that we might have relationship with Him.

As this Scripture says, when we look at the vastness of the Universe, when we marvel at the intricacies of Creation, we genuinely wonder why God is mindful, why HE thinks of us, the human beings who have decided to do life independent of Him. Wars in our world dominate the News. Brokenness is everywhere in one form or other, and one will not have to travel far or have a conversation to reveal and realise it exists.

Easter is the acknowledgement across the world of a life-changing historical 3 days in which **our Saviour Jesus Christ was crucified, when HE paid the penalty for human sin and on the third day rose again. Here is the hope, the hope that the Gospel offers, the Good News that because of Jesus alone, we can have a personal relationship with God, restored.** Let's keep the light, the emphasis on the truth of Easter and not lose sight of the significance of the Cross. Easter provides an opportunity when, in one way or another, the world pauses for a moment of holiday, for us to shine brightly the truth that sets us free and gives us eternal security and enduring hope.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel

EASTER SERVICE



This was held on Thursday evening, a whānau occasion when we as a Christian kura declare the central meaning of our faith. Having our tamariki attend this service and remember the immeasurable depth of love and sacrifice of Jesus is a time we treasure together.

We are grateful to **Miss Thayo, the Senior Dance Group, Whaea Lucelle and the Besorah Drama team, and to Matua Lama and the tamariki** who used their respective talents in our service.

Our Worship was led by parents, and this of itself is a witness to the faith we share. It powerfully models to our tamariki that we come together as whānau/family to worship and to own what we believe.



To **Pastor Tumua Masina**, from the Equippers Church who brought the message, we are grateful for his explanation of the Gospel. It is remarkable to have such gifting and talent in our BC Chapman community; yet another reflection of the ways in which God equips His children to use their talents to glorify and honour Him. Items of dance, drama, reading, singing, speaking all pointed to the Cross and to the saving grace of Jesus Christ who died for all and rose again. We are indeed blessed as a kura/school whānau/family!



'The Secret in the Olive Grove'

Whaea Lucelle & the Besorah Drama Team





*Senior Dance Group
&
Miss Thayo*



UNIFORM CHANGE FOR TERM 2

We officially **change to Winter Uniform at the beginning of Term 2**. Mrs Trish Copeland who so beautifully manages our Uniform Shop opens it for us **each Tuesday between 9.30am and 4.00pm**. She has kindly offered to also be in on **Monday 20th April from 9.00am and 3.00pm**. You can make an appointment with Trish for Uniform fitting and purchase (Text 0272793029). **Please take the opportunity to do this next Tuesday before the term finishes so that the transfer to Winter Uniform is smooth**. Our Winter Uniform is lovely, and we choose to do our annual photos when our tamariki are wearing it, as the richness of the teal colour suits everyone.

Can we ask that every item, including the socks, is clearly named so that we do not end up with a range of unclaimed items due to inability to identify the owner. Thank you so much!



YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP AT FINLAY PARK

Next week our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people head off to **Camp at Finlay Park**. **Whaea Lisa** has been organizing this wonderful **Outdoor Activity** experience over the past couple of months. Camp is guaranteed to be one of those lifelong kura memories that they treasure. Whānau/Parent helpers have been ensuring they fit in their 12 hours of sleep in readiness for the pace at which they will be operating at Camp. We are grateful for their enthusiasm and their resilience. **Oh, and just in case you are having any second thoughts camp parents, there's no chance of backing out because we know where you live and we will find you!**

You will be in for a treat when our first Newsletter goes out at the end of Week 2, Term 2. It will be full of experiences captured on camera and will give you a little insight into the learning and the fun that was enjoyed while building a greater sense of community connection at Camp. Please pray for this special three day Camp, for growth in confidence, skills, resourcefulness, resilience and teamwork as tamariki experience new activities together.

TOUCH RUGBY

It seems as though the season barely begins and then it comes to a close. Where does the time disappear to? **Tuesday 24th March** brought closure to the Term 1 competition with semi-finals and finals played. While a short season, it has been much loved by all tamariki and their supportive whānau. To our coaches **Matua Neil, Matua Lama, Matua Maika** and to our manager **Whaea Jesse**, *Ngā mihi nui/Thank you so much!* Your investment in the lives of these rangatahi/young people **IS** significant and has allowed them to experience the joy, strategies and skills of Touch Rugby. **Sporting involvement is one of the most tangible ways to grow God-given talents, to nurture character and to build team and community.** There is a bond that is created between players and across the community that is precious. Roll on Term 4 when the opportunity to play Touch Rugby will surface again!



BC TOUCHDOWNS



BC UNTOUCHABLES

NETBALL



PORRITT STADIUM ATHLETICS

A group of 32 athletes travelled to Porritt Stadium in Hamilton to take part in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Inter-Christian kura Athletics Competition which is run by Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist School. 11 different kura attend this event-Hamilton Christian School; Waipa Christian School, South City Christian School, Hamilton, Rotorua, Whakatane and Tauranga SDA schools, Matamata Christian School, Paeroa Christian School, Taupo Christian School and BC Chapman. The organization of this event is superb, and we always enjoy the friendly competition.

Our team of BC Chapman athletes enthusiastically engaged in the various running and field events, giving their best. It is a joy to watch our tamariki compete and demonstrate sportsmanship in both the wins and the losses and to have them congratulate others in a genuine way. The day culminated in the Relay event at each Year level. Watching our relay runners power their way down each 100m leg and hearing the support of the remainder of our BC Chapman team was indeed inspiring. **For the whānau support with transport, and their encouragement, we are deeply grateful.** As without you, and your generosity, we would be unable to attend these events.



"THE STRENGTH OF THE TEAM IS EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. THE STRENGTH OF EACH MEMBER IS THE TEAM."





*jump
high &
hard*
**with
intention
& heart**





*those who
don't jump
will never
fly*



**THROWERS
DON'T HAVE
FINISH
LINES**







When your legs
get tired,
**RUN WITH
YOUR HEART.**





Memories
last
forever!

WRITERS CORNER

This week's Poems centred on the Wonder of Creation are written by our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi.

WONDER OF CREATION

By Emylyn Joshin

A clear sky, clouds floating softly in the air,
hanging high above my head. An extravagant
peacock, revealing its beautiful feathers,
vibrant colours flash all
around.

A calm ocean, flowing past my feet, breathing
out a deep azure.

A juicy blueberry, growing fervently on its plant,
sweetness overflowing in my mouth.

A shining sapphire, glinting in the darkness.

A huge whale, swimming at the bay, shooting
water out of its head.

A morpho butterfly, fluttering around the sky,
showing off its colours.

A confident bluebird, enjoying life, soaring high
in the sky.

Blue: The colour of awe; the colour of wonder.

WONDER OF CREATION

By Rowan Cook

A violet-backed starling, soaring high over the
sky, watching the willow trees down below.

A magnificent, colourful sunrise, swallowing
up the sky, colours flying everywhere
with no place to hide.

A bright reflection, beams up from a river,
displaying its beauty to creatures,
that soar or slither.

A large field of lavender, starting to grow,
neat and tidy all tucked up in rows.

A jacaranda tree, blossoming here and there,
is displaying the beauty of its flowers
everywhere.

A huge sea star, hiding underneath the depth
of the salty sea.

A valuable emperor butterfly, clinging to a tree,
spreading its wings to show off its rarity.

A stealthy violet carpenter bee,
springing from flower to flower
in the late summer heat.

Purple: The colour of awe: the colour of
wonder.

The Circulatory System

By Ariana Simpson-Castaneda
Year 5

The Circulatory System
Pump, Pump, Pump
Like a beating drum
go my heart

God carefully created me special
Blood vessels like a river
Being very careful not to damage
our body

God's wonderful creation,
you cannot believe.

The Circulatory System

By Matt Liao

The Circulatory System
helps me restore more energy
makes me live.

Like a beating drum
carefully designed to pump blood
Without it, we will die,
Steady and powerful.

The Digestive System

By Jadon MaGill

The Digestive System

Chop, chop, chop
the acids and the enzymes
Chomp, chomp, chomp
say the sharp teeth.

The small intestines like a worm
eating up all the scraps

This shows God's wisdom by
digesting, chopping, and chomping
the food.

A masterpiece
made by our omnipotent
and wonderful God.

WONDER OF CREATION

By Jabbie Tijing

A cherry blossom tree, swaying with the gentle
breeze, while reaching towards the sky, releasing
each petal elegantly into the wind.

A pair of proud flamingos, balancing on one foot,
curve their delicate necks together, their beaks
slowly join into one, creating a heart.

A beautiful star-grazer blushes,
as it stretches upward, unlike other lilies,
representing success, purity, and ambition,
and encouraging you not to give up.

A morganite gem, shimmers through the sunlight,
it sits still waiting to be admired.

A striking astilbe flower provides a vibrant patch of
colour, while sitting in a shaded area, symbolising
patience and dedication toward a loved one.

A determined sea anemone, sticks to a rock or a
piece of strong coral, providing Nemo and his Dad
a safe place to rest,

while spreading its tentacles in the water.

A lychee lounges in the fruit basket, patiently
waiting to be peeled and
to have its jelly insides eaten.

A bunch of flamingo mushrooms, emerging as
beautiful fungi, clinging to what it grows on,
like a child holding on to their mother.

Pink: The colour of awe; the colour of wonder.

WONDER OF CREATION

By Arlo Russell

A chubby panda, sitting on the log, eating bamboo for breakfast.

A warty toad, perching on a riverbank, waiting for a fly to drop by.

A ripe blackberry, expecting that someone will soon pick it.

A stealthy panther, watching every movement.

A deadly black mamba, slithering on the ground, awaiting its prey.

A precious black diamond, anticipating the moment
when someone will dig it up.

A muscular gorilla, climbing a tree with a baby on its back.

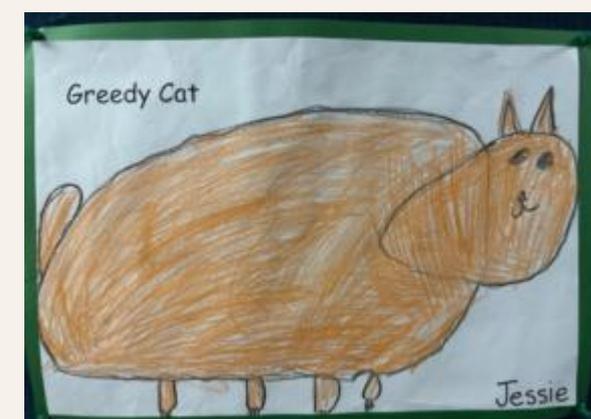
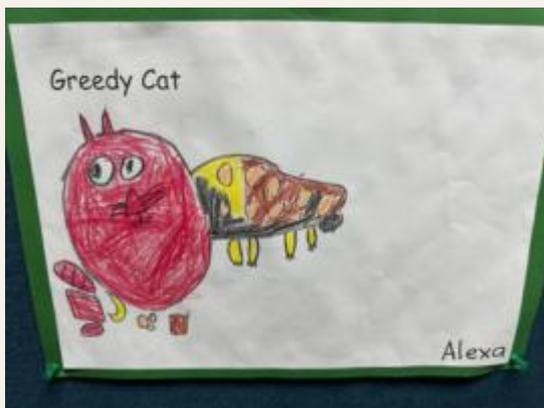
A hard obsidian rock, lying inside the volcano crater.

A mysterious cat, sitting on the fence, staring at you.

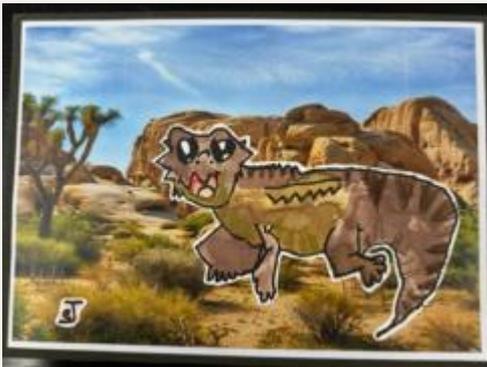
Black: The colour of awe; the colour of wonder.

ART EXHIBITION

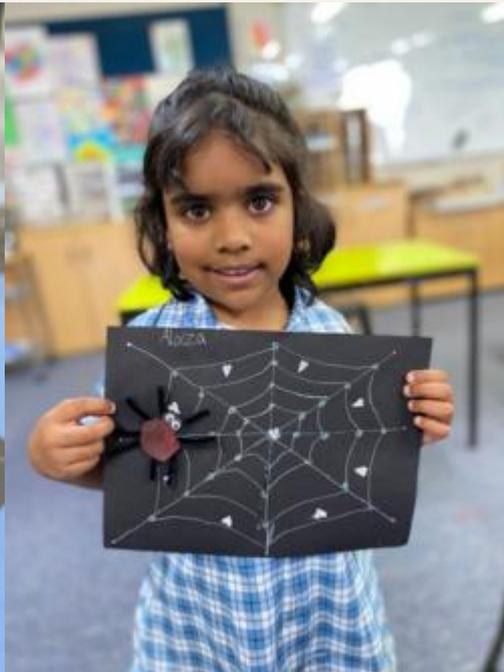
This week our **Ruma tahi/Room 1** artists are exhibiting their artistic skills. They have given their perspective of '**Greedy Cat**' who by the look of the art certainly lives up to his name!



BEARDED DRAGONS ILLUSTRATIONS INSPIRED BY FRISKY THEIR CLASS PET



In **Art Rotation**, **Ruma Tahi** have been thinking about the **WONDER** of how spiders make their webs - they made these cool spider web artworks with white gel pen and iridescent glitter.





THE JOY OF LEARNING CODING WITH DANI AND SAM FROM THE MINISTRY OF INSPIRATION



This week, our staff enjoyed a scrumptious lunch, thoughtfully prepared by our talented Food and Nutrition students.



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. Catch up with **ASTRID READ** for more info.

Sunny Fridays



UPCOMING DATES

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

Tuesday 31st March -Uniform Shop Open 9.30am to 4.00pm

Thursday 2nd April Last day Term 1

Friday 3rd April Good Friday Rotorua Combined Churches Service

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday Celebration our Saviour Jesus is alive!

Monday 20th April Teacher Only Day

Monday 20th April Uniform Shop open 9.00am to 3.00pm

Tuesday 21st April Term 2 begins



KESWICK KLUB



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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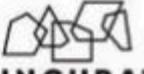
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2026 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS (as at 7 April 2025)

		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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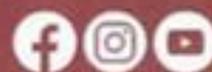
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ROTORUA

SUNDAY 21 SEPT, 4:00 PM
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