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## HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 2 TERM 2

*"You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior... The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy". Psalm 65 v 5 & 8 (NIV)*

*"He mea whakawehiwehi i runga i te tika tau whakahoki mai ki a matou, e te Atua o to matou whakaoranga... e matakū ai ngā pito o te whenua i au tohu: e whakaohoho nei koe i ngā putanga o te ata, o te ahiahi, ki te waiata." Hāmuera 65:5 & 8*

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Our tamariki returned to school bright-eyed and excited. It's such a joy to have them back! We love hearing their chatter and laughter in the corridors, and their energy is infectious! They look extra smart in their Winter uniforms. That rich teal colour suits everyone, and the change is perfectly timed for having photos this week. After the rough weather of the Term 1 holiday break, we are grateful to have enjoyed some sunny days and all the fun of playing together outside. The past fortnight gives clear indication that we have had a settled start to Term 2.

On the weekend, Jeremy and I walked around Lake Okareka which took a couple of hours on a glorious Sunday afternoon. This photo captures the closing Autumn season as we enter May, the final month of autumn painted splendour. It is a blessing to live in a part of the world where the changes of season are distinctive. We can then recognize the changes, and appreciate the beauty that each one brings.



I will confess I didn't altogether love raking up the leaves from our Oak tree which has a prolific number scattered across the driveway on a daily basis. No sooner are they raked up, than more are cascading down as the wind shakes them loose. When focused on trying to tidy up it's easy to miss the moment, and the joy of the season, so today's walk put that right back in perspective. Creation's changing seasons fuel wonder and delight!

Me te aroha tonu  
With love always *Hazel*



# YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP

Camp at Finlay Park was an amazing time for building community, exploring outdoor activities, developing confidence, resilience and cooperation. **Whaea Lisa** did a wonderful job of organization, and the programme ran seamlessly, with the help of wonderful parents who supervised various activities. These parents, **Kirsty Maxwell-Crawford, Tanya Perrett, Kara Niles, Mark Kieck, Dave Longbottom** and **Aaron Russell** with **Ella Jeffcote** leading the charge, even entertained us with their synchronized swimming skit at the concert. They were quite a sight, guaranteed to bring a giggle or two from the mesmerized audience. Watching the video allows you to imagine how on earth synchronized swimming happened on dry land! Very funny!!! **Tanja and Paul Lotter** catered for our Camp, and the food was beautifully presented, and deliciously divine! Chefs extraordinaire, an utter treat!



At camp we watched our rangatahi confronting their fears, embracing new challenges and moving beyond their comfort zones. This was exemplified in their climbing challenging rock wall courses, braving water slide speed, reaching 'blob' heights, flying into the Waikato River, aiming for archery Bull's Eye target, and all with the support and encouragement of their classmates. As for the Animal Safari, there were a few surprises that the parents threw into the adventure, that added an extra obstacles for our rangatahi to overcome. Finishing with some fierce group team building and friendly competition closed off an extremely successful Camp Outdoor educational experience. The great news is our booking for 2027 is already confirmed!









# PŌHIRI/PŌWHIRI

On Kaimahi/Staff Only day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, we had the privilege of welcoming our Tauranga Bethlehem College colleagues to BC Chapman. Around 250 kaimahi/staff from across the various entities CET-Christian Education Trust, BoT-Board of Trustees, BTI-Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, Primary, Secondary, International, Grounds staff from the 'seaside' campus arrived in buses and vans.

Our kaumatua Matua Rawiri and Whaea Bessie, supported by Whaea Dawn and Whaea Bethany, led us in welcoming our manuhiri. This beautiful Māori tradition is such a significant expression of 'hospitality' of the way Scripture calls us to love, and welcome others into our whānau/family. Every single time, our Lord's blessing is tangibly felt as we extend our whānau.

Whaea Sue Baker responded to Whaea Bessie as she called them into the auditorium, and upon entry our Rotorua current tamariki and past rangatahi, did the Te Arawa Haka with passion. Latu Paletu'a and Rowan Cook welcomed our manuhiri & Kaumatua. Tauha Te Kani from BTI gave the kōrero for ours manuhiri/visitors. Our Principal Mr Larne Edmeades, was our next speaker and he reminded us of all we share, 'sea' and 'lakeside'. We share our faith, our founding Principal Mr Graham Preston, & our calling to the Mission and Vision of equipping the next generation to know, love and serve Jesus.

Kaumatua Rawiri, was our final speaker and he drew together how we are unified in Christ, chosen and called to glorify Him in our worship and service, a response to Jesus and His love. Following this we did the hongī before worshipping together. Miriam Fisher, the guest speaker from Laidlaw College in Christchurch, spoke. She reminded us of the importance of being still, listening to God's leading and to noticing & acknowledging all that we can be grateful for. Morning tea was served in the café, and it was a joy to watch connections being made and strengthened. Most of our Tauranga colleagues had never been to BC Chapman, so it was a blessing to share where we are located and the amazing Rotorua community, we serve. We are grateful for the exceptional effort of all involved in making this special occasion happen.



Each of our manuhiri received a flax kete, with a piece of paua, a verse of encouragement written by one of our Year 5-8 tamariki, a bookmark, and a chocolate lovingly packed by Ana, Matilda, and Hazel Moffatt. We know that opening those kete was a blessing of aroha/love for the person receiving it.

# WAKA TAUTOKO

**Sarah Moffatt, Chairperson** of our 'Waka Tautoko'/PTA continues to inspire, enthuse and mobilize us to share what we have, and can do, to love and serve others. Our 'waka tautoko' members, came on Sunday afternoon & early Monday morning to prepare food in readiness for the Pōhiri. Amidst moving furniture, setting up & decorating tables and making an array of delicious food under the direction of our **Head Chef Mrs Tanja Lotter**, there were rich conversations and plenty of laughter.

Honestly, this reflects the strength of the BC Chapman whānau community we are blessed to have. Willingness to serve, commitment to engage in making events happen, unity and generosity of heart, authentically express love in word & action. We will be having a meeting later this Term, and if you'd like to join, be assured you'll be welcomed with open arms.





# BETHLEHEM COLLEGE CHAPMAN CROSS COUNTRY 2026

*Run Strong. Cheer Loud. One Community.*



**LET'S  
MAKE IT  
EPIC!**

## CROSS COUNTRY

We are straight into building running stamina as we work our way to being able to sustain the longer distance that Cross Country requires. There is plenty of enthusiasm in training with some of our runners already having a head start with their fitness. These keen athletes have been training over the holiday break completing the 40 kms needed to be able to run the final 2 kms of the Rotorua Marathon on Friday. This is a significant accomplishment! Watch for some photos of this event in our next Newsletter.



**LOCATION**  
Waipa Car Park



**DATE**  
Friday  
22nd May 2026



**TIME**  
12:20pm –  
3:30pm approx.



**POSTPONEMENT**  
N/A

*Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman parents,*

We are excited for our annual Cross Country event – the culmination of all the hard work in Fitness and PE sessions.

This is also our first major **Sporting House Competition**, where valuable points will be earned!

We would love your support to make this a special community event.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP!



**COURSE  
MARSHALS**  
(Approx. 20 needed)



**TRANSPORT**  
To and from  
the venue



**SPECTATORS**  
Come along and  
cheer our tamariki  
on!



**BBQ SUPPORT**  
Help with the  
sausage sizzle



**PHOTOS**  
(send to  
Whaea Irma)



### EVENT SCHEDULE

**RACE 1** 1:10pm – Year 0–3  
(Rooms 2, 3 & 4)

**RACE 2** 1:30pm – Year 4–6  
(Rooms 1 & 6)

**RACE 3** 1:50pm – Year 7–8  
(Room 5)

**PRIZE GIVING** 2:30pm – 3:00pm



**LUNCH AT SCHOOL**  
11:45am – 12:15pm  
(Bring normal lunch)



**DEPART SCHOOL**  
12:20pm – 12:40pm



**RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
3:15pm – 3:30pm ish

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Bring a full drink bottle
- Warm clothing essential (It can be VERY cold at Waipa!)
- Marshals: please bring beanies and thermals
- Students must remain until the event concludes and are dismissed by Mrs Warnes
- Supporting others is part of our BC Chapman community spirit



**SAUSAGES AVAILABLE  
AFTER THE RACES!**  
**\$3 EACH  
(CASH ONLY)**

### TRANSPORT REMINDERS

- ✓ Students must travel to and from with the same driver
- ✓ Drivers transporting other children must present a driver's licence and complete a Designated Driver Form prior to the event
- ✓ Children needing a car seat must bring it to school



*Praying for great weather, safety, and a wonderful community day where our tamariki give their very best!*



## NETBALL

Our first ever Year 7 & 8 Netball team, **Chapman Tuakana** has entered the Winter Season competition with their first game played on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Whaea Stacy** is their coach, and we have no doubt that this team is going to go from strength to strength on past years of Future Ferns experience.



# MINI MARATHON

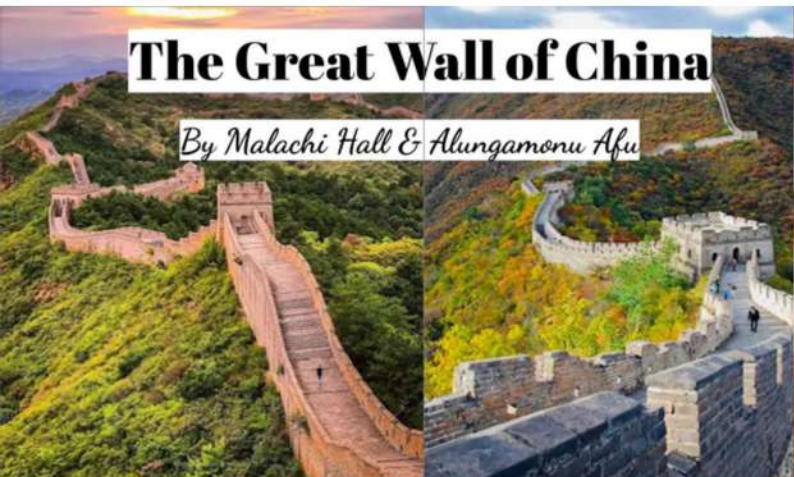
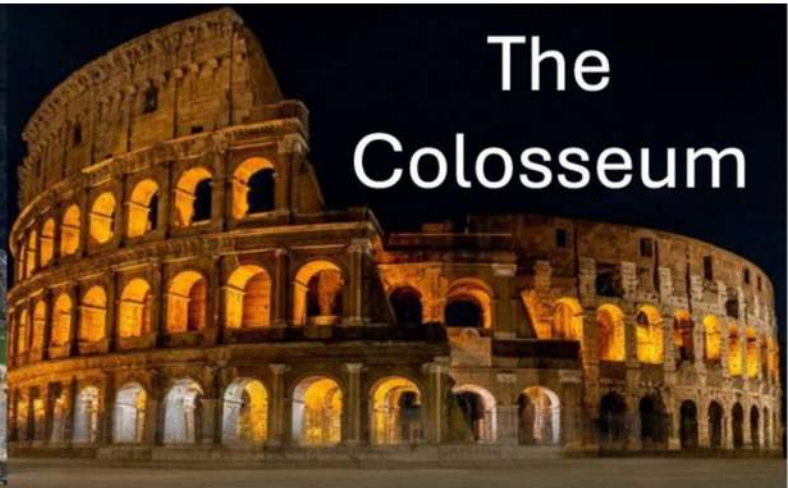
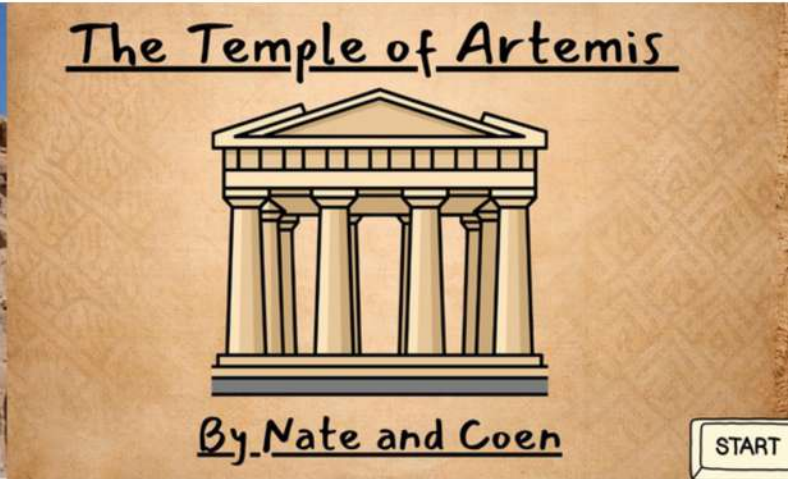
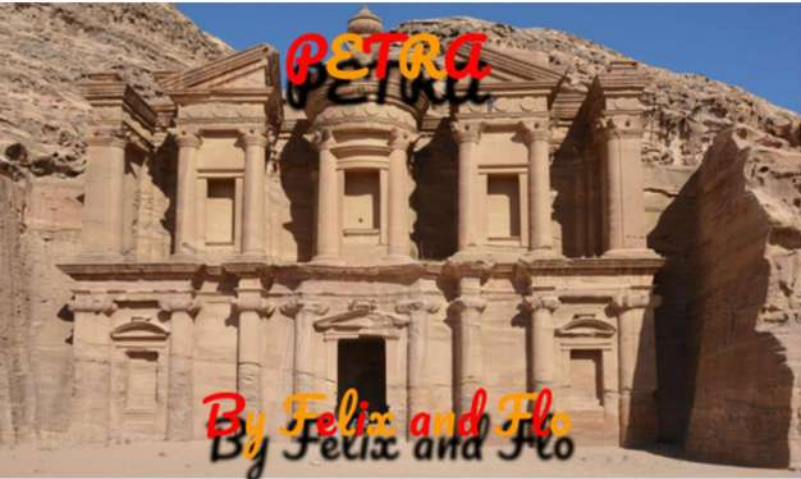


**BOYS  
SPREADING THE  
BARK IN PLAY  
AREA**



# THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi researched a number of recognized 'wonders in our world' as part of their Term 1 Inquiry Learning. These were presented first week back, and the learning has been rich. Presentations enabled others to learn and benefit from the research undertaken by their peers. Topics such as .....



**THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA**

- An oral presentation prepared to show you by Latu, Ryan, Young. We hope you will enjoy our presentation and even learn some things.



# WRITERS CORNER

Our Writing this week showcases some impressive sentences created alongside Ruma whā's colourfully patterned 'Beetle' art.

The strong beetle made a dumbbell out of one stick, two nuts, and another stick. (Matt)



The strong beetle picked up a huge building and threw it into the galaxy. (Lachlan)



The tiny beetle searched for food in the brown, dusty dirt while the curious beetle searched for treasure at the beach. Another naughty beetle drank my milkshake at Starbucks! (Jadon)



The hungry beetle crawled in-between the couch cushions and ate some crumbs of food. (Essie)

On a rainy day, a tincy-wincy beetle ran all the way to a puddle for a swim. (Hazel)

The lazy beetle went to a secret hideout with his friend to eat snacks. They lay on a soft comfortable ball of wool, which is like a beanbag for beetles. (Mileah)

The fashionable beetle went to the Talent Show to show off the colourful patterns on his back. (Maia)



The cheeky beetle crawled into someone's ear and laid its eggs. (Lucas)

The colourful beetle is so good at disguising itself. (Soul)

The colourful beetle visited Time-zone to dance a funky move on the dance floor machine. (Elaina Parent)



The curious beetle sneaked onto the Skyline Gondola, fell off its seat, and landed in the middle of a bunny hole. (Anna B)

The indestructible fire robot beetle blasted fire balls at the gigantic U.F.O, destroying Metal E.V.E 2.0 from Bunny versus Monkey number 6000. (Findlay)

The new beetle in town was a magical fire beetle who loved making glass sculptures. (Eli Bell)



# BLING BUGS

Ruma tahi/Room 1 tamariki art this week has been created with **Whaea Becs** using bright colours and glitter, which adds sparkle into the mix, as it captures and reflects the light so beautifully! Never have 'bugs' looked prettier or more appealing!





# CYANOTYPE ART

**Ruma ono** has been creating **Cyanotype Art** with **Whaea Jas**. Cyanotype is a 19th-century camera-less photographic printing process, that produces cyan-blue prints using UV light (sunlight) and iron salt chemicals. The end result was impressive!



These pieces of art are deeply connected to the artists who created them. Each artwork carries meaning, reflecting what is treasured or of significant interest to its creator.”



**Tuakana /Teina  
spending time together on a wet Friday  
afternoon during lunchtime**



**Lunchtime is much more fun when it is shared with an older or younger bud**

**Community happens when we intentionally connect.**





# BESORAH

Creative Arts Group

## BEHIND THE SCENES CREW NEEDED!

★ Join the Creative Team Bringing Besorah to Life! ★

We're looking for helpers with willing hands and creative hearts.

⇒ *There's a place for everyone!* ⇒



### COSTUME TEAM

Help alter, fit, and refresh our costumes so they shine on stage.



### MAKE-UP TEAM

Assist with sourcing, planning, and designing creative character looks.



### PROPS TEAM

Get hands-on painting, building, and creating:

- Pole stand
- Stylised toys
- Map
- Ground tarp
- Backdrop



### SOUND SUPPORT

Help record voiceovers and manage sound for the performance.



Keen to help?

We'd love to have you! ♡



TEXT WHIĀA LUCELLE - 027 568 7639  
(within the next week)



FIRST MEET-UP  
Saturday 16th May | 1:00pm



AT SCHOOL  
Come along to be shown what's needed and choose how you'd like to help.

Many hands create magic ♡

Together we can create something truly special for our tamariki ★

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

|   |        | TERM START  | TERM FINISH                                  | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS                               |
|---|--------|---|--|---|
| <b>TERM 1</b>   | 9 wks* | <b>Monday 2 February</b><br>Y1-Y13 at school                  | <b>Thursday 2 April</b><br>(92 half-days)    | Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April             |
| <b>TERM 2</b>   | 11 wks | <b>Tuesday 21 April</b><br><i>20 April Staff Only Day</i>     | <b>Friday 3 July</b><br>(104 half-days)      | Saturday 4 July to Sunday 19 July             |
| <b>TERM 3</b>   | 10 wks | <b>Tuesday 21 July</b><br><i>20 July Staff Only Day</i>       | <b>Friday 25 September</b><br>(98 half-days) | Saturday 26 September to<br>Sunday 11 October |
| <b>TERM 4</b>   | 9 wks  | <b>Tuesday 13 October</b><br><i>12 October Staff Only Day</i> | <b>Friday 11 December</b><br>(86 half-days)  | Saturday 12 December                          |
| <p><b>*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</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">These term dates comply with Ministry of Education requirements - open for instruction 380 (half) days in 2026.<br/>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<br>Y13 depart for camp<br>No other year groups at school |
| Thursday 29 January                             | Y13 at Camp<br>No other year groups at school  |
| Friday 30 January                               | Y13 return from camp<br>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   |

# IMPORTANT UP & COMING DATES

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May Mother's Day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May BC Chapman Cross Country at Waipa**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Kings Birthday Holiday**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa**

## BEGINNERS AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Art classes with Janet Keen enrolling NOW for the remainder of Term 2,3 and 4  
Drawing, Painting, Mosaics.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.35pm to 5.35pm  
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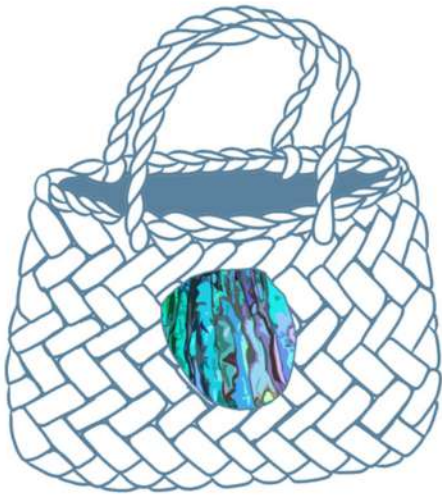


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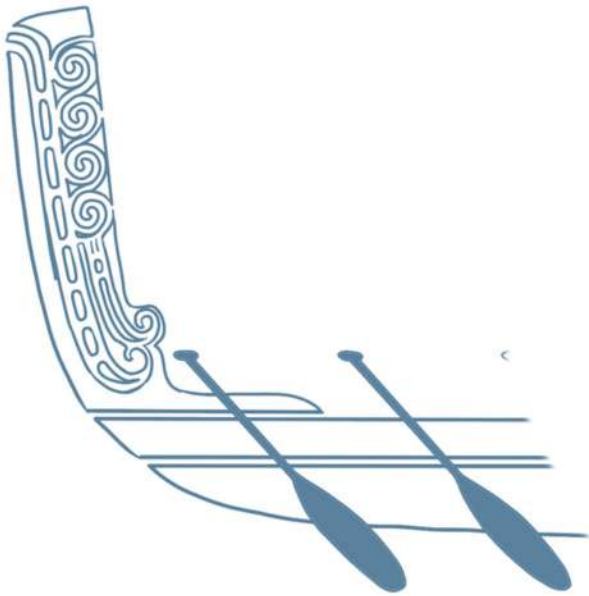
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