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HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 6 TERM 2

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Settled weeks of fine sunny cloudless days has been the hallmark of this month. The final traces of Autumn linger as the leaves cover the ground, crunching underfoot, preceding the arrival of Winter.

It has been a lovely week of celebrating 6-year-old birthdays. May is obviously a popular birthday month in our kura and likewise wearing civvies clothing gives us all the opportunity to celebrate together. Our founding principal, Mr Graham Preston, instigated the practice of wearing civvies so that the entire kura/school community recognized a significant day in the life of that young person. This is a tradition we keep and is part of belonging to BC Chapman.

Can you imagine what a joy it is to be involved with your tamariki? It is a privilege, life-giving and never dull, unpredictable, exciting and refreshing. For example, every day without fail, I have these two beautiful young people visit me in my Office. They light the world with their presence, with their view of life, their love for Jesus, and their expression of unconditional love to those around them.



Psalm 139:14 NIV
'I praise you because I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your
works are wonderful,
I know that full well'.

"Ka whakawhetai ahau ki
a koe; he mea
whakawehi, he mea
whakamiharo toku
hanganga; he mahi
whakamiharo au mahi,
mohio rawa ano toku
wairua ki tena"

It isn't only me who benefits, the joy they share is for all. Permeating even the most dismal of weather, they are shining stars! Although new to our kura this year, they have already connected as best friends. Abiya and Esther are by no means exclusive in their friendship and it is incredibly encouraging to see that they, like many of our tamariki, know how to 'make room for one more'. As the sign in Whaea Lucelle's class states, 'We belong together!'.

We pray that you each know how important you are to our BC Chapman community. You are an integral part of doing life together. Just this morning a couple of us were saying how grateful we are that we can partner with you as whānau for the benefit of our tamariki. **Whānau/family and kura walking side my side, praying for and loving our tamariki that indeed they may grow to embrace all that our Heavenly Father has for them.**

Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*



CROSS COUNTRY

It was Thursday, the day before Cross Country and drizzling! A small wobble with faith and the temptation to book a one-way ticket to Fiji did cross my mind. However, with resilient tamariki who had trained for weeks for this event, we moved forward in faith and the annual event happened. The Whakarewarewa Forest fits the criteria for Cross Country, as the ground surface is far from even. With tree roots, rogue branches, loose stones and a couple of up and downhills, there is enough challenge without being completely overwhelming!



As soon as our 20 **Marshals** were in place the races began, and the reward at the end was worth every step. Once our athletes' heart rate settled, chocolate, sausages, tomato sauce and bread were enjoyed while the next set of runners completed the course. House competitive spirit and loyalty was voiced as was support for all our runners. Whānau and friends were fully engaged in cheering each of our fine Cross-Country athletes. Special thanks to **Paul and Tanja Lotter & helpers** for cooking our sausages and juice, to **Matua Wayne** for transporting our BBQ to and from Waipa, to **Kenny Mutton** for being our lead rider and to all our enthusiastic whānau and friends who love and support us!



HOUSE POINTS:

Māhaki 600

Tuari 670

Atawhai 790

Tika 630

10 points for all other runners

100 for the winner

80 for second

60 for third



CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS



NE-Year 3 Boys:

1. Cooper Moke (Atawhai)
2. David Meng (Māhaki)
3. Foster Conradie (Atawhai)



NE-Year 3 Girls

1. Promise Zhao (Tika)
2. Stella Groves (Tuari)
3. Elsa Fan (Atawhai)



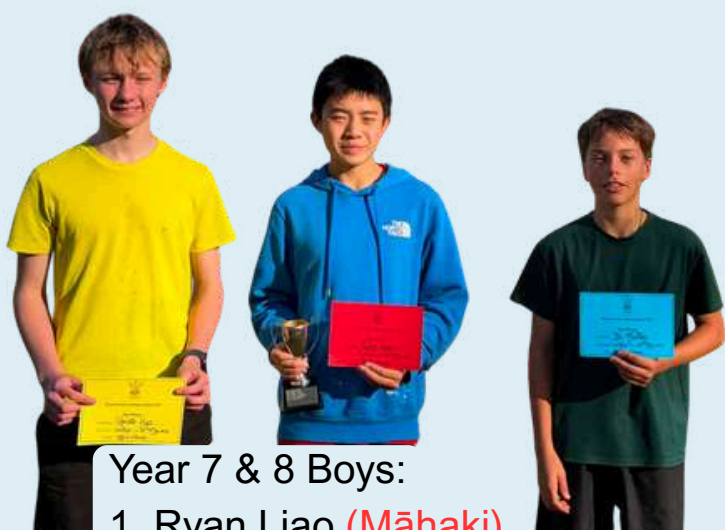
Year 4-6 Boys:

1. Nathan Oliver (Tika)
2. George Conradie (Atawhai)
3. Jadon Magill (Atawhai)



Year 4- 6 Girls:

1. Mikaela Christiansen (Atawhai)
2. Talia Read (Tuari)
3. Amelie Uys (Tuari)



Year 7 & 8 Boys:

1. Ryan Liao (Māhaki)
2. Flo Mutton (Atawhai)
3. Christo Uys (Tuari)



Year 7 & 8 Girls:

1. Olivia Perrett (Tuari)
2. Elyse Chan (Māhaki)
3. Katie Lotter (Māhaki)

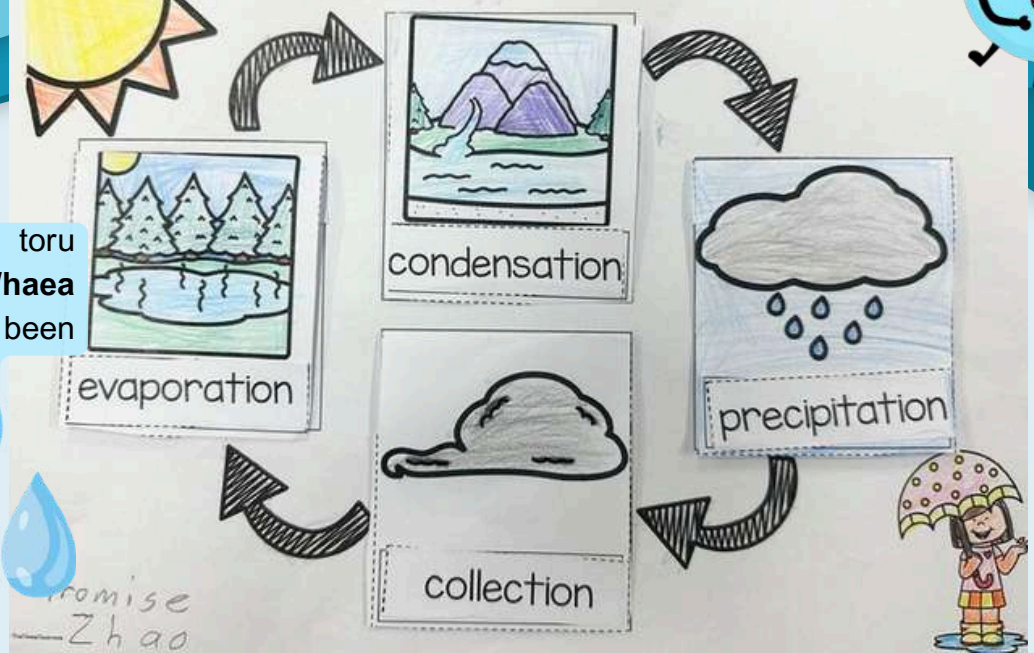






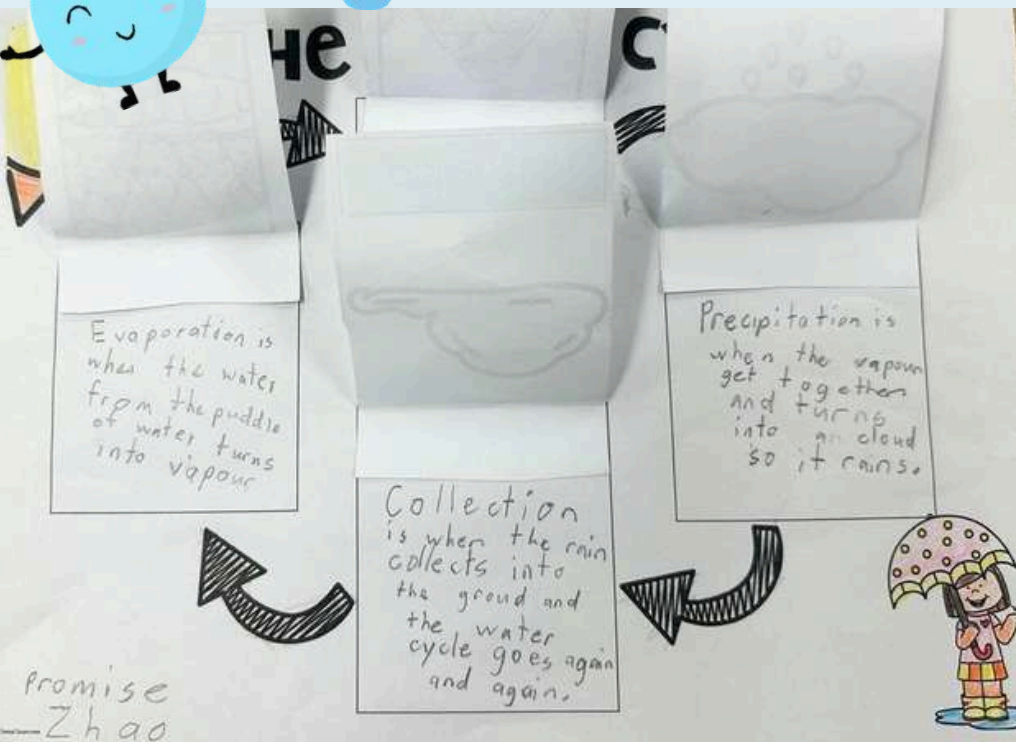


THE WATER CYCLE



Our Ruma rua and Ruma toru tamariki in Miss G & Whaea Lucelle's classes have been doing Science experiments.

It is impressive for 6 and 7-year-olds to confidently and competently take you through the meaning of these scientific terms!



Uncovering the elements of the **Water Cycle** they are able to **construct** and **explain** **evaporation**, **condensation**, **precipitation**, **collection** articulately!

Condensation is when the vapour goes up to the sky where the vapour turns cold so the vapour huddles together.

SPEECHES

25 JUNE 2026

Our Year 4-8 tamariki are writing their speeches. Speeches are presented within their own class to build confidence and to grow ability to sequence and deliver content to either inform or persuade an audience of a well-argued point of view. We choose to do for a couple of reasons. Firstly, for our young people to realize that words do hold power as Scripture clearly teaches & they need to be used wisely and chosen carefully. Secondly, we all have a responsibility to develop our thinking & to use our voice meaningfully. Thirdly, we are preparing in advance for Secondary kura years when part of curriculum is being able to construct & deliver a speech.



4-6 speakers from Year 4 to 6 and then from Year 7 & 8 are selected for our Speech Final which will be held on Thursday 25th June in The Living Well Church Auditorium. We have invited our Judges, Miss Crystal Turner and Mr Joel Devicich from Bethlehem College in Tauranga and they are keenly looking forward to this event. There will be several Performing Arts and Cultural items on that evening as we like to profile different gifts and talents across our kura. **Please book in the date as it is a special community occasion!** We guarantee that our speakers will inspire their audience.



BC CHAPMAN SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION

All whānau are warmly invited to attend our annual BC Chapman School Speech Competition evening.

CONFIDENCE! **COURAGE!** **SERVICE!**

The evening will begin with **PRIMARY SCHOOL SPEECHES**, followed by **SENIOR SCHOOL SPEECHES**. We look forward to celebrating the **courage**, **confidence**, and **hard work** of all our students as they take the stage and share their voices with our community.

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 6:00pm

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Our first Materials Technology Rotation for **Year 7 & 8** was recently completed. To finish the 12 week teaching and learning programme, our rangatahi/young people, finished their clocks. These were created from recycled timbers. As you can see, they are going to be a lasting memory of developing skills. This project was designed by **Matua Wayne** and supported by **Mr Andy Morton**. There was a definite sense of accomplishment and pride as these were taken to hang on one of the walls at their home.



WRITER'S CORNER

This week's Writing comes from Room 2, Whaea Lucelle's class.

The Birdie Game

After the holiday program at home me and my sister played birdies because I was her mother bird. My sister was sneaky because we played imaginary lollies, and she ate them all! I taught my baby bird how to survive in Nature.

Charlotte Milsom

(Year 1, nearly 6 years old.)

The Best Rugby

I Ever Had On Sunday, at rugby, my sister Bethany, Daddy, Poppy and me, went to watch the game because my sweet daddy loves rugby! I saw Kayla-Rose, Harper and Jedidiah! It was amazing! I thought it was cool. The tough Chiefs won the game. I had dinosaur lollies. Then I went home.

Charlotte Milsom

(Year 1 who is NOW 6!)

Splash Planet

Last year in Hastings me, my mum and my aunts and uncles went to Splash Planet because it was a beautiful day. I'm glad it wasn't closed. When we checked in, I took a quick picture with **Blue Splash!** Then we all entered. We went on the train. Finally, we got off, we went on the Lazy River. It was very fun, especially when we went under the tunnel.

Afterwards me and mum went to the kids' water park. The whole water park was a brown, red and blue pirate ship. After a while we all had lunch by the Lazy River. Just then we went on the water slide. The last thing we did was go to the Spa pool. I felt bubbly and warm. At last, we went home!

Ebenezer Barnett Year 2





The Hut

On the weekend in the Redwoods, me and my family found a stick hut that we sat in, because it looked like a tent. Then my mum and dad took a picture.

We rode on our bikes and there were bumpy, woody roots, that we had to ride over. I was full of joy! After that, I went to go and get some dinner with my family. Then we all went home and got ready to go to bed. We had pizza for dinner. When I was in bed, I thought we had a fun day and I felt happy because I was with my family. The next day was a brand new day and I knew it was going to be fun day too.

Stella Groves (Year 2)

At Grandma's Place

On Thursday at Grandma's house, when we were cooking dinner, our cousins suddenly surprised us.

When our cousins were there, we watched a funny programme called "Try not to laugh".

Then we ate dinner and if we had finished our meal, we could have a slice of delicious cake.

Silas Hill (Year 2)

Harper's Birthday

In the morning, me and my family had waffles for breakfast. It was yummy. After that Harper, Dad, Mum and me went for a bike ride. We saw Lucy and Grace. Then we biked back home. Later we went to the rugby and ate donuts, and they were yum too. Then we saw some of our friends. Then we drove back home where we had a pizza and a special cake. We sang 'Happy Birthday' to Harper with the lights off and blew out the candles together.

Kayla-Rose Jellard (Year 2)

ART GALLERY

We are featuring the Cyanotype Prints of our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi which shows the application of knowledge of the technique and the outcome of growing skills.







Our Year 4 & 5 tamariki from Whaea Kayleigh's class created beetles using sharpies and felt pens after exploring sentence casting in relation to their imaginary beetle. If you look closely, you will see the unique expression of each personality. Such a joy!



The tiny-winky beetle went into the Zoo and snuck into the lion's cage and woke him up! (Avatea)
The cute beetle sneaked out of the nest, fell off the tree and became a Super Hero. (Avatea)



The magical beetles was playing Peek-a-boo. (Elsa Lil)



When the tiny-winky beetle ate shrimp, unfortunately he ate too much, and exploded. (Maria)
The fashionable beetle went to the latest Show to show off the colourful patterns on his back. (Maria)



The curious beetle crawled to the dark corner of the bathroom and laid her eggs in the sad side of the wall. (Odette)



The adventurous beetle explored the lake for a vacation. (Kaleb)
The smelly beetle crawled down the chimney. (Kaleb)



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. (Mikah)



Super Beetle Sentences
The indestructible fire robot beetle blasted fire balls at the gigantic U.F.O, destroying Metal E.V.E 2.0 from Bunny versus Moody number 6000. (Firdaus)



The colourful beetle visited Tampere to dance a funky move on the dance floor machine. Afterwards he reserved nine billion tickets and bought everything in the Price section. (Elana)



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



The lucky beetle won an arcade game and received \$1,000! (Rebecca)



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



On a rainy day, a tiny-winky beetle ran all the way to a puddle for a swim. (Hazel)
The colourful beetle crawled all the way to someone's house to have a snack from their pantry. (Hazel)



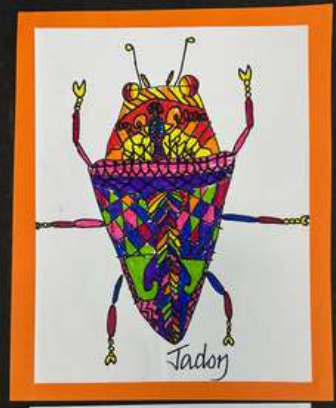
Grace M

The naughty beetle spun in the tree and got so dizzy, he fell out of the tree. (Grace M)
Once a beetle with rainbow wings, laid his eggs in the toy basket. (Grace M)



Jonny

The stinky dumb beetle stole clothes from the wardrobe. She hid in the freezer and didn't realize she could freeze to death. (Jonny)



Jadon

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



Soul

The colourful beetle is so good at digesting meat. (Soul)



Shaun

The strong enthusiastic beetle is defeating his enemy. (Shaun)
The moody beetle is hungry and he is searching for food to eat. (Shaun)



Lachlan

The strong beetle picked up a huge building and threw it into the galaxy. (Lachlan)
The naughty beetle stole a car and scurried to his house because Aunt Spiker was chasing him with a dett. (Lachlan)
The curious beetle ate an apple and turned into a small ant. (Lachlan)



Anna

The curious beetle sneaked onto the Skyline Gondola, fell off its seat, and landed in the middle of a bunny hole. (Anna)
The naughty beetle went to the hairdresser to see how beautiful she looked in the mirror. (Anna)



Harry

The cheery beetle raised someone's cupboard and came out with a packet of biscuits! (Harry)



Eli

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



Matt

The strong beetle made a dumb-bell out of one stick, six nuts and another stick. (Matt)
The adventurous beetle went hunting because he was



Inda

The graceful beetle impresses male beetles.



Ruma Tahi/Room One Art Rotation

In Rotations, Ruma Tahi learned about the artists who make things with gold and precious stones. Because we're about to enjoy the **King's Birthday weekend holiday** - we made Kings crowns. **GLITTER EVERYWHERE** but so much fun!



AUTHOR OF CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER

TOM.E.MOFFATT

Tom's Young Authors Winter Workshop is a fun, practical two-day creative writing workshop for students in Years 5–8 during the July holidays.

Led by award-winning children's author Tom E. Moffatt, students will learn how to create exciting characters, develop story ideas, and write their own short story in a supportive and engaging environment.

Workshops will be held at Otonga School, Rotorua:

Years 5–6: 6th–7th July

Years 7–8: 8th–9th July

Spaces are limited and early bird tickets are available until the end of May.

For full details and bookings, scan the QR code or visit: <https://tomemoffatt.com/winter2026/>

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Little Reminders

Reporting an absence.



Please phone the **School Office on 07 346 1492 before 8:30am** so we are aware of the reason for any absences and can inform your child's teacher. If the phone is unattended, please leave a message on the answer phone.

You can also report your student's absence digitally through SchoolBridge (via the BC website sign-in or app), or by emailing:

✉ office.chapman@beth.school.nz

✉ irma.vanniekerk@beth.school.nz

HEALTH REMINDER

The **New Zealand Ministry of Education and Health New Zealand guidelines** advise that children should stay home if they are unwell. This is especially important with gastro symptoms currently increasing in the community.

If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for **at least 48 hours after symptoms have stopped before returning to school**. Keeping sick tamariki at home helps prevent illness spreading through our classrooms and protects the wellbeing of students and staff.

Thank you for your support, care, and consideration for our school community, whānau.



Uniform Reminder

Please make sure that **EVERY** uniform item is clearly named, including:



Socks



Jerseys



Jackets



Hats



Shoes



Lunch boxes & drink bottles




Unnamed items quickly end up in the lost property pile.

Please check lost property regularly, as unclaimed items will be cleared out and donated to the uniform shop.

Polishable Shoes Reminder

Students are expected to wear clean, polishable black school shoes as part of the school uniform.




Thank you for helping our students take pride in their uniform and our school. 

Tough Guy & Tough Girl – Family Challenge (Rotorua)

We will not be entering a kura/school team for this event, however individuals and whānau are welcome to investigate and enter this fun and exciting challenge.

Family Challenge Event

 17 Saturday 22nd August 2026

 Rotorua



TOUGH GUY & GIRL FAMILY CHALLENGE ROTORUA

THE FAMILY TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE IS BACK IN 2026!

i We will not be taking a kura/school team to this event, but individuals and whānau are welcome to investigate and enter this fun event.

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026 **ROTORUA**

ADULTS CAN NOW JOIN THE KIDS IN A FUN WHĀNAU TEAM EVENT LIKE NO OTHER!

Are you tough enough to take on the Family Tough Guy & Gal Challenge in Rotorua?

- FUN FOR THE WHOLE WHĀNAU**
Kids and adults work together!
- MUD, CLIMBS, CRAWLS & MORE!**
An action-packed obstacle course adventure.
- EMBRACE THE OUTDOORS**
Challenge yourself and enjoy the Rotorua terrain.
- STRONGER TOGETHER**
Build memories, teamwork and resilience.

EVERY PARTICIPANT RECEIVES A FINISHER'S MEDAL!

TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

APPROX. 3KM


IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE DISTANCE
It is an APPROXIMATELY 3km course, but due to the nature of our different venues terrain and challenges, we equate the TIME TAKEN of the fastest person to be "equivalent" to a flat 3km cross country course.
Therefore, some venues are shorter in distance, but equivalent in time.

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:
WWW.EVENTPROMOTIONS.CO.NZ/TGGC-FAMILY-ROTORUA

TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

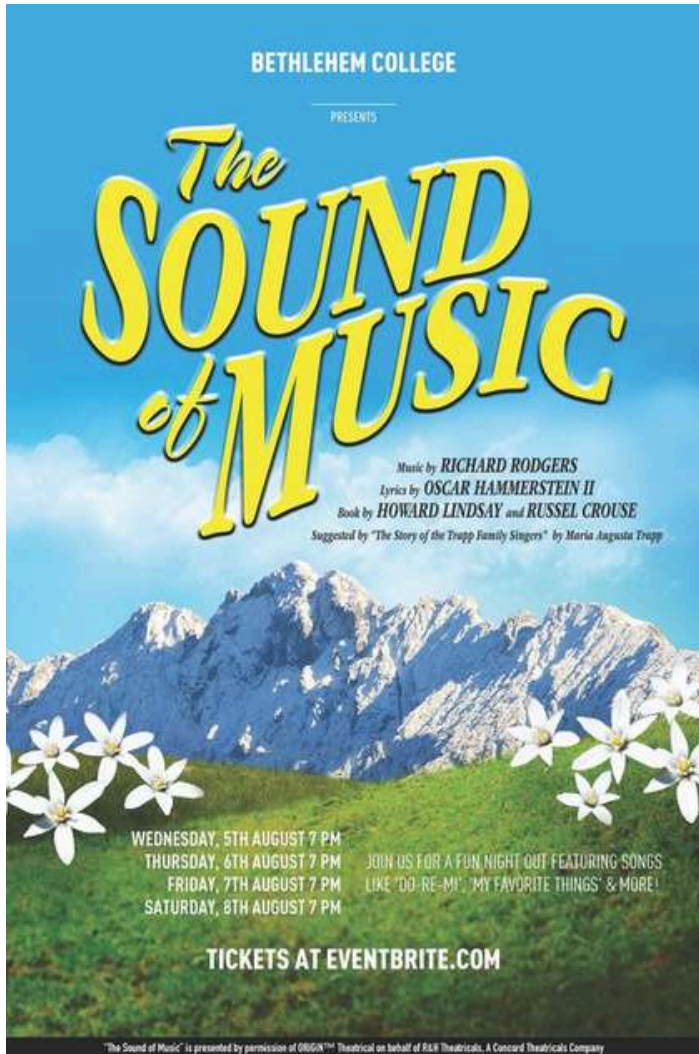
This is a fun whānau adventure event where adults and children can take part together in a unique obstacle course experience. It's part of New Zealand's original mud run series – designed for those who love challenge, laughter, and a bit of mud! Participants will work their way through a 3km (approximate equivalent) course filled with obstacles, climbs, crawls, and plenty of muddy fun. Because of varied terrain, some courses may be shorter in distance but are designed to be equivalent in effort and time to a 3km cross country run.

This event is all about teamwork, resilience, and enjoying the outdoors together. Every participant receives a finisher's medal.

 More information and registration:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tggc-family-rotorua/>

BC Tauranga Presents



The Sound of Music

Join us for an entertaining night out for the whole family! The Bethlehem College Drama and Music Departments are proud to present 'The Sound of Music' on Wed 5th, Thu 6th, Fri 7th and Sat 8th of August 2026 at 7 pm at the BC Performing Arts Centre. Set in Austria, this timeless story follows Maria, whose vibrant faith and love for music transform the grieving von Trapp household. As she brings harmony and laughter back to the family, she teaches seven children—and their stoic father—the power of unconditional love and grace. Featuring iconic songs like 'My Favorite Things', '16 Going On 17', 'Do-Re-Me', and 'So Long Farewell'. Buy tickets now at Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/the-sound-of-music-tickets-1990147220911?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

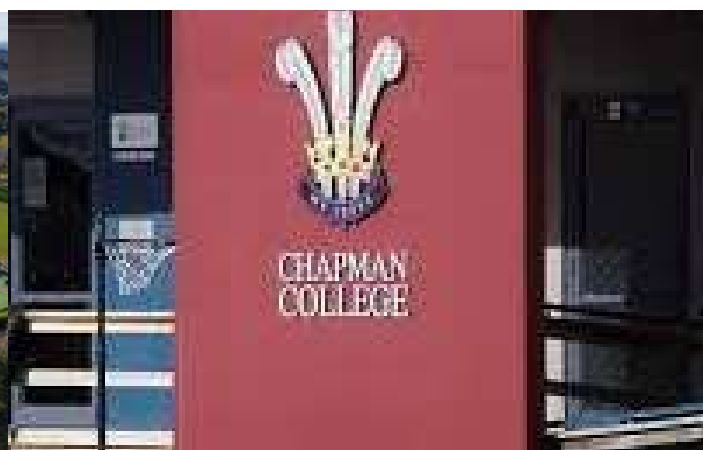
BC Alumni – BC Connect

Calling all past students, friends, parents and staff of Bethlehem College (Primary, Secondary & Chapman)! We would love to connect with you. Join our BC Connect group today to reconnect with BC friends here:

www.beth.school.nz/about/alumni.

https://www.instagram.com/bethlehemcollege_nz/

<https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemcollege>



UP & COMING DATES

Sunday 31st May last day free delivery Photolife photo order

Monday 1st June Kings Birthday weekend holiday

Friday 5th June Inter-Kura Cross Country at Kaharoa Kura

Tuesday 23rd June Music Festival at Matamata Baptist Church

Thursday 25th June BC Chapman Speech Final at LWC at 6pm

Friday 3rd July Civvies Day

Friday 3rd July Mid-Year Reports sent out

Friday 3rd July End of Term 2

Tuesday 28th July Start of Term 2

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