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HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 8 TERM 2

*'How much better to get
wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather
than silver!'*
Proverbs 16 v 16

*Ko te whiwhi ki te
whakaaro nui, ano te pai
pai atu i te whiwhi ki te
koura; ko te whiwhi hoki
ki te matauranga te mea
e hiahiatia nuitia atu i te
hiriwa.*

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

We are incredibly privileged to partner with you in a whole range of meaningful ways. It is marvellous how involved you are, and the many activities and events we are able to access, and do, because of your expertise, generosity & your willingness to support us.

This week we celebrated **Samoa Language Week** and for the first time our Pasifika students and Whaea Lisa's year 7 & 8 class were able to learn a Samoan dance. They were led & taught by **Reniveah Malaefono**, one of our Year 7 students, and assisted by three of our parents **Kathy Masina, lunesi Tusa & Dawn Muliaga** and a **grandparent Iva Zombos**. The opportunity to learn & perform a Samoan Dance generated great enthusiasm & a sense of ownership & pride in Pasifika cultural identity.

Coaching Sports teams through rugby, football, netball, leading & **servicing at Pōhiri, catering & extending hospitality & transporting** our tamariki to and from sporting and cultural events, are other ways, that members of our whānau community love and serve. This past weekend **some parents have been helping to cut and create drama costumes**. Our **'waka tautoko' PTA**, are in the throes of planning & preparing our Spring Fair, which will be held later this year in

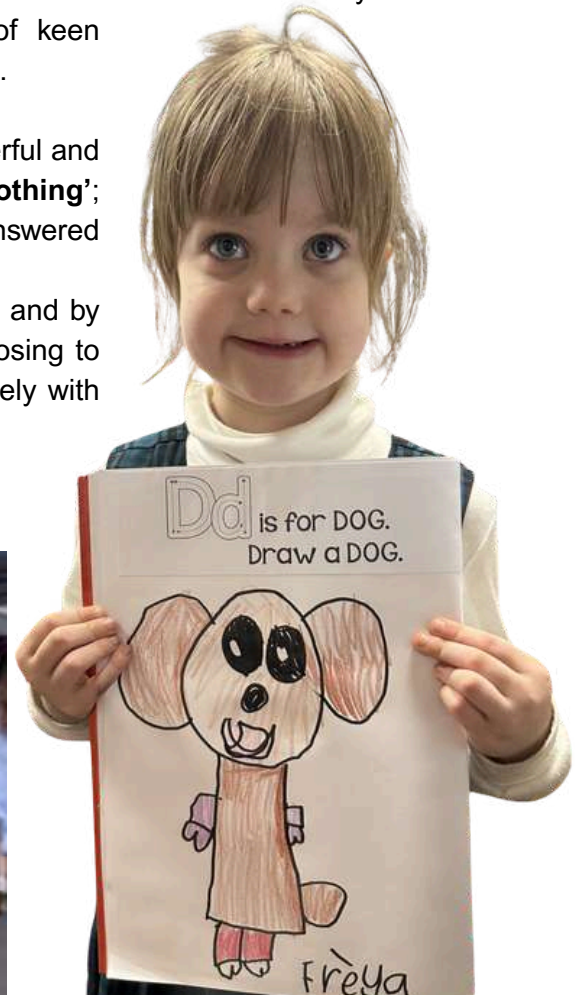
November. At our last meeting we had such a wonderful turnout of keen whānau who want to serve our kura through assisting with special events.

We know that many of you **pray for us** on a daily basis and that is powerful and an integral part of Christian Education. **'Apart from Jesus we can do nothing'**; the story of Bethlehem College Chapman is the wondrous story of answered prayer & the miraculous working of God.

We are deeply blessed by your ownership of & involvement in our kura and by the contributions you each make seen and unseen. Thank you for choosing to send your son/daughter to BC Chapman & for faithfully journeying closely with us.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK



Tālofa! We give thanks for the wonderful contribution of **Iunesi, Kathy, Iva, and Dawn** during Samoan Language Week. We are grateful for the time, energy, and cultural knowledge they shared through teaching Samoan songs, dances, language, and traditions, enriching the learning experiences of our students and strengthening our school community. We are looking forward to more performances now that a start has been made.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

— Psalm 133:1

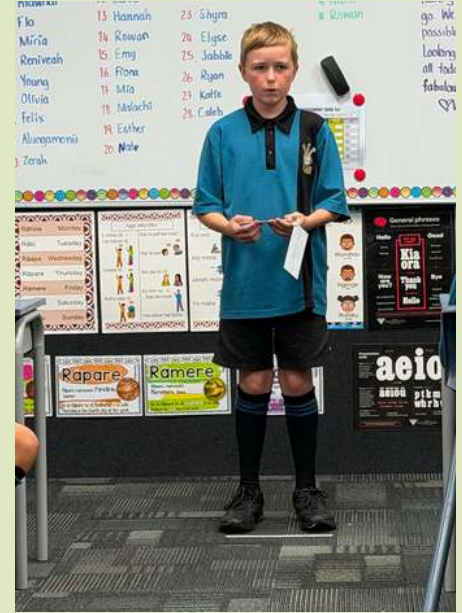


SPEECHES

Our Ruma Ono/6 students confidently presented their persuasive speeches to their classmates, **Whaea Lisa and Mrs Jeffcote**, this week, sharing a wide range of thoughtful and relevant topics. Their speeches challenged their classmates to reflect, think critically, and consider different perspectives on everyday life and values.

Topics included **screen time and digital habits, friendship and kindness, honesty and gossip, self-worth, faith and Sabbath rest, health and exercise, and the importance of serving others**. Students also explored other ideas such as **“Is Church worth it?”**, **“Am I enough?”**, **“Dogs are the best pets”**, and **“Don’t let jealousy get the best of you.”**

It has been encouraging to see students speak with courage, conviction, and care to their classmates and teacher as they developed their communication and persuasive skills. The construction & sequencing of speech content & then its subsequent delivery involves significant oral & written skills. **We are looking forward to our kura Speech Final which will be held on Thursday 25th June at 6pm in the Living Well Church Auditorium.** The standard of speeches is high & you will be inspired by these young orators.






We are delighted to welcome our judges, Miss Crystal Turner and Mr Joel Devcich from Bethlehem College Tauranga, to our Speech Finals evening. The programme will also feature a variety of Performing Arts and Cultural items, showcasing the many gifts and talents within our kura. Please save the date and join us for this special community event. We know our speakers will inspire and encourage all who attend!



ROCKET SCIENCE IN ACTION

Our **Room 5 students** had a blast investigating how the angle of launch affects the distance a rocket travels! Through hands-on experimentation, they launched rockets at a variety of angles, eagerly watching them soar through the air before carefully measuring and recording the distances travelled. Who knows we might have another rocket launching genius or a NASA astronaut in the making.

This exciting investigation gave students the opportunity to think and work like real scientists - making predictions, gathering data, and searching for patterns in their results. There were plenty of cheers, surprises, and discussions as students discovered that small changes in launch angle could make a big difference to how far a rocket flew. Fortunately, every launch remained within the school grounds so we didn't need to retrieve any rockets from our neighbours.

Along the way, they developed a deeper understanding of the forces involved in rocket flight, while enjoying the fun and excitement of scientific discovery. 🚀🌟📊



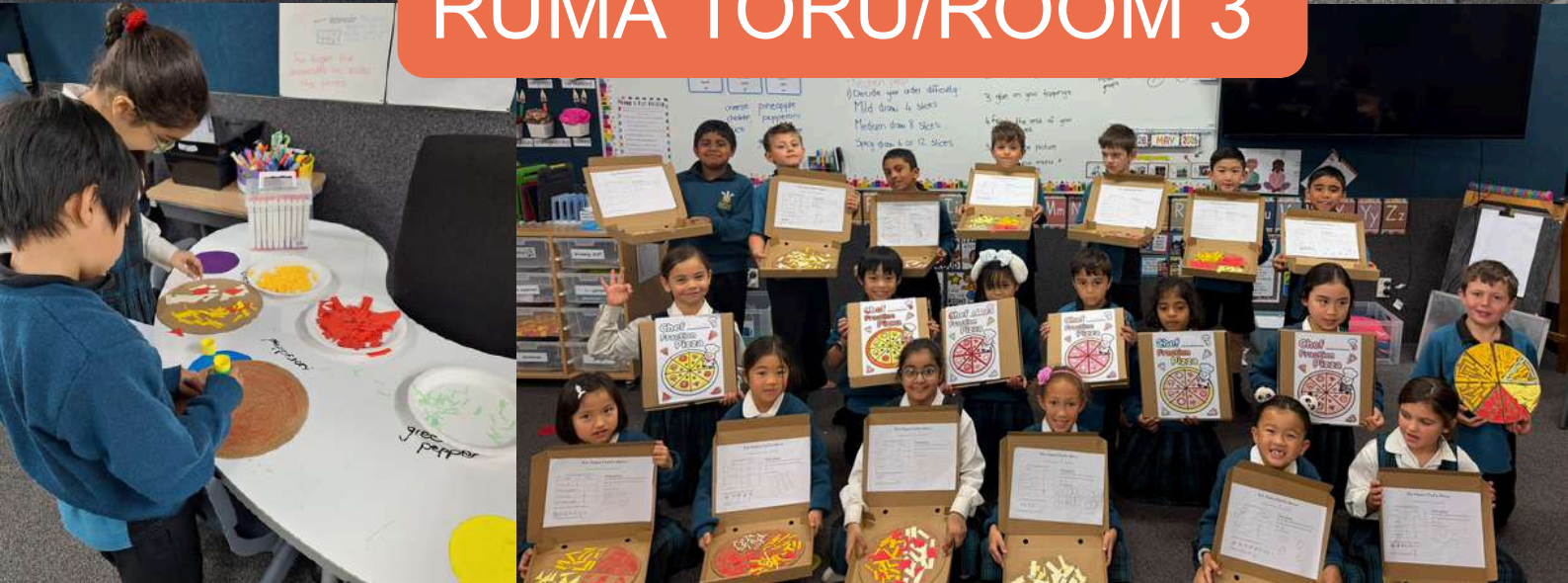
FRACTIONS THROUGH PIZZA & ART

Ruma toru/Room 3 tamariki in Miss G's class have been reinforcing their understanding of fractions through a fun and creative cross-curricular learning experience. To extend their learning, students combined mathematics with art by designing and creating colourful fraction pizzas. Through cutting, arranging, and decorating their creations, tamariki were able to visually represent fractions while expressing their creativity. It was wonderful to see students confidently applying their knowledge & developing their mathematical understanding. This hands-on approach helped bring mathematical concepts to life in a meaningful and engaging way.

The only sad part was that the pizza were inedible! Maybe we could rectify that by a visit to the Supermarket!



RUMA TORU/ROOM 3



YEAR 7&8 SCIENCE

"Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them." — Psalm 111:2

It has been wonderful to see our **Year 7 and 8 students** embracing the role of young scientists this term. Through hands-on investigations, students have been learning to apply the scientific method by asking questions, making predictions, conducting fair tests, collecting data, and drawing conclusions from their findings. Their projects have showcased both curiosity and creativity, with students exploring a wide range of questions.

Investigations included discovering which liquid best prevents apples from browning, finding the perfect amount of sugar for cupcakes, examining which liquids cause the most damage to teeth, testing the strongest bridge designs, exploring the best ways to protect an egg from breaking, surveying the most popular types of milk, and investigating how the number of Mentos affects a soft drink reaction. **Science is truly wonder generating & highly motivating!**

It has been encouraging to watch students persevere through challenges, think critically about their results, and grow in confidence as learners. Science provides a wonderful opportunity to explore and appreciate God's incredible creation, and our students have done an outstanding job demonstrating curiosity, determination, and a love of learning throughout the process.



ELI BELL'S -ING START SENTENCES

Checking the map, the astronaut amazingly found a planet that was never discovered in a million years.

Blasting off, the rocket went into the amazing universe that never ends.

Working on the model, the team built a mini sized rocket for their captain.



WRITER'S CORNER

Winter Poems Ruma whā/Room 4 Whaea Kayleigh

It has been a joy to see our **Room 4 tamariki** sharing their thoughts about Winter through poetry. From foggy, chilly mornings to rainy days, students used their imagination and descriptive language to bring the season to life. We are so proud of the creativity, confidence, and effort they have shown as young writers. Writing poetry encourages students to carefully select words that paint vivid pictures and create emotion for the reader.

The hot blazing fire shone in my eyes as I watched the fire dance in the cold winter night.

I heard the hot fire swooshing around as my family blew on our hot chocolate.'

I felt the warm blanket as my family snuggled in, while feeling the marshmallow melt in my mouth.

I noticed that when it is winter it feels so cozy and warm if you're near the fire.

Winter fills the world with a wonderful cold breeze.

Essie Tijing

I can see children playing in the hills.
I can hear sounds of laughter in the distance.

I feel like a warm and cuddly teddy bear ready to be hugged.

I notice the trees, leaves and bushes are changing every minute.

I can taste hot milo and marshmallows in my mouth.

I can smell a yummy, cooked roast on the dinner table.

It is a very chilly, cold and freezing moment.

Jadon Magill

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

– Ecclesiastes 3:1

I can see tall trees whooshing in the freezing cold wind.

I smell the cosy blanket ready to warm me up.

I taste the yummy hot chocolate ready to warm me up.

I smell the smoky wind whooshing through the trees like a rocket flying through the tall trees.

Winter covers the earth with rain and wind.

The days go faster like a racing car racing.

Anna Bejoy

Coldly, fog runs across the moonlit sky like a fast cheetah.

Loudly, the cold ice stomped on the grass leaving weird trails.

Warmly, the blankets wrap around me with a warm hug.

Everywhere winter goes, it is cold and frosty like an ice cube.

Relaxing, my hot chocolate kisses me with its marshmallows.

Winter brings ice and rain, but God remains the same.

Ariana Simpson Castaneda

I see cold frosty ice crackling satisfyingly
in the winter pine tree as I sip my hot
chocolate with a blanket keeping me
warm.

I start to hear the fire crackling
satisfyingly by the burning firewood
burning into the fire like a squishy
marshmallow melting.

I feel the icy wind whispering onto my
warm cheek.

I hear the trees dancing in the wind, as
the children play with joy.

I taste the sweetness of the warm milo
and the chocolate cookie.

I notice the streets become frosty and get
cold like ice.

Winter fills the world with hot cocoa and
the warm of the campfire.

Odette Consumo

I see mist fogging up the cold and grey skies.
I hear rain pitter pattering on the window.
Strong winds blow outside like a heavy
thunderstorm.

I feel a cosy and warm blanket wrap around
me while a chilly feeling goes up that spine
of mine.

I notice icy, cold frost covering the grassy
ground.

It looks like a frosty, snow-white blanket
covering the ground.

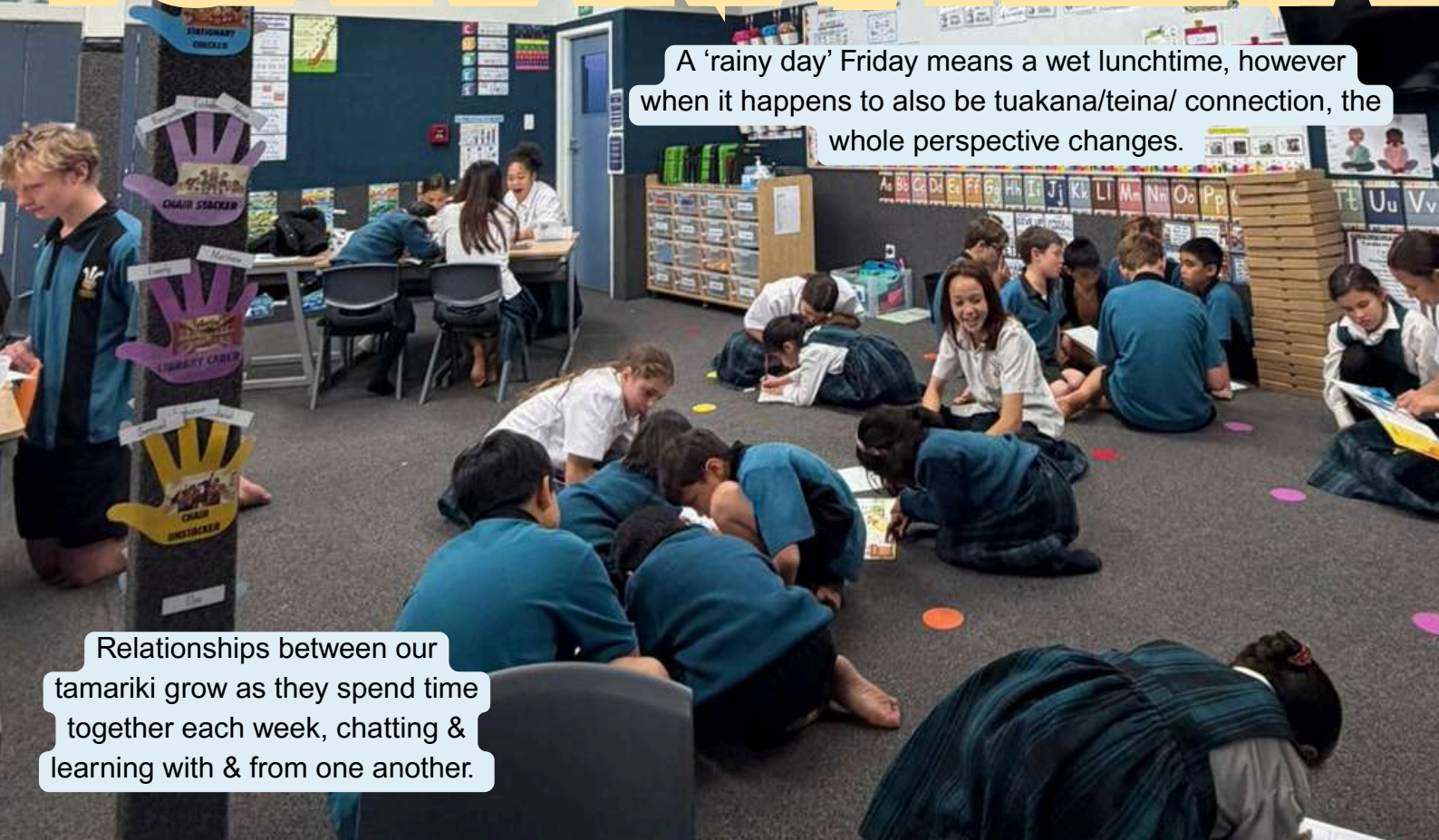
Winter is the time when cosiness and
chilliness mix together.

It is a time when rain comes down and the
sun is gone.

Say goodbye to the sun and hello to the
magic of winter.

Rebecca Vijo

TUAKANATEINA



A 'rainy day' Friday means a wet lunchtime, however
when it happens to also be tuakana/teina/ connection, the
whole perspective changes.

Relationships between our
tamariki grow as they spend time
together each week, chatting &
learning with & from one another.

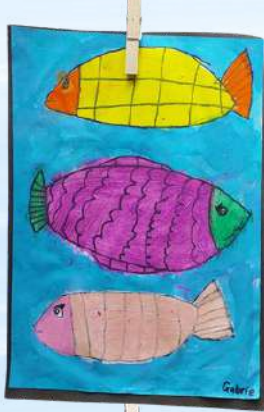
ART GALLERY

'Tealight creations' with Whaea Jas

Design and construction of 'tealights' resulted in these unique creations. The diversity within our Wednesday Visual Art Programme builds artistic skills and yields wonderful results.



FISH ART WITH MISS WYNNNE



After hearing the story of the **Miraculous Catch of Fish from Luke 5:1–11** with **Miss G**, our tamariki were inspired to reflect on the power of trusting Jesus. When Simon Peter, James, and John cast their nets at Jesus' word, they discovered that His plans were far greater than their own.

Miss Wynne beautifully brought this learning to life through these vibrant fish artworks. Each fish is a reminder that when we place our trust in Jesus, He fills our lives with purpose, hope, and opportunity. Just as He called the disciples to become fishers of people, He invites each of us to share His love, kindness, and grace with the world around us.

May these colourful creations remind us that with faith in Jesus, our small acts of obedience can become part of something wonderfully abundant in His Kingdom.

"Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." – Luke 5:10b 🌟🐟



SPORTS UPDATE



INTER-KURA CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 8th June we sent **25 runners** to compete in the **Inter-kura Cross Country** event at Kaharoa school. We are extremely proud of the way they wholeheartedly committed to the event. They supported each other from the sidelines by loudly cheering and encouraging them every step of the way. Special thanks to **Whaea Jas, Whaea Sylvia** and our parents who transported our runners to and from Kaharoa.



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 jump in and book your space.

For full details and bookings, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://tomemoffatt.com/winter2026/>

Turn your ideas into a story you're proud of!

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FOR YEARS 5-8



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-  Add twists and surprises
-  Learn real author tricks

 **With** award-winning children's author **Tom E. Moffatt**

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Young Authors Winter Workshop



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Two fun days of story writing, characters, plotting, editing and creativity.



With award-winning author **Tom E. Moffatt**

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Limited spaces available

Book now



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.



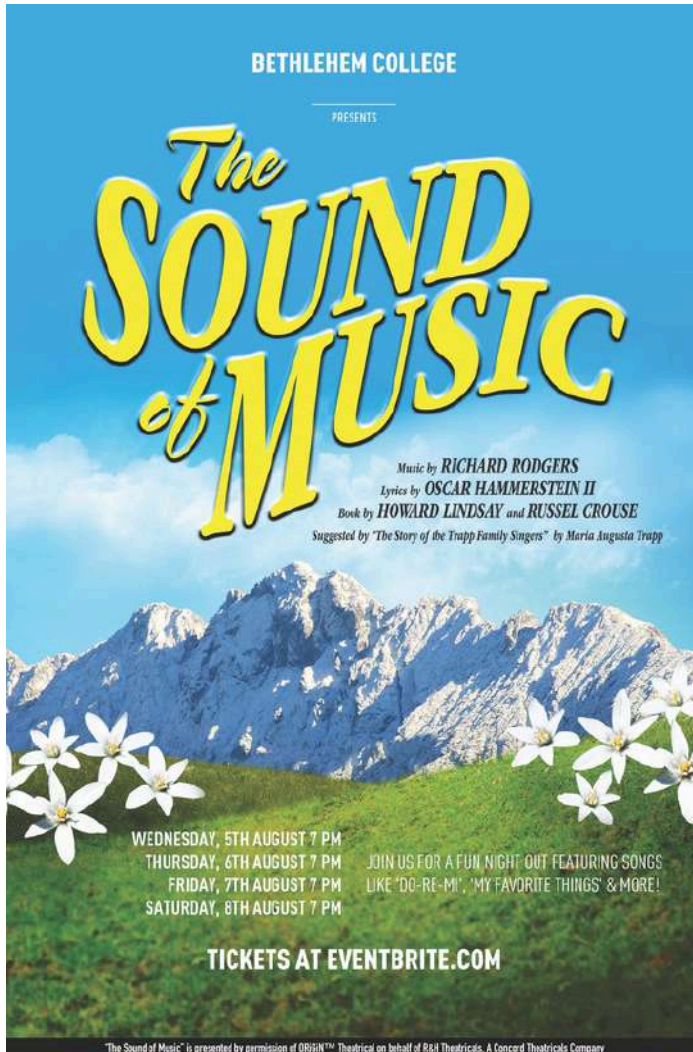
Thank you for helping our students take pride in their uniform and our school. 

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>



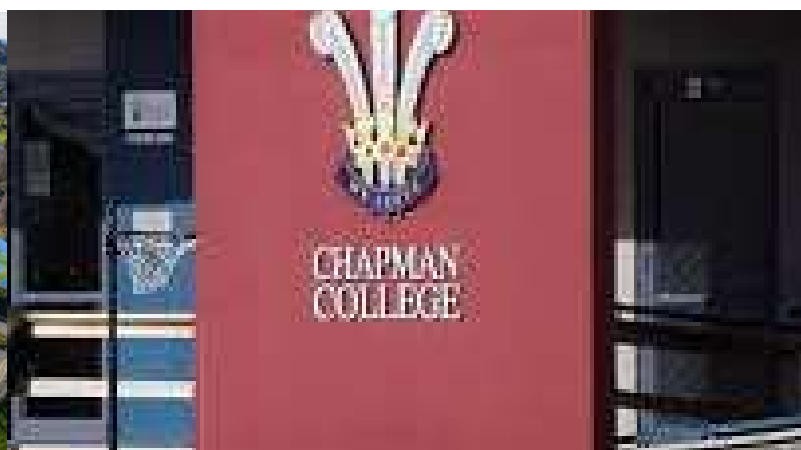
BC Alumni – BC Connect

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

Tuesday 23rd June Music Festival at Matamata Baptist Church 9.30am-2.30pm

Thursday 25th June Speech Final in Living well Church Auditorium at 6pm

Monday 29th June PTA/Waka Tautoko Meeting

**Thursday 2nd July Australian Music Concert Living Well Church Auditorium
12.30pm-2.30pm**

Friday 3rd July end of Term 2 Mid-Year Reports sent out

Monday 20th July Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 21st July Start of Term 3

Monday 27th July PTA/Waka Tautoko Meeting

Monday 17th August PTA/Waka Tautoko Meeting

Monday 19th August PTA/Waka Tautoko Meeting

Monday 24th August Vision & Hearing Tests (Yr 7 and youngers students who missed out)

Tuesday 1st September Immunisation Dose 2 (Yr 7 & 8)

Monday 14th September PTA/Waka Tautoko Meeting



We are looking for caring Christian people who are willing to open up their heart and home to care for a child or young person.

A weekend, a week, or sometimes longer.

Find out more about this exciting ministry
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For an application pack or further details, please contact:


our Foster Parent Recruiter, Venetia Ryan
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Tough Guy & Tough Girl

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


 **Saturday 22nd August 2026**

 **Rotorua**

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/>



TOUGH GUY & GIRL FAMILY CHALLENGE ROTORUA

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

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!

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



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR 7-13 YEAR OLDS

Keswick Klub

Go to www.keswick.org.nz to register.

Looking for safe fun for the kids in the holidays that fit your work day and keep them entertained?

Keswick Klub, based at Keswick Christian Camp, runs from 8:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Thursday, 6-9 July 2026. Friday is Matariki.

\$200 for the week
Includes breakfast, lunch and snacks.
Full of games, activities, challenges and competitions.

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WEEKLY PROGRAMME | TERMS 3 & 4 2026

Love to sing? 🎵



Join the NZ Children's Choral Academy Rotorua Choir!

Open to students in **Year 6 and above**, this weekly programme provides high-quality choral training in a fun, supportive environment. Singers will develop their **vocal skills, musicianship, confidence, and performance experience** while making new friends who share a passion for music.



WHEN
Wednesdays,
6:00–8:00pm



COST
\$100 for the
entire year



The programme is directed by **Elisha Fa'i-So'oialo**, an experienced choral conductor and music educator.



SPECIAL WORKSHOP

Saturday 8 August
with internationally
acclaimed conductor
Elise Bradley MNZM.



PERFORM AT SING AOTEAROA ROTORUA

Over Labour Weekend, the Rotorua Choir will join the NZCCA Auckland Senior Choir to perform at **Sing Aotearoa** in Rotorua, one of New Zealand's premier choral events.



**SING, LEARN, GROW
AND BE INSPIRED**
Make music. Make friends.
Make memories.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!

✉ jenny@nzcca.co.nz
🌐 www.nzcca.co.nz

The New Zealand Children's Choral Academy (NZCCA) is excited to launch our new Rotorua Weekly Programme for **Terms 3 & 4, 2026!**

If your child loves singing, music, and making new friends, this is an incredible opportunity to develop their vocal skills, musicianship, confidence, and performance experience in a supportive and inspiring environment.

📅 17 Wednesdays during term time

🕒 6:00pm – 8:00pm

The programme will be led by acclaimed conductor and educator **Elisha Fai-So'oialo**, with input by talented collaborative pianist **Shamus Baker**.

The programme also includes a **special full-day workshop on Saturday 8 August**, bringing together young singers from across the region for a day of music-making, learning, and fun.

🌟 *Open to passionate young singers who want to grow their skills and experience the joy of singing with others.*

💙 *Scholarships are available to ensure talented young singers can participate regardless of financial circumstances.*

📱 **Register now and find out more:**
<https://www.nzchildrenschoralacademy.co.nz/rotorua.../>

*If you require any info, do not hesitate to contact **Miss Wynne**. She will gladly inform you about this wonderful opportunity. **TAKE NOTE** this is only for **Year 6-13** students, so if you know of any great singers, past students that are still locals here in ROTORUA, please pass this on.*

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