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HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 10 TERM 2

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Otira ka karangatia ratou e Ihu, a ka mea ia, E matau ana koutou, ko nga kawana o nga tauwi hei whakatupu rangatira ki a ratou, ko nga tangata rarahi hei akiaki i a ratou. E kore e pera i roto i a koutou: engari ki te mea tetahi kia tupu ia hei tangata nui i roto i a koutou, me whakatupu kaimahi ia ma koutou; A ki te mea tetahi kia tupu ko ia hei tino tangata i roto i a koutou, me whakatupu pononga ia ma koutou: Pera i te Tama a te tangata, kihai nei i haere mai kia mahia he mea mana, engari kia mahi ia, a kia tuku i a ia kia mate hei whakautu mo nga tangata tokomaha.
(Matthew 20 v 25-28)

In the **Whakarewarewa Forest**, known as the Redwoods, many people walk & bike the tracks. For some it is a sanctuary, a ‘safe’ place, for others it is a training ground for fitness, for breathing in fresh smog-free air, or to capture time; a memory of a holiday by taking endless photos beside the Redwood giants. For many locals, it is a fun-filled playground to walk, ride, chat & explore that allows for different interests & abilities. As a whānau, we have done all of the above & never tire of returning week after week to enjoy the refreshing it offers.

People from all over the world also come to walk the tracks and to **marvel** beneath these **silent pillars** that **point towards the light and the ONE who is the Great Creator of all things**. However, 28 years ago, my husband introduced me to a tree with a difference! While Jeremy took great care to explain to me the ‘ins and outs’ of such a tree from a ‘science’ perspective using multiple technical terms, I had switched into an entirely different frame of thinking. As he concluded his explanation, I exclaimed, ‘It’s the servant leadership tree!’ This was met momentarily with a stunned look, while I duly explained my thinking & the connections in my brain which are often a mystery to my husband!

If you look closely at these photos, you will see that **this Redwood tree died to itself & has given & continues to give life to its branches**. It has literally laid itself down horizontally on the ground. Each of its branches has grown into a strong Redwood whose roots go deep into the original Redwood tree. Now there is not one, or even two, but rather five strong healthy Redwood trees that stand pointing towards the light.



Surely this is a **living picture of what Jesus did when HE came to serve** & of what HE calls us to be & do when we lead & serve Him & others around us. *Drawing strength from Him, from the life HE laid down for our sake, we now stand secure.*

There were many times in the *Bible* when *Jesus spoke & taught in ways which confronted human understanding & was profoundly wise*. This Scripture in which HE speaks about servant-hearted leadership was not what the Jewish people were looking for in a King of Kings. Jesus spoke of laying down His life, to giving it as the sacrifice for human sin, the sin that separated humankind from a just & loving God, His Father. Despite having ALL authority in heaven and on earth, HE chose to lay down His life, that we might have our broken relationship restored.

Our kura/school motto is 'We Serve' & it is our intention to encourage our young people to 'notice and respond' to see the opportunities in front of them each and every day to serve. Rather than living with an 'entitled, self-serving' outlook, we can make a difference through being **willing & available** to just do what is needed to make someone else's day a little easier. The **blessing of love expressed through service is immediately multiplied!**

Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*

HEAD STUDENTS VISIT

It is fitting to follow this by sharing about the visit of our **Head Students from Bethlehem College** who came to BC Chapman on Thursday 11th June. They spent time in our classrooms, sharing their faith, experiences & answering questions. This was followed by being in the playground playing handball or football, chatting, playing & personally connecting with our tamariki. By sharing their faith testimony & the roles of service they have in 2026, our BC Chapman students were able to hear & see firsthand what '**servant-leadership**' is & means. Far from being in positions of power, or status, these four young people *stand firm in their faith & commitment to serve our kura community*. A testimony indeed & a legacy!



Head Students



Marcel Saayman Maeve Pacey

Deputy Head Students



Isaac Reid Sophie Neustroski



MIDLANDS MUSIC FESTIVAL



On Tuesday 23rd June, 17 of our young people travelled to Matamata Baptist Church to perform in the **Midlands NZACS (NZ association of Christian schools) Annual Music Festival**. 9 of the other 11 kura/schools in our Midlands Christian kura network participated, an opportunity to showcase & celebrate God-given Performing Arts gifts & talents. There is also the natural inspiration that occurs through being involved in such an event.

We entered several different categories as follows:

ENSEMBLES / BANDS

Bethlehem College Chapman (Group 1)

Item: 'Cover me' **WON 3rd PLACE**

Rowan Cook, Jordan Cook, Caleb Kieck, Monu Afu, Katie Lotter, Jabbie Tjing, Emlyn Joshin, Latu Paletu'a, Ivania Masina, Felix Chu, Lydia-Rose Muliaga, Yuna Fan, Miria Maxwell-Crawford and Elyse Chan.

Bethlehem College Chapman (Group 2) Item: 'Love is the Key'

Latu Paletu'a, Monu Afu, Ivania Masina, Ariana Simpson-Castenada, Atawhai Longbottom, Rowan Cook, and Esther Gusuna.



INSTRUMENTAL ITEMS

Bethlehem College Chapman Item: Item:

'Glorify' **WON 2nd Place**

Ariana Simpson-Castenada (accompanied by Matua Lama on guitar)

Bethlehem College Chapman Item: 'Mash Up'

Rowan Cook & Caleb Kieck

Special thanks to our whānau **Kathy Masina, Olga Simpson-Castenada, Fala 'Alofi, Jez Tijing** who kindly transported our tamariki & to **Matua Lama** for all the extra practices & teaching investment in our talented musicians.



SPEECH FINALS

On Thursday evening 25th June, we held our annual **BC Chapman Speech Final**. We honour every Year 4-8 young person who delivered a carefully crafted speech to their respective class. *Our finalists presented their speeches with poise and conviction.* Having chosen their topic & composed their content with care & the guidance of their respective kaiako/teacher, they then worked on the finer points of speech delivery which is an art in itself. Eye contact, diction, expression, enthusiasm, and pacing require considerable skill & practice.

Known to be one of the most stressful challenges in life, our Year 4-8 inclusive tamariki rose to the challenge of speaking to their kaiako & classmates. Selecting the 5 finalists to enter our final from each age division, was a daunting job for **Whaea Kayleigh, Whaea Surette, Whaea Sylvia, Mrs Jeffcote & Whaea Lisa**. Even more challenging was the final decision for our *guest judges from Bethlehem College* **Miss Crystal Turner & Mr Joel Devicich**. They did a marvelous job & were most impressed by the topic choice and the power of persuasion of our speakers.



No Speech Final is complete without the presence & the support of our community. Our **Junior dancers**, plus waiata/songs from **Ruma tahi/Room 1, & Ruma rua/Room 2** tamariki, and a specially 'signed' item from **Ruma toru/Room 3** showcased other Performing Arts talents. A violin item from **Ariana Simpson-Castenada** also beautifully blessed & entertained us while the Judges deliberated.

SPEECH FINALS

PRIMARY YEAR 4-6 FINALISTS

Ariana Simpson - Castenada - Why we should speak two languages

Alyssa Goodchild - Why you should get a pet

Mikaela Christiansen - Why you should have a growth mindset

Talia Read - Fairness Matters

Raine Parker - Why you should do Sport

Our Primary Speech Final Winner 2026 is Mikaela Christiansen



SENIOR YEAR 7 & 8 FINALISTS

Miria-Maxwell-Crawford - Don't Judge Others

Malachi Hall - Selfish versus Selfless

Rowan Cook - Is Church Worth it?

Shyra-Beth Paul - Ingredients for Friendship

Felix Chu - Faithful in the Little Things

Our Junior Secondary Speech Winner 2026 is Malachi Hall





YEAR 5&6 SCIENCE INQUIRIES

WISDOM & WONDER IN ROOM 4:

Whaea Kayleigh's Room 4 students have been immersed in a fascinating journey through God's incredible creation, learning all about the solar system as part of their 'Wisdom and Wonder' studies.

As they explored the planets, stars, and vastness of space, students were reminded of the greatness and creativity of our Heavenly Father. The beauty, order, and complexity of the universe point us to our God who designed it all with purpose and care.

The next time you gaze up at the stars on a clear night, marvel alongside our Room 4 learners, and remember, that the same God who placed every star in the sky knows each one by name. What a wonderful creation we have been given—one that inspires us to wonder, worship, and praise Him.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." — **Psalm 19:1** 🌟🌍🚀🌟



YEAR 7 & 8 SCIENCE INQUIRIES

THE WONDERS OF THE BODY SYSTEM

Our Year 7 & 8 students have been exploring just how fearfully and wonderfully made the human body truly is. They are discovering that it functions with astonishing precision—each system intricately designed and beautifully connected, working together in perfect harmony to sustain life.

From regulating and repairing, to supporting and protecting, the human body constantly performs thousands of complex processes without us even noticing. It's incredible to see how every part contributes to the whole, adapting and responding in ways that are both delicate and powerful.

As we dig deeper into how the body's systems work together, there's a growing sense of awe and wonder. The more we learn, the more clearly we see the brilliance, creativity, and **intentional design of our Creator—who made us with such care and purpose.**



RoboCup Junior Competition

Cardboard, paint, coding, problem-solving... **Ruma rima/Room 5** has been busy! As **RoboCup Junior** approaches, students have been designing and creating props, refining their theatrical performances, and **coding their Edison robots** to move in sync with their storylines. Some challenges have required perseverance, while others have sparked plenty of excitement and laughter. Through it all, students have worked collaboratively, thought creatively, and developed valuable coding skills. We are looking forward to seeing their hard work come together at Saturday's competition!

Go BC Chapman creative coders!



LEARNING STARS



HANDS OF KINDNESS, HEARTS OF SERVICE

Every Thursday, **Whaea Kayleigh's** class quietly puts **love into action** in a very special way. The students come together to prepare sandwiches for people experiencing homelessness in Rotorua, taking great care with every detail of the process.

Each lunch is made with thoughtfulness and kindness, and every bag includes a personal handwritten note—small words of encouragement that carry big meaning.

What makes this initiative so special is not just the food, but the heart behind it. **These students are learning what it means to truly love their neighbour in a practical, humble, and consistent way.** Their actions reflect deep compassion and a growing sense of responsibility to care for others in their community.

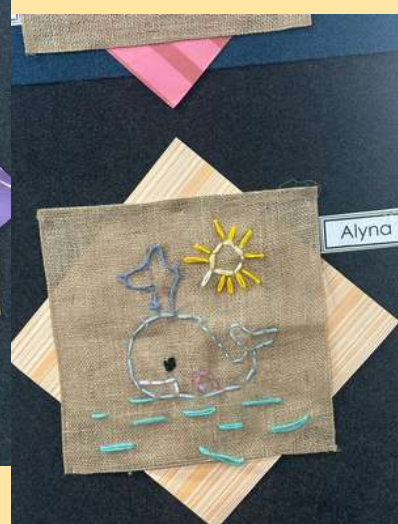
A beautiful example of **'noticing and responding'**, of servant-hearted learning in action.



ART GALLERY



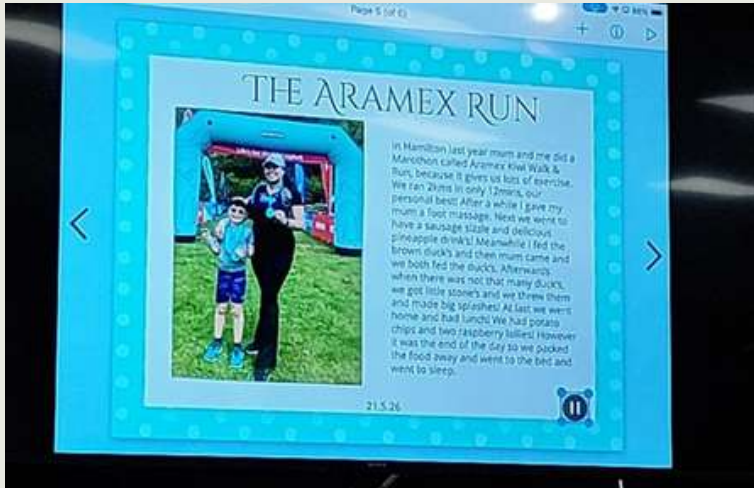
Ruma rua Whaea Lucelle's class have been sewing! Now this as you will see it not a 'lost art' but rather it is another character building & highly satisfying skill to master. Just look at these creations & you can immediately tell that these designs have been thought through & the skills involved have been taught & learned through persistent practice. The variety of living creatures reflects the different Animal Kingdom interests of our tamariki. They are drawing attention, admiration & conversation in the hallway, & we think there is every likelihood a few of our older rangatahi might just give it a go!



FRIDAY ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Whaea Lucelle's Class Shines!

What a fantastic way to end a week! Our Friday assembly was led with confidence and energy by Whaea Lucelle's class, with **David Kuriakose** doing an absolutely superb job as **our MC**—clear, calm, and engaging from start to finish.



Ruma rua/Room 2 wowed us with their creative learning about **The Water Cycle**, bringing science to life through a lively, memorable song. They also showcased their carefully crafted stitched artwork—true examples of patience, skill, and creativity in action.



We were thrilled to celebrate two very special milestones with the presentation of our first **Principal's Awards for Primary girls** in the kura. Congratulations to **Charlotte Milsom** and **Estelle Rademeyer**—a well-deserved recognition of your hard work and commitment!



Adding even more colour to our celebration, **Brenda and Save Tabudravu** gifted us a beautiful Fijian dance item that captivated the audience and brought a wonderful sense of joy and culture to our gathering.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for making this assembly such a vibrant celebration of learning, talent, and achievement!



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/>

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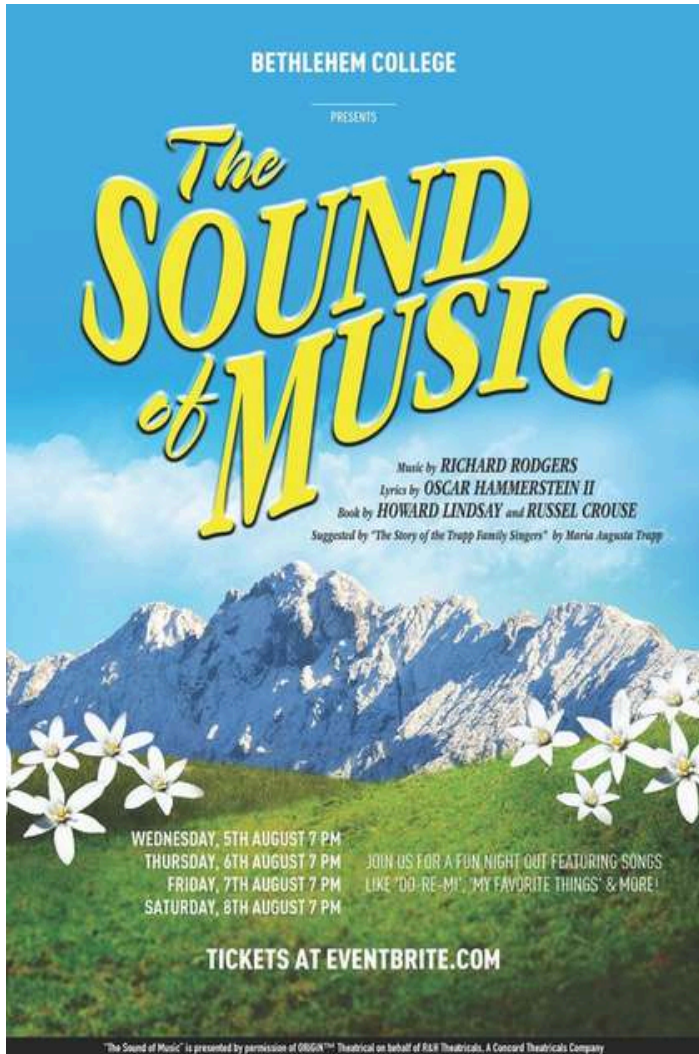


Limited spaces available

Book now



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>

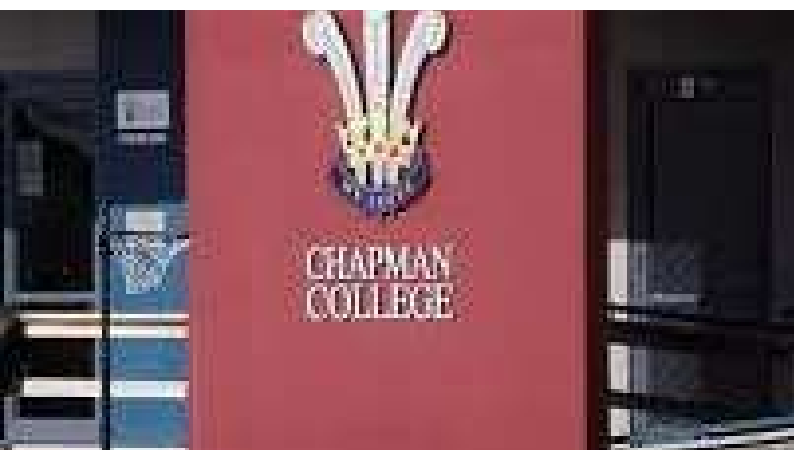
BC ALUMNI - BC CONNECT

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 30th June Regional Cross Country at Waipuna Park in Tauranga

Thursday 2nd July WorldStrides Rhapsody Rotorua Concert in the Living Well Church Auditorium at 12.30pm-2.30pm. (Families Welcome)

Friday 3rd July Reports issued digitally & a hard copy.

Friday 3rd July Final day of Term 2

Monday 20th July Staff Only Day

Tuesday 21st July First day of Term 3

Little Reminders

Reporting an absence.



Please phone the School Office on 07 346 1492 or Wheae Irma on 0223454775 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

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

 Saturday 22nd August 2026



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 course 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

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/>



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.

- Archery
- Art
- Building
- Baking
- Crafts
- Nerf Guns
- Sports
- Slingshot
- Paintball
- Plus more


FPBC Rotorua School Holiday Programme

 **Next Dates: 6–9 July 2026**


 **Theme: Time Lab**

Looking for a fun, affordable way to keep the kids engaged these school holidays?


Join us for Time Lab—four exciting days packed with games, hands-on activities, crafts, science, Bible discovery, music, and plenty of fun!



 All primary school children (Years 1–6) are welcome.

Our holiday programme is designed to provide a safe, caring, and exciting environment where children can make new friends, learn new skills, and create lasting memories.

 Spaces are limited!

Due to the growing popularity of our school holiday programmes, we encourage families to register early to avoid missing out.

 Register your child today:
Time Lab Registration

We can't wait to welcome your young time travellers for an unforgettable Time Lab adventure!  

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