



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 2 TERM 3

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

Isaiah 40:26

“Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.”

"E ara o koutou kanohi ki runga titiro ai, na wai enei mea i hanga, na wai o ratou mano i whakaputa mai he mea tatau tonu: karangatia ana e ia nga ingoa o ratou katoa, maroro rawa, pakari tonu te kaha; e kore tetahi e ngaro."

Psalms 147:4

‘He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.’

"E tāua ana e ia nga whetu te maha: e huaina ana hoki e ia o ratou ingoa katoa."

Term 3 and we are back with our usual spark of excitement. The buzz in the air last week came from animated conversations. In the corridors and playground, friends caught up to share their holiday experiences which for some included birthday celebrations, play dates, the latest Toy Story 5 Movie, swims at the Aquatic Centre and various other antics. Hearing their laughter and seeing running feet, wide smiles and genuine contentment to have returned to our kura/school, are blessings we are grateful for.

In my own holidays, while at Cook’s Beach late one night I happened to look up into the sky. Because there are few homes and therefore few lights in that location, the black night sky was scattered with thousands of stars. I had never seen such a **display of spectacular beauty**. It literally took my breath away. I marvelled at the vastness, the depth, the size of **stars** that were located **across the heavens**.

I was able to pick out a couple of different formations **Te Ikaroa**, known also as **The Milky Way**; a dense white band of billions of stars arching directly above me. Some of the other Southern sky starry formations like **Te Pae Māhutoka** the **Southern Cross**-, **Pleiades**, **Matariki** and **Tautoru-The Saucepan or Pot** were easily identified. Our Matariki holiday points us to the significance of stars, of the beginning of the Māori New Year, a time of reflection over the previous year and gratitude for it.

In complete silence, I stood alone, beholding another graphic indication of the **majesty of the glory of God**, knowing there were many more star constellations beyond those that my human eye could see. The amount of light generated from our homes, cities, cars and other sources, limits our vision and ability to see how many stars there actually are. When such interference is stripped away, we can see further evidence of our **Heavenly Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all, the ONE who knows each one by name!** Mind-blowing to think that HE also knows your and my name, the same ONE who also weighs the mountains on scales. Surely, this causes us to bow in humble adoration as we marvel at the glory of God!



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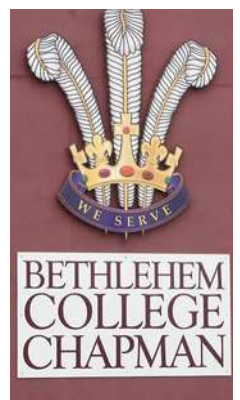
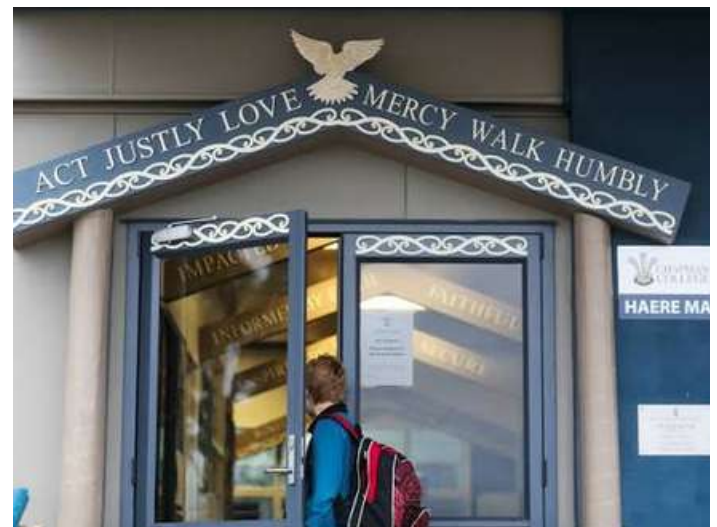
BETHLEHEM COLLEGE FOUNDERS DAY 38TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday 24th July, Bethlehem College Tauranga celebrated the 38th Anniversary of its establishment with their annual Founders Day assembly. God had shown **Mr Graham Preston founding Principal in 1970**, 18 years earlier, that he would lead a Christian school. From small beginnings, 4 classrooms were built by volunteers over the weekend of Cyclone Bola in March 1988. The bricks, buildings, and paving, the literal laying of the foundation of a brand new non-denominational Christian school in Tauranga.

Bethlehem College, a Private School, then officially opened on the 11th July 1988 with Principal Mrs Graham Preston, 104 students, 4 kaiako/teachers and faith filled whānau/families who placed their trust in God. The founding of Bethlehem College and the subsequent growth over these years to a Roll of around 2,000 students continues to testify to the miracle working faithful God we serve.



The founding of **Chapman College Rotorua** (private kura/school) in 2010, was no less miraculous and **Mr Graham Preston, Principal**, his wife Vicky, the Office Manager, 23 students, two beginning teachers/kaiako and whānau/families once again established a school with the support of the Living Well Church leadership who made space available to site the school. **On 11th July 2017, 29 years later to the exact day, the Minister of Education Nikki Kaye announced that Chapman College would be 'satellited' by Bethlehem College** as a 'state integrated special character' school. God has blessed us abundantly and through Founders Day we pause to glorify Him.





WORLDSTRIDES RHAPSODY CONCERT



On Thursday 2nd July, end of Term 2, Te Rangihakahaka kura joined us for the concert the **Ormiston and St Aquinas College students from Australia** gave here in the Living Well Auditorium. We were deeply grateful for the opportunity to hear these incredibly talented musicians and see quality performances. Such a treasure! We genuinely honour the staff and students of Aquinas and Ormiston Secondary Schools. Our children, staff and a group of our parents who attended, witnessed and were richly blessed by who they are and the talents they have.

Our children were captivated by the ways in which their teachers engaged, motivated and within seconds had us as the audience enthused and involved. **The St Aquinas and Ormiston students** were immaculately dressed in their uniforms and, in every way, a credit to their respective schools. This was matched by their polite, respectful, and humble manner and the ways in which they affirmed one another. There are some things that cannot be staged such as character, seen in the commitment to practise over many months, and then to travel. Then there is, pack up, and set up, pack up....a continual cycle which of itself is tiring in order to repeatedly give a focused quality presentation, of a rich variety of musical styles. Our kura/school of 139 tamariki/children were treated to nothing short of excellence!



A huge 'Thank you/Ngā mihi nui' to those who quietly serve behind the scenes and make such a difference in the life of our Kura. A special acknowledgement goes to **Matua Andy, Matua Dave, Ian Barker, Ken Liao, Fala 'Alofi, and students Monu and Aki** for the incredible amount of time, effort, love, and muscle they have poured into our school over the holidays. From building and painting, to assembling equipment, repairing soccer posts and basketball posts, and even fixing broken windowpanes in the gym — your mahi/work has been a true blessing to our Kura.

These acts of kindness, generosity, and service often happen quietly, but they are the things that help make our school a special place. They reflect the heart of who we are — a community where people look after one another and use their gifts to bless others. We appreciate you all more than you will ever know. Thank you for being such an important part of the heartbeat of our Kura.



Our newly built and installed football posts are a definite 'HIT'. They are now fitted with brand new nets so they have been getting a great workout as our tamariki practice their football skills in readiness for our **House Football Tournament** in Week 9 where a competitive spirit comes out in force. Plenty of time, to master firing the ball into the net!



CASUAL DAY – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

What a fantastic way to wrap up Term 2! A huge thank you to our amazing **PTA/Waka Tautoko** for treating our students to **delicious pizza**, and to **Mrs Warnes** for the **yummy ice creams**. Your generosity helped make the last day of term extra special.



There were **plenty of smiles, laughter, and fun** as our tamariki enjoyed a well-deserved celebration before heading off for the holidays.

We hope everyone had a wonderful and refreshing break, ready for another exciting term ahead!



🏸 Congratulations, Felix Chu! 🏸

We are delighted to celebrate Felix Chu, who proudly represented the **Bay of Plenty** at the **2026 New Zealand Junior Team Championships** in Palmerston North from 5–8 July.

Felix was selected for one of the **Bay of Plenty Badminton Association (BOPBA) Representative Teams** and delivered an outstanding performance, **winning most of his games** throughout the tournament.

We are incredibly proud of Felix for representing the **Bay of Plenty** with such skill, determination, and excellent sportsmanship. His commitment, perseverance, and humble attitude to this sport are a wonderful example to our kura. **Well done, Felix, we celebrate this wonderful achievement with you!**



🏆 JUNIOR PICKLEBALL BOYS CLUB CHAMPIONS CROWNED! 🏆



The future of Rotorua Pickleball is looking incredibly bright!

The **Rotorua Doubles Junior Boys Club Championship** delivered exciting rallies, clever teamwork, and plenty of smiles. Every point was fiercely contested, and **George** demonstrated just how much his skills, confidence, and love for the game continue to grow.

George and Toby were outstanding throughout the tournament, finishing as undefeated champions with a perfect 3–0 record.

George, your excellent sportsmanship, encouragement of others, and positive attitude were every bit as impressive as your pickleball skills. You represented the true spirit of the game with humility and integrity and are a wonderful role model for our kura.

Congratulations to both George and his doubles partner, Toby on a fantastic achievement! 🏆 We are incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds as you continue your pickleball journey. Keep reaching for new heights—we'll be cheering you on every step of the way!

🏸 Felix & Caleb shine at the Bay of Plenty Badminton Qualifier! 🏸

Congratulations to **Felix Chu** and **Caleb Kieck**, who proudly represented BC Chapman at the **Bay of Plenty Year 7 & 8 Qualifying Badminton Tournament** on Wednesday.

The boys delivered an outstanding performance, **winning all of their singles and doubles matches** with skill, determination, and confidence. Their excellent results have secured them a place at the **Bay of Plenty Badminton Championship Finals**, to be held in **Tauranga** on Wednesday, **26 August**.

Beyond their impressive achievements on the court, Felix and Caleb were exceptional ambassadors for our school. They demonstrated humility in victory, encouraged one another throughout the day, showed genuine respect for their opponents, and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. Their teamwork & positive attitudes, were just as inspiring as their badminton skills.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented BC Chapman and wish them God's richest blessings as they prepare for the championship finals.

Watch this space—we'll be cheering them on every step of the way! 🏸👏





BUDDING LEGEND ON THE TRAILS!

A huge congratulations to Lachie, who recently competed in the **Mountain Bike Rotorua Little Legends Downhill (DH) Series**—a fantastic event designed to help young riders build confidence and experience the excitement of competitive mountain biking. The series' motto is **"bridging the gap for young riders who are starting their pathway to competitive riding."** It truly lives up to that vision by creating a welcoming and encouraging environment where **FUN is the name of the day!**

Each rider completes two timed practice runs before taking on two final race runs, making it the perfect introduction to downhill racing in a safe, supportive, and professionally managed event.

Lachie has only lived in Rotorua for 6 months having moved down from Auckland and already he is making his mark as one to be watched. He raced on the **Te Poaka** track in the **Under 9 Boys** category and sped his way to an impressive **2nd place** in the final race. **What an awesome achievement!**



The next race is on **Sunday 2 August** on the **Titokorangi** track, and we wish Lachie the very best. **Well done, Lachie!** We are incredibly proud of your courage, resilience, determination, and willingness to give it a go. You are a wonderful example to others in our kura, showing that **with perseverance, a positive attitude, and a love of learning new skills, great things can be achieved.** Keep enjoying those rides, inspiring those around you, and having fun on the trails!

RoboCup

U Our **five teams** entered the Robo Cup Competition held at Lynmore School on Saturday 27th June and they certainly did a marvellous job. Their attention to detail, design, coding, and creativity under Whaea Surette's guidance was an absolute credit to their commitment, capability and focus. There was an enormous amount of learning for all, including dealing with challenges, technological frustrations and rising to meet each one with gritty determination. We are super proud of every single young person and their team.

A **Ava Wilkinson and Zoey Whelan** have qualified for Nationals on Saturday 1st August once again at Lynmore School. Go girls!



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Science Learning

Whaea Kayleigh's clever tamariki from **room 4**, shared their **Space Models** with our Junior classes. We definitely have budding researchers and future teachers who understand how to select, explain and present information so others benefit.

Well done Ruma wha ākonga/students.



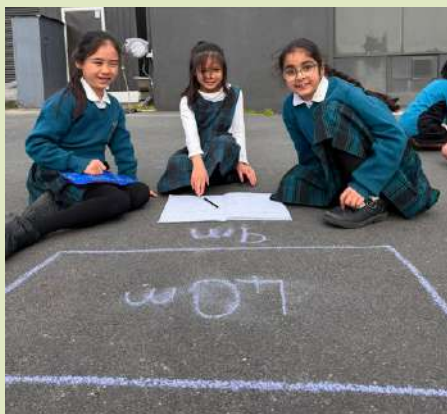
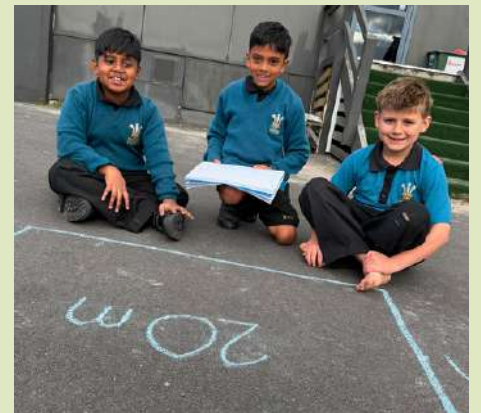
THE PLAYGROUND INTO A GIANT MATHS PUZZLE!

Who says maths has to stay inside? Certainly not Room 3!

This week, our young mathematicians headed outdoors for an exciting **Perimeter Challenge**, transforming the concrete into a giant maths classroom. Armed with only a few clues—perhaps the total perimeter or the length of just one side—they became shape detectives, using their mathematical brains to uncover the missing measurements. There was plenty of measuring, calculating, discussing, and even a few "Aha!" moments as students pieced together each puzzle.



Once they had cracked the code, they carefully recorded their answers in their maths books, proving that great mathematicians don't just find the answer—they can explain how they got there too! Learning was filled with laughter, teamwork, fresh air, and fantastic problem-solving. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing the challenge and discovering that maths really can be an outdoor adventure!



WEDNESDAY ROTATIONS

There was a real buzz around our kura last week as students eagerly returned to their Wednesday Rotations, where our incredible specialist staff open the door to exciting new skills, experiences, and passions.



In **Wood Technology**, students were hard at work designing and building bird feeders, learning to safely and confidently use a variety of tools and machinery. The hallways came alive with the sound of **music** as budding musicians played instruments, while the **art** room overflowed with creativity, colour, and imagination.



Students also embraced the richness of **Te Reo Māori** through **Kapa Haka**, growing their confidence in language, culture, waiata, and tikanga while celebrating Aotearoa's unique heritage. Meanwhile, delicious aromas drifted from the café as students whipped up tasty creations in **Food Technology**, filling the school with mouth-watering smells that had everyone wondering what was on the menu!



It is wonderful to see these rotations **providing opportunities** for our students to **discover new interests, develop practical skills, strengthen cultural understanding, build confidence, and experience the joy of learning** in such *hands-on and meaningful* ways. What a fantastic start to another term of Wednesday Rotations!





BOOK CHARACTER DAY

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

• **Whea Sylvia** has us all organised in readiness for Book Character Day. It is the talk of the staffroom, classrooms and incidental playground conversation. The questions: "What are you going to wear? Which book character are you dressing up as?". It is clear that there are plans underway and that the day will dawn with book characters straight off the bookshelves and out of the pages in real life form. To avoid scurrying around frantically at the last minute, it is worth giving some careful consideration to a possible costume. No doubt your tamariki will have all kinds of ideas and suggestions.

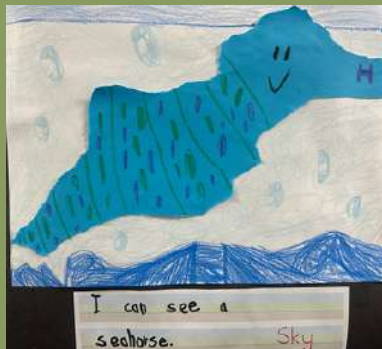
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9:00AM – 10:00AM



WRITER'S CORNER



Not only did our **Ruma tahi/Room 1** transfer coloured art paper into collaged animals, they also unleashed their imaginations by writing a story to accompany their artwork!. We love seeing our tamariki combine art and literacy to bring their unique creations to life. What a clever and talented bunch they are!



Art Exhibition

This week we have some 'graffiti' artistic name-based art from Ruma ono/Room 6. As you can see, these designs resulted in some eye-catching work.



'Waka Tautoko' PTA

'Waka Tautoko' meetings are certainly full of connection, creative ideas and plans focused on Spring Fair. Thank you SO much for the generous donations you have made already. Each day the trolley is filling with various items as indicated in the Spring Fair Notice. We are right on track to make this Spring Fair a wonderful community occasion. The **next meetings** are scheduled for **Monday 17th August; Monday 14th September and Monday 19th October at 7pm** in our kura staffroom. If you are able to attend any of these meetings then please do come along. You are guaranteed to be welcomed, and to find enthusiasm, laughter and food!!!!



UP & COMING DATES

Tuesday 11th August- Science Show Exhibition Rotorua Intermediate 11th August

Wednesday 12th August -Winter Sports Day Wednesday 12th August

Monday 17th August-'waka tautoko' meeting 7pm

Friday 21st August -Book Character Day

Monday 24th August Vision & Hearing Testing Year 7

Tuesday 1st September Immunisation Year 7 & 8

Friday 4th September- Blokes 'n Kids Breakfast Friday September 7am

Monday 14th September-'waka tautoko' Meeting 7pm

Friday 18th September- House Football Tournament (postponement Friday 25th September)

Last day of Term 3 Friday September

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

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



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