



Daniel 2 v 12

'He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning'.

'Na reira i riri ai te kingi, nui atu te riri, kiia iho e ia nga tangata whakaaro nui katoa o Papurona kia whakangaromia.'

Ecclesiastes 3 v 11

'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end'.

'I hanga e ia nga mea katoa kia ataahua i tona wa ano: a i whakanohoia e ia te ao ki o ratou ngakau, engari kia kua te tangata e kite i ta te Atua mahi i mahi ai, mai i te timatanga a taea noatia te mutunga.



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 4 TERM 3

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

The icy polar southerly wind is sweeping up the country from the South Island as I write. Temperatures have dropped sufficiently to promise snow on our central North Island fields. Skiers & snowboarders will be out in force in coming days while whānau hoping for winter fun will head there over weekends.



Any signs of frost or ice & our tamariki are into collecting it as you can see by these recent photos. You'd think that freezing hands & feet would deter them, however these are no barrier whatsoever. Such are the times when we see the kind of resilience, interest & enthusiasm we know they can demonstrate. These girls were struck by the beauty & delicacy of the ice panes, while the boys were enamored with the thoughts of collecting enough to create a possible snowman! Interesting to look at the different perspectives!



Despite these Winter season confirmations, I photographed this Spring blossom covered tree in the Whakarewarewa Forest while out for a walk last Saturday. Seasons do pass, they merge from one into the next, sometimes feeling like they will never end, while others are gone in the blink of an eye. They inspire awe and wonder, unique beauty in their own way, & as they pass, we come to appreciate the changes that each one brings. Soon the cosy wood fire that warms our home won't need to be lit, but for now I'll treasure the flickering flames & the ambience it creates.



In our hearts, we also carry an understanding of eternity, an inner knowing that life on earth is temporary & there is more beyond. We are created for relationship with God & our hearts find their true rest, when we realize our personal need of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Eternity with Jesus, a never-ending season spent in worship of the ONE who loves us! Surely this IS AWESOME!!!

Me te aroha tonu
With love always

Hazel





A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GROWING BC CHAPMAN WHĀNAU TERM 3 PŌHIRI THURSDAY 30 JULY 2026



It is always a wonderful blessing to see our BC Chapman kura whānau growing! We welcomed eight new tamariki and their whānau at our recent Pōhiri — the beginning of a new chapter, a new season, as we journey together with them as a kura/school family.

Whaea Bessie, Whaea Dawn, & Matua Dave led us with such sensitivity & gentleness, creating a beautiful and meaningful welcome for our new whānau. We were also delighted to have **Mr Angus Duffett, Acting Principal from Bethlehem College**, join us to extend our love, support and commitment to serving the **Estellero, Lai, Baloria, Borja, Porteous, Rijjo and Bell families**.

Each new family brings their own story, gifts, personalities and hopes — and it is a privilege to welcome them into our kura. The trust that families place in us as kaimahi/staff is never taken lightly or for granted. We value your prayers that we would indeed be faithful in nurturing and growing these precious lives, alongside the loving support of their parents. We love having our whānau grow, and we are so thankful to have these families now journeying with us as part of the BC Chapman family. We look forward to sharing in the friendships, milestones, challenges and celebrations that lie ahead as we walk this journey together.



We are reminded that “**children are a heritage from the Lord**” (**Psalm 127:3**), and we count it a privilege to play a small part in helping each child discover the gifts and purpose God has placed within them.



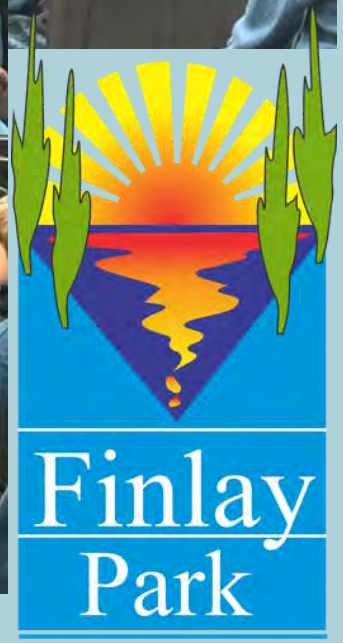
Assembly



Our **Year 7 & 8 rangatahi** led our Friday assembly and shared their adventures at Finlay Park Camp which was held at the end of Term 1. With riveting stories of Animal Safari, Blob, Magic Carpet, a glow worm barge cruise evening extravaganza, concert hilarity, twin slide, Rock Climbing, Tabloid Competition, Lolly Scramble, & parental antics supported by plenty of photos, audience attention was fully engaged. Needless to say, our Year 6 tamariki are already planning their 2027 Camp experience while our younger children are counting down the years until it's their turn.

Caleb Kieck played a catchy blues piano piece & **Monu & Rowan** played their guitars & sang 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord'.

Latu & Yuna MC-ed the assembly with style and the entire class performed the Te Reo warm-up item called '**Takahia Paki**' & then taught us all how to do it.





Tuakana/Teina: Learning Together, Growing Together

There is something really special about watching our tuakana and teina reading together. Older tamariki have the opportunity to share their reading skills, encouragement and patience, while our younger tamariki gain confidence, enjoy stories and have a special someone cheering them on. These moments are about so much more than reading. 🌱 They are about building relationships, showing manaakitanga, learning from one another and creating a sense of belonging. Our tuakana learn to lead, support and encourage, while our teina learn that they are valued, heard and cared for. Through shared books, conversations, smiles and plenty of encouragement, we are nurturing relationships that help our tamariki learn together, grow together and belong together.





CROCHET CLUB

Whaea Kayleigh & a group of our young people are crocheting baby blankets on Tuesdays at lunchtimes for babies born across our Rotorua community. In connection with Living Well Church, we have the benefit of being able to tag into their community baby resources where whānau across our city can access various different baby needs from: car seats, to cots, prams, cot sheets, blankets etc. This is another opportunity to both learn new skills and use those for the benefit of others.





SCIENCE ROAD SHOW 2026



On **Tuesday 11 August**, our **Year 5–8 tamariki** headed off to **Rotorua Intermediate** for the **2026 Science Road Show** – and what a fantastic day of discovery it was!

This year's fascinating themes included Astronomy, Fair Tests, Human Performance, Movement, Sight & Illusion, and Using Numbers. 🧐🧠🏃👁️

This is a fantastic annual opportunity to experience a range of **'hands on'** activities, which illustrate a specific scientific concept or principle. As you can see by the photos, these were fully engaging and there was much awe and wonder in the exploration process. Added to this, were two excellent science presentations which honed in on **'Am I living?'** exploring the characteristics of Living Things and the other **Kitchen Chemistry-Fascinating Science** from the Pantry.

No doubt, there will be a few more **"But WHY does that happen?"** questions popping up around home as our budding scientists continue their investigations! 🧪

A huge thank you to **Whaea Lisa & Whaea Surette** and everyone else who made this fantastic learning experience possible. We love seeing our tamariki **wonder, question, experiment and discover** – because that is where some of the best learning begins! 🌟





"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." — Albert Einstein





"Wonder is the first step
in the scientific method."
— Anonymous





WINTER SPORTS – HAVE A GO!



The **Winter Sports Primary Year 3-6 'Have a go!' event** is a marvelous opportunity for us as a smaller kura to enter several teams in a couple of different sporting codes. This year, we proudly entered 3 Netball teams and 4 Football teams – that's a whole lot of BC Chapman energy on the fields and courts!

It was wonderful to see our tamariki playing together, encouraging one another, developing their skills and, most importantly, having FUN! The smiles, determination and team spirit were definitely on full display. 🏆

And, as always, our amazing whānau support helped make the day even more special. We are so grateful to the parents who came along to cheer, encourage, support and celebrate our tamariki. 🇳🇵

A very special thank you to **Miss Wynne, Whaea Nicole, Whaea Jas, Whaea Jesse, Matua Michael Bell & Matua Josiah Paul** for overseeing our teams and supporting our tamariki throughout the day.

What a wonderful reminder that sometimes the biggest win is simply having a go, being part of a team and enjoying the journey together! 🏆

📷 A few highlights from a great day...







Football isn't just about goals - it's about friendships, support, and walking the journey together.







BCC Tuakana Intermediate Netball Team

A huge thank you to **Whaea Stacy** for her commitment, enthusiasm, and encouragement as she led our girls into our first-ever Intermediate Netball team!

Team sport is about so much more than what happens on the scoreboard. It provides wonderful opportunities for our tamariki to build friendships, learn to trust and support one another, communicate, show resilience, and celebrate each other's successes.

**“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so
much.” — Helen Keller**



Through the highs, the challenges, the wins and the losses, our girls are learning that when they work together, they are stronger together.

We are incredibly proud of the way our girls have represented our kura, developing their skills while strengthening relationships that make being part of a team so special.



UNIFORM

Despite the freezing weather, we continue to discover uniform items wandering around school without a name tag 🧊👤 and therefore we cannot return them to their rightful owners.

Please help us by naming every piece of uniform — jackets, jerseys, jumpers, socks, hats, and anything else that might mysteriously disappear during the day. When an item is named, we can return it to its rightful owner straight away!

This jacket was retrieved last week, complete with its very own ice overlay! ❄️ Thankfully, because it was clearly named, we were able to reunite it with its owner. And so, this little story had a happily-ever-after ending!

Please note that unclaimed uniform items will be donated to our second-hand shop if they are not collected within a reasonable timeframe. So, if your child has been missing something, now is a great time to check the lost property before it finds a new home!



**NAME YOUR UNIFORM – EVERY
PIECE, PLEASE!**

**BOOK
CHARACTER
DAY**
FRIDAY 21 AUGUST



JOIN US FROM
9:00AM – 10:00AM



Whaea 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.





This week, we are delighted to feature our **Year 4 & 5 authors**, who have been busy exploring their creativity through writing about the **Desert & Ecosystems**. Language is a powerful tool—it allows us to capture our thinking, paint vivid pictures with words, and experiment with different sentence starters and structures. Our tamariki have been developing their ability to choose words carefully, build engaging descriptions, and bring their ideas to life on the page. We are so proud of the imagination, effort and growing confidence our young authors are showing! Ka pai, Year 4 & 5! Keep those wonderful ideas flowing!

Mila and the Mystery Egg

by Essie Tijing

In the afternoon breeze, Mila went to the cold wetland for her job. The moment she stepped in, she saw fog towering over the water, clear raindrops clinging on the tall grass, and the sun giving the water a beautiful form. Mila admired it, she felt very calm, just sitting there, taking care of the wetland, and it also felt like it was sucking out her problems.

Suddenly, she noticed something on the damp ground in a nest shape. In an instant, Mila sprinted because it was her job to look after the wetland and animals, so she wanted to check if it was okay. Through the shallow water, Mila got closer and closer to see what it was. After a while, she found out it was an egg. Then she examined it and thought it was a humongous bird egg almost ready to hatch.

Adventurously, she brought the egg through the stream, that had lily pads that floated on the water, and they swayed left and right peacefully. She heard the birds chirping, insects buzzing, and water swishing as she carried the egg. It was all so peaceful! As she looked after the egg, she realised that it had been abandoned by its Mum or the Mum died.

When the sunset appeared, she decided that it was time to go home.

The next day the sun rose up, and Mila excitedly went back to the wetland to look after the mysterious egg. Cheerfully, she skipped to the place where she put the egg. Mila closely inspected the egg, but when she looked at the back there was a hole. Before she could think where the unknown creature was, a spine-chilling thing lightly scratched her. When she turned around, she saw something incredible. At last, the mystery was solved.

It was a cross-baby dragon. Mila's eyes lit up. Bravely, the baby dragon's scaly wings flapped and flapped. Mila ran further into the endless wetland; she was faster than the wind. Mila thought that the baby dragon was going to hurt her. Eventually, the dragon was tired, so it took a nap.

Quickly, a brilliant idea ran inside her brain. She made a plan to gather what dragons eat and give it to her, to say I hope we can become great friends. While the dragon was asleep, Mila silently put the food in front of her. For protection, Mila hid behind a giant bush. Finally, the dragon woke up and saw all of the yummy food in front of her. Without hesitation, she goggled up all the food in her mouth in just one sitting. Mila sneakily went close. Then the dragon ran up to her and licked her.

Happily, she brought the dragon back home and asked her parents if she could keep it. They said, "but YOU'RE taking care of it." From this day on Mila has taken care of the dragon and she named it Sophia.

One hot exhausting day in the endless desert...

by Odette Consumo

One hot exhausting day in the endless desert, Jane was there with her friend Jack. Nervously, Jane walked up to Jack in the hot and exhausting desert with a bottle of cold water.

"Hey Jack," Jane said.

"Yeah Jane," Jack said.

"Here's some water," Jane said.

Suddenly, Jane dropped it on Jack. "I'M SO SORRY!" Jane said.

"This shirt was new," said Jack, and then Jane ran away embarrassed, disappearing into the endless, hot desert.

Breathing heavily, Jane stopped running in the middle of the scorching hot desert. "That was so embarrassing. Ugh, I wish the sand could eat me whole," Jane said.

Suspiciously, Jane suddenly spotted a blue mysterious gem half buried in the hot sand.

"Is that a sapphire? That's like millions of MONEY!" Jane said, as shocked as a mouse in a mousetrap.

As Jane went to pick up the blue sapphire from the sand, the soft hot sand started to pull her in. Before she realised, her feet were buried under the sand. It felt like getting eaten.

"What the?" Jane said, not knowing how this shiny blue sapphire would change her day.

Sinking into quicksand, Jane felt trapped under the sun. She tried to yell for help, but it got worse. The sun beamed onto the helpless Jane. The sand was up to her mouth. The sand was now eating her whole like a black hole, but suddenly...



Escape from the Amazon

by Kaleb Burton

In 1985, one young ranger got lost in the Amazon wetland, and it was cold, misty, and damp. Terrified, the ranger was walking alone in the damp, cold mud. Suddenly, a bush shook! The ranger flashed his torchlight at the bush. He just stood there like a statue. Loudly, the bush roared at the ranger. He dropped his torch and ran deeper into the wetland.

Running towards the river, he cried, "How can I get to the other side?" Then the ground shook. Luckily, he found a boat and slowly floated down the Amazon River.

While the ranger was looking out, he saw an alligator and threw a rock into the dark water. Suddenly, the alligator hit the boat. The ranger called out, "Help, help!" He waited quietly until someone answered, and someone did. The ranger took one last breath.

When he woke up, he saw food supplies, people, and clothes and felt warmth.

One of the doctors said, "Hello, my name is Jadon."

"And my name is Matt. It's a pleasure to have you here."

Safely, the ranger got home. He said, "I'm so happy to be at home," and they lived happily ever after.



William and the Mysterious Blue Whale

by Harry Irons

When William quietly splashed through the cold, damp, and misty river, he heard a tapping sound. Tap, tap, tap. William froze. There was definitely someone there. Feeling more sure than ever, William parted the bushes to see if there was anything there. "Whew," he thought, "only a walking moose." Concerned, William whispered, "I'm sure there is something going on that's strange."

Suddenly, the ground shook. Trees were falling in every direction. William could hear an extremely loud moaning sound coming from the lake. It looked like a huge, smooth rock was moving through the water. In less than a second, the rock suddenly rose. "What?" He suddenly saw, with his own eyes, a blue whale. "How did that get here?" William thought.

Blue whales live in the deep ocean, not in the middle of the country!

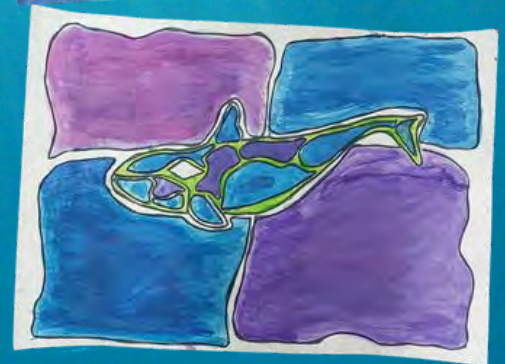
So William jumped in the lake with a great splash. He felt the coldness around him as he waded through the deepest part of the lake. Five minutes later, William and the blue whale were nearly out of the wetland. Peacefully, he waded through the river into the wetland. When he got to the entrance of the ocean, he heard a blue whale call. William smiled. The whale was back home.

When he got back to the bench he had carved out of a fallen tree, he was exhausted. So he got out his lunch and drink bottle, and hoisted it to his mouth. He drank about two litres of water. And after that, he crunched into his tasty sandwich.



Art Exhibition

This week we are featuring some spectacular 'ocean' themed art, designed & painted by **Ruma rima tamariki**. With our 2026 theme of '**Wonder and Wisdom**' exploring the ocean in all its richness reveals another of the contexts within creation which reflect beauty, complexity, provision & for which we are stewards.





Cardboard

📦 ✨ **GETS A SECOND LIFE!** 🎨 🐱

Whaea Becs & Rūma Toru have been getting creative with something that might normally end up in the recycling bin — cardboard boxes! 📦 ♻️

With a little imagination, those humble boxes have been transformed into colourful collage scenes, complete with quirky details, clever creations... and even some furry visitors! 🐱

👀 Can you spot the “Coco Cola” sign?
🐾 And how many cats can you find?



It's a wonderful reminder that one person's empty cardboard box is another person's blank canvas!

We love seeing our tamariki use everyday materials in imaginative ways — giving old boxes a second life and turning them into something completely new.



UP & COMING DATES

Monday 17th August-‘waka tautoko’ meeting 7pm

Friday 21st August -Book Character Day

Monday 24th August Vision & Hearing Testing Year 7

Wednesday 26th August- Regional Badminton Competition in Tauranga (Felix & Caleb)

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)

Friday 25th September Last day of Term 3



REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school, please let us know **before 8:30am** so we are aware of the reason for their absence and can inform their teacher.

You can report an absence by:



Calling the School Office: 07 346 1492



Whaea Irma: 022 345 4775



If the phone is unattended, please leave a message on the answerphone with your child's name and the reason for their absence.



SchoolBridge (digital):

You can also report your child's absence digitally through SchoolBridge, either via the BC website sign-in or the SchoolBridge app.



SchoolBridge



Email: office.chapman@beth.school.nz



Email: irma.vanniekerk@beth.school.nz



Thank you for helping us keep our attendance records accurate and ensuring your child's teacher is informed.



Waka Tautoko SPRING FAIR

'Waka Tautoko' meetings are certainly full of **connection**, **creative ideas** and plans focused on **Spring Fair**.



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**.

Our next meetings are:



Monday 17 August



Monday 14 September



Monday 19 October



7:00pm



Kura Staffroom

If you are able to attend any of these meetings, please do come along!

You are guaranteed to be welcomed, and to find **enthusiasm, laughter and food!!!!**

Together, we can make this Spring Fair something truly special.
He waka eke noa - We are all in this together.

BETHLEHEM COLLEGE CHAPMAN SPRING FAIR



Collection Items

**THANK
YOU**

WEEK FIVE



Knives, forks & spoons

SPRING FAIR

WEEK SIX



Tomato Sauce

SPRING FAIR

WEEK SEVEN



Tea Bags

SPRING FAIR

WEEK EIGHT



Plunger Coffee

WEEK NINE



Caster Sugar

SPRING FAIR

WEEK TEN



King Size Chocolate

SPRING FAIR