



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 6 TERM 3

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

James 3 v 17

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

"Ko te matauranga ia o runga, he mea kinokore i te tuatahi, muri iho he rangimarie, he ngawari, he hohoro ki te whakarongo, ki tonu i te mahi tohu, i nga hua pai, kahore ana whiriwhiringa i te tangata, kahore ona tinihanga."

I never quite know what will come my way that could potentially be Newsletter worthy! Yet having said that I also never cease to be amazed at who and what does cross my path in the two-week period between each time we put our latest newsletter together. These photos are of a student led initiative, a group of visionary dedicated tamariki who took it upon themselves to filter the sand in our extensive sandpit area. It had come to the attention of these three young observers that the sand was contaminated with foreign materials: little stones, rocks, and some other garden foliage. Being the innovative young people that they are an engineering project was born. Frankly, the sheer size of the challenge should have been enough to put them off. With Project Manager little **Miss Promise** directing the action, she seconded the support from **Estelle and Stella**. This is the evidence of their perseverance as they repeatedly placed bucket loads of sand through the sieve to restore the sand to its purest forms.



There is perhaps a connection to be made to how God grows our character to become more like His Son. I don't know about you, but God's school of character building isn't exactly my favourite place to be, especially when HE finds rocks of impatience, or stubbornness, or 'giving up'. Instead, it is the **Fruit of His Spirit** that HE desires to grow and like Promise, Estelle, and Stella, HE wisely perseveres, recognising that I am a 'work in process, and progress' and HE is committed to completing it! As parents and teachers, may we too, be guided by the wisdom of Scripture and the power of the **Holy Spirit**. Let's patiently support our wonderful young people in their character, encouraging them as we see their growth as they, like us are too, a work in progress.

Me te aroha tonu
With love always *Hazel*



*Caring Hearts
Helping Hands
Changing Lives*

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK 5: 17TH-21ST AUGUST

As we celebrated **Tongan Language week**, on Thursday our BC Chapman Tongan whānau came dressed to teach us not only some Tongan language but also the cultural significance of different items of clothing worn in direct connection to specific occasions. These finely hand-woven mats are an incredible reflection of the art of weaving and of family heritage as such items are passed generationally and are treasures, often a legacy of love from grandmothers, mothers and aunties. 'Ta'ovala are worn at waist height by both male and female. The one Whaea Lisa is wearing, is one of the last made by her mother-in-law Ala, so as you can imagine, it is precious.

A 'Ta'ovala carries the following significance:

- **Formal Attire:** Worn by both men and women during formal occasions, church services, weddings, and funerals.
- **Core Values:** It visually represents faka'apa'apa (respect) and an enduring obligation to the land and people of Tonga.
- **Life Events:** Frayed or older mats are typically worn during funerals as a sign of mourning, whereas finer, cleaner mats are reserved for celebratory events.

We can genuinely build bridges of cultural understanding constantly as we observe, listen and learn from others. Having 17 different cultures represented within our BC Chapman kura community is a God-given gift, an optimum opportunity for us to do exactly this.

'Ana Paletu'a
&
Latu Paletu'a



Whaea Lisa 'Alofi,
Monu 'Afu &
Fe'ofa'aki 'Alofi



Our Gym Roof Heroes!

A huge thank you to **Mr. Andy Morton and Mr. Ian Barker**, two absolute heroes who recently came to the rescue and fixed our gym roof!

We are incredibly grateful for their goodness, generosity and heart of service to BC Chapman. Their willingness to give their time and expertise has made a lasting difference to our school community. Their willingness to lend a hand and help our kura is truly appreciated. We are forever grateful!



Deep Roots Biblical Studies

Our Year 7 & 8 rangatahi/young people, have been pondering the question “How do we faithfully practice loving God and those around us?”. Here are a few of their thoughts:

We do this by:

- **Helping others**
 - Not thinking or saying anything mean
- **Being friendly, kind, caring & showing respect**
 - Stay faithful to what you say and do
- **Love God and your neighbour with all your heart, mind and soul**
- Serve by helping people in need instead, of just watching, because you never know what they could be going through and you might just make their day
 - **Try 100% in everything I am involved in**
 - Pray for or with someone
 - **Show you are thankful**
- Telling my football team about God yet not forcing them to become Christians
 - **Treat others the same way you like to be treated**
 - Going to Church and worshipping him

It's a great question to ponder and I wonder what we would each reply if asked?

We can love God and others by praying for other people and teaching them about God. And be kind to them.
-Atawhai

By Being kind & Caring to everyone. And showing respect while being friendly. You can also be faithful to all.

Always saying thank you and please
- Greet everyone politely
- Always help others, like picking up something they dropped.
Latua

* Think about my attitude & actions & how they do or don't reflect Jesus.

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Repent & ask God's forgiveness & help

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Remember God's faithfulness & goodness.

We can show God's love to others by being friendly and sharing the love of God with them.

By worshipping and praying to God.

Love your neighbour. Treat others how you would like to be treated.

Follow the 10 commandments.

A practical way to love God & others:
By sharing and kindness, and trying to help and communicate.

Pray to God to ask for help.

Is too always put God and other people first than yourself.

And to be grateful for everything you have.

By telling others about God.

One practical way to love God and the people around you is by serving one another. For example, letting someone borrow a pencil. And you also serve God when you do that. Because it is good & fun. Can you?

-Falk

We can love God and those around us can be by sucking it up when your tired or sad and acting like so you can make them feel good, and so you can be happy.

We can show God's love to others by being friendly and sharing the love of God with them.

than you

By serving or helping people in need instead of just watching because you never know what they could be going through and you could make their day.

By telling my football team about God but not forcing them to become Christians.

I can express my love for Christ by trying 100% in every thing I do But also do it for Him.

~~By telling them about God~~
Welcome. Being a living example of God's word and having time at the start & end of the day to thank God and talk to him about what happened in your day and ask him for help to remember his words in a hard situation.

A good way to love God and one another is to not say mean things or think mean things about people. EVEN if they're mean to you and not popular so if you were mean people wouldn't judge. Be nice anyway.
-Friona

Serving my family & better
-Rowan

It was wonderful to see them thinking deeply about how their faith influences their choices and relationships. Their responses showed growing maturity and a genuine desire to understand what it means to live out their faith in practical ways.

What a beautiful example of **Deep Roots in action**—**growing faith that reaches beyond the classroom and into the way we live and love each day.** 🌱💚

You should love your neighbour and God is with all your heart, mind, and soul.

I can love God by trusting that Jesus died on the cross and having a relationship.

I can love my neighbours by serving them whether that's doing a chore or cooking dinner or just praying for them.

PRAYER You could pray to God by yourself or you could pray for someone or you could pray with someone.

I can Love my neighbour as my self. I can Love God by Pray

By getting to know them and like have a conversation? And being kind to other's that you don't know very well.

- *you could greet someone you walk past.
- *you could also give encouragement to someone who looks a bit down.
- *you could maybe also thank people like if their cleaning or something we go

Go to the church. Sing the song to God. Help some one.

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

Our double set of staff twins, 'The Loraxes' Miss G and Mrs Jeffcote; and the 'Where's Wally' Matua Lama, Wally' and Whaea Lisa, 'Wenda' combination injected considerable hilarity into the start of our day. All in all, our tamariki **LOVED** this opportunity to showcase book characters and we are committed to encourage them to visit our Library and feed their reading appetite.



Mr Tom Moffatt, a local Rotorua author of children's literature and, as it happens, one of our parents, spoke to our tamariki about 'authoring'. Taking one of his own experiences as a boy, he then embellished it with a couple of fictional characters to create an entirely gripping storyline punctuated with dramatic acting. Tom spoke of the different types of books he has written 'Fictional Narrative', 'Short Story' and 'Jokes', illustrating the power of writing to entertain, intrigue and captivate. Tom is an inspiring teacher of authoring, and we are grateful for the time he invested on Friday.

TOM E. MOFFATT AUTHOR OF CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER









SPORTS UPDATE

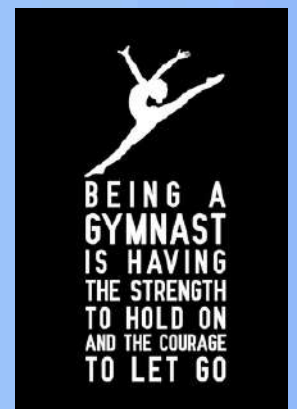
BADMINTON

On Wednesday our Badminton stars **Felix Chu** and **Caleb Kieck** travelled to Tauranga for the Regional BoP Badminton Championships. What an incredible result for our tamariki! Felix won all of his singles matches, while the team won every doubles match — including some very nerve-wracking games! Caleb also had some great battles in his singles, winning two of his 5 matches. Their hard work, determination and teamwork paid off, with the team finishing as **Champions and winners of Division 1**. What a Smash-Hit Success! 🏆 🙌 A fantastic achievement — congratulations, team! We are so proud of you!



GYMNASTICS

Mikaela Christiansen recently competed in a local Sport BoP Inter-kura/Inter-school gymnastics competition. **Mikaela was placed first in the Level 6 Tumbling and 2nd in the Junior Advanced Gymnastics.** We would like to especially honour her for incredible achievements, and also for choosing to do so, when all her friends were here celebrating **Book Character Day**. This shows commitment to developing her gymnastic talents even when this means missing out on an annual fun schoolwide activity. We are super proud of you Mikaela!



TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

A huge well done to our adventurous tamariki who took on the **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** on Wednesday, 26 August! 🎉

Some of our students independently participated and, judging by the smiles in the photos, they had an absolute blast tackling the mud, obstacles and challenges along the way! 🏃🌿💧
We love seeing our tamariki getting out there, having fun, challenging themselves and giving things a go. **Ka pai, team!** 🙌



We make a great team together



Waka Tautoko PTA – Spring Fair Update

The buzz of enthusiasm is definitely contagious! 🐝 Our latest Waka Tautoko meeting on Monday 17 August focused on all things Spring Fair, and we're excited about the variety of stalls we hope to have running.

We're looking at Food, Merchandise, Miscellaneous and Games stalls, and we'd love to have as much variety as possible!

If you happen to be aware of some creative project making soaps, candles, jewellery, sewing scrunchies or growing plants, please speak to Vika Ellis in the carpark on either a Tuesday or Friday after school. We will be thrilled to hear your ideas.

👏 Can you lend a hand?

If you have some time to help with set-up or running a particular stall, please let Vika know.

If you have a special skill or expertise, we'd love to hear from you! Confidently, we can gather a few willing parents together and learn from you while creating some wonderful items to sell.

Many visitors come to our Spring Fair looking for Christmas gifts, so we'd hate to disappoint them! 🎄📺

There are plenty of other jobs where we'll need support too, and we'll be sharing more information and opportunities to help throughout this term and into the first month of next term. Let's keep the waka moving together!

BETHLEHEM COLLEGE CHAPMAN
SPRING FAIR

Collection Items

THANK
YOU





Jessie

Art Exhibition



Sky



Nathanael

Cat Art

This past week **Whaea Becs and Whaea Del's Ruma rua/Room 2 tamariki** had some 'cat' inspired fun. Look closely at the emotions of these cats and their creative individuality. These cats can 'roll their eyes' in disbelief, in disobedience, and even in that 'smugness' that says; "I rule the household and I will sleep on whichever piece of furniture I want to, especially if my whānau are out at work or school".



Aki



Jeremaiah



Asher



Freya



Emke



Daniel



Aloiza



Aya



Lisa



Greyson



Alexa



A Celebration of Young Poets

This week, we are delighted to feature the wonderful **Year 4 & 5 poets** from **Whaea Kaileigh's** class! ✨

Our tamariki have been busy exploring the world through poetry, using vivid imagery, descriptive language, rhyme, sounds and personification to bring their ideas to life. From the dazzling savannah and shimmering ocean to mysterious forests and colourful marine life, each poem gives us a glimpse into the creative worlds of these young writers.

We are so proud of the imagination, creativity and confidence shining through their work. Well done, Room 4 poets — keep writing, keep imagining and keep sharing your beautiful words!

The Dazzling Savannah

Elaina Parent

In the morning,
the savannah awoke.
Happy huge hippos
jumped in the lake.

Whistle, whistle, whistle.
The wind gently blew.
Roaring lions rested
on the grass.

Adorable little lion cubs
ran through the grass.
Calm koalas
hung from a tree.

The savannah fell asleep,
While the moon spread a gentle glow
across the land.

The shimmering Savannah

Rebecca Vijo

A blast of heat
shot over the steaming, sunny savannah.
The sleepy lazy animals,
lay beneath the trees.

Rustle, rustle, rustle.
The grass whispered secrets amongst each other.
Crunch, crunch, crunch.
The broken tree sticks crunched as animals stepped on them.

The ground shook,
from the lion's roar.

The sky darkened,
The sun went down.
The savannah went to sleep,
not a peep came out.
The night was quiet.



A Day in the Marine

Jadon Magill

Through the salty, shimmering water
the coral danced..

Behind the hard, solid rocks,
were tiny fish.

“Pop, pop!” said the bubbles.

The diver jumped into the water.

Splash!

Swish, swish,

went Findlay the flying, friendly fish's tail.

The big killer whales were watching
over its prey,
like a group of guards.

The colourful fish,
said “Goodnight” to the moon.

The moon smiled at the marine,
and whispered, "Goodnight."

Crystal Waters

Findlay Read

The salty water
swallowed the animals.

Jellyfish were dancing in the deep.
Stingrays were sleeping like a dog.

Swish, swish, swish,

the fishtail moved.

Bubbles popped,
waking animals.

White sharks,
chomped on meat.

Bite, bite, bite.

The shark ate the fish.

Swimming in the deep,
the fish played happily.
Laughing like hyenas,
the shark laughed with them.

The Tropical Marine

Ariana Simspon-Castaneda

Beneath the freezing sea,
squid danced.

In the distance,
fresh air swirled
around the moonlit sky.

Splash!

People jumped in the freezing sea.

Soaking in the cool water,
they drifted with the current.

Swish, swish,
seaweed danced in the deep water.
Screech, screech.

Doug the friendly dolphin,
played with his silver ball.

Mysterious sounds came from above,
like a noisy dolphin screeching.

Smooth, silky sperm whales,
glided in the glistening waters.





The Beauty in the Forest **Essie Tijing**

The sun shimmered in the morning,
the cloud sprinkled its magic.
Beneath the sun,
tall trees held the sky.

Swish!
Wind travelled through the endless forest.
The whole forest awoke
to see the glimmering place.

The fantastic fantail
flitted its wings,
as the calm blue sky
squeezed between the trees.

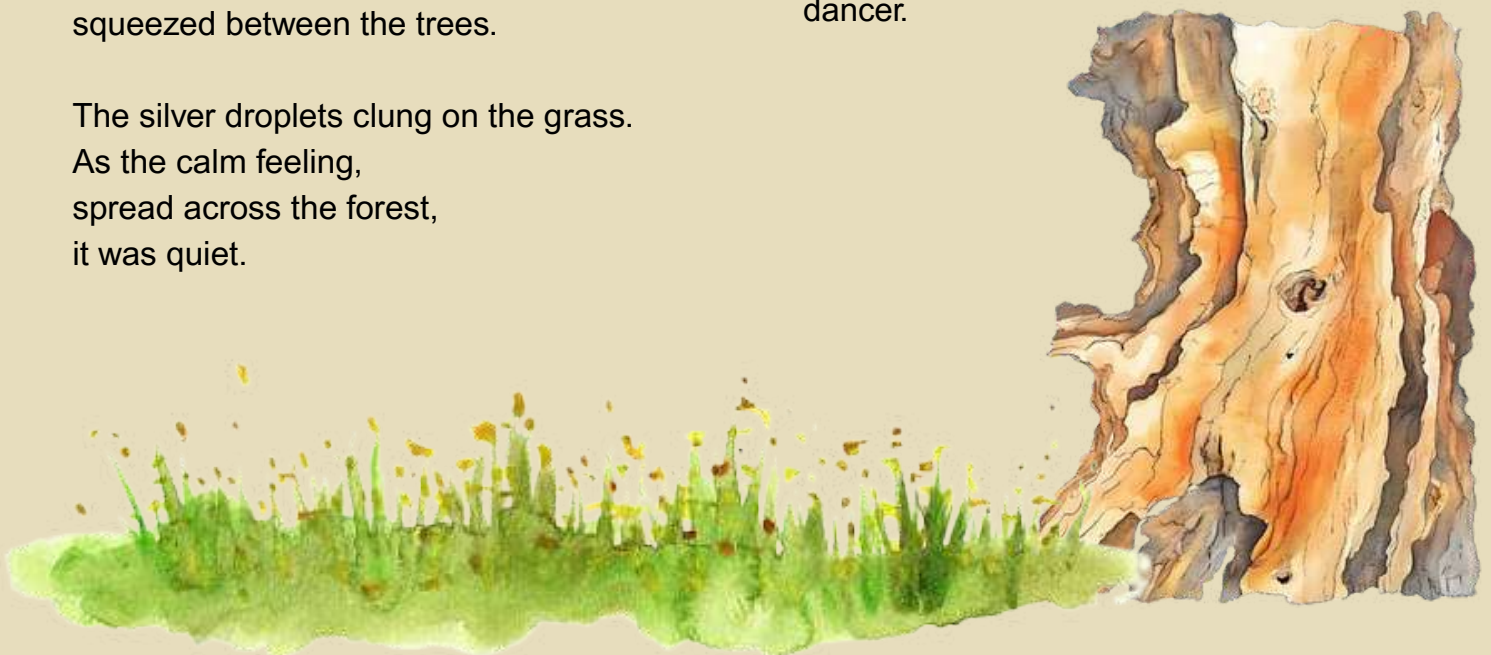
The silver droplets clung on the grass.
As the calm feeling,
spread across the forest,
it was quiet.

The Quiet, Mysterious Forest **Awatea Longbottom**

Quiet fish swim
in the seaweed.
The fat, funny fish
are talking to each other.

Splish, splash,
vents the octopus.
Ugly rock fish are hiding
in the golden sand.

The fish swim in the seaweed,
swishing their tails.
The seaweed dances like a jazz
dancer.



Up & coming Dates

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

Monday 12th October Staff/Kaimahi Only Day

Monday 12th October Uniform Shop Open

Tuesday 13th October Beginning of Term 4



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. 