



HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER WEEK 8 TERM 3

Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,

God has created seasons around us reflected in both our environment and in our personal lives. Distinctive seasonal change is inevitable in this part of the world. Spring is most definitely in the air, and in Rotorua as a city!

Daffodils waving their yellow heads and tulips planted in beds by Rotorua Council garden staff, will reveal their rich colours over the coming weeks. The weekly washing hanging outside on the clothesline doesn't stand a chance against the strength of the wind furiously flapping it dry. Broccoli and cauliflower are appearing in abundance and are much more reasonably priced. Calves and lambs are jumping through the paddocks with boundless energy. Our tamariki likewise are filled with energy and it is wonderful to have them healthy, after a Winter season of flus, colds and viruses which have hit so many whānau hard. The signs of new life, of regeneration are a reminder it's time to start planting vegetables, in preparation for later summer harvest. Spring has arrived!

All this makes us think ahead to our **BC Chapman Spring Fair on 13th November**, which we are preparing for. At that time, we will host many visitors to our grounds, and provide them with a smorgasbord of international cuisine, gift selections, activities, games, performances and opportunities to engage in community life. **Please join in the preparation fun as your contribution is valued and needed. If you have any ideas as to what we could create, do or sell, then please don't hesitate to let us know.**

As we invite everyone into our kura, our prayer is that they will leave knowing they experienced hospitality that was lavishly laced with the love, joy and peace of God.

Ecclesiastes 1 v 1

'There is a time for everything,
and a season for every
activity under the heavens'

"Ko nga kupu a te
Kaikauwhau, ara a te tama
a Rawiri, i kingi nei ki
Hiruharama."



Blokes & Kids BREAKFAST



Believe it or not, getting out of bed was worth the effort! On Friday **there were 220 cooked breakfasts** of scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon and toast. A sweet pastry with coffee or tea completed the early morning connection of 'blokes 'n kids' ahead of the Sunday Father's Day celebration. The smiles on the faces of our young people spoke volumes of the joy and pride they felt in bringing their special blokes to this occasion. This is a BC Chapman whānau tradition through which we can honour and bless these men who love, encourage, invest time, energy and manage to inject endless fun and love of adventure into the lives of our children.



Our special thanks to Mrs Tanja Lotter, Chef **extraordinaire**, who spear-headed the kitchen action with flair. She was ably supported by a whole array of '**waka tautoko**' PTA mums who came early on Friday morning to cook and serve the breakfast.

The 'buzz' in the café of men and children avidly talking, was exactly what we'd hoped would happen. With each passing year we continue to gather momentum. The interest and engagement generated is reflective of our BC Chapman community commitment which we as staff genuinely treasure.





Best
Dad
ever.









*With a dad like you, every day
is Father's Day.*





Celebrating Our Blokes

Our tamariki have been busy creating special Father's Day cards to show their dads just how much they are loved and appreciated. With little hands, big hearts and plenty of creativity, each card is a beautiful reminder that sometimes the simplest gestures mean the most.

Our students have also been reflecting on the special bonds they share with their dads and fatherly figures. Whether it's playing backyard sports, sharing a laugh, fixing something together, or receiving a comforting hug after a scraped knee, these everyday moments help create a safe and loving place for our children to grow.

A massive thank you to all the wonderful dads and fatherly figures who pour into the lives of our tamariki. Thank you for all the quiet, often unseen, magical ways you encourage, guide, protect and build up your children each and every day.

Your little ones notice more than you know — and they are so very grateful for you!





Dad

[dad] noun

A good dad points beyond himself. Through his words, his sacrifices and his love, he helps his children see the heart of God.



Waka Tautoko/PTA

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 14th September at 7pm here in the BC Chapman Staffroom**. If you can come along, we'd be thrilled to have you as we are hoping to build momentum towards Spring Fair. Your presence and ideas really matter and can assist us to successfully bring together this special event. If you would like to offer to help, and haven't yet done so, then please email into our School Office and let us know what you might be able to assist us with.

The following is a list of some stalls or ideas where we'd LOVE your help!

- **Cooking for food stalls** e.g. Umu; Butter chicken; Samosas; Nachos; Hamburgers; Hot Chips; Pulled Pork Buns; American Hotdogs etc.
- **Making jewelry, candles, soaps, cards, cushion covers, bookmarks, etc.** for sale at the gift stall



- **Stenciling Hessian Shopping Bags to sell**
- **White Elephant stall**
- **Café and Baking Cakes**



- **Growing plants for sale at the plant stall**



Oh, and if you have **ANY** other brilliant ideas, we want to hear them! 💡 ✨ Don't keep those genius ideas to yourself — share them with us! 😊

You are officially invited to our next PTA meeting, **MONDAY evening 14 September at 7pm!** 🎉 We'd LOVE to have you join us — **even if you can only commit for the next couple of months**, if your schedule allows.

We need ALL the bright ideas, creative brains, energy and enthusiasm we can get to make this a HUGE success! 🙌❤️

So come along, bring your ideas, bring your energy and let's make some magic happen for our kura and tamariki! The more hands, brains and crazy-good ideas, the better! 😊✨



**Waka Tautoko
SPRING FAIR**

'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**.

Our next meetings are:

- 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. ♥️



WEEK EIGHT

Plunger Coffee



WEEK NINE

Caster Sugar

SPRING FAIR



Collection Items
THANK YOU
BETHLEHEM COLLEGE CHAPMAN
SPRING FAIR



WEEK TEN

King Size Chocolate

SPRING FAIR



A Beautiful Spring Day Surprise!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA for the beautiful gesture of spoiling our staff with flowers on Spring Day, 1 September. 🌸

The gorgeous flowers brought plenty of smiles and were greatly appreciated by all our staff. It was such a thoughtful way to brighten the day and remind our staff just how valued and appreciated they are.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity and for always looking for ways to bless our kura and our staff. 💙🌸

Ngā mihi nui, PTA!

SPORTS UPDATE

AIMS GAMES



Six of our tamariki joined in **AIMS games** held in Tauranga this week. **Elyse, Ryan and Katie played tennis while Flo, Arlo and Rowan joined the Bethlehem, College Futsal team.** This was a great experience for them as it is like a Year 7 & 8 Commonwealth Games. It draws kura teams from across Aotearoa and overseas from Australia and the Pacific nations. With 14,506 athletes and their whānau arriving in Tauranga/Mount Manganui, the event is of extensive proportions as seen on recent News reports. Even attending an event of this size, is eye opening where sporting talents and skills are in abundance.



Behind every young athlete is a whānau cheering them on!

TOUCH RUGBY

TERM 4

We have registered our two Touch Rugby teams for the Term 4 competition. We have a Year 7 & 8 boys team **The BC Chapman Untouchables** coached by **Matua Lama**. The second team is a mixed Year 5 & 6 team of girls and boys **The BC Chapman Touchdowns** coached by **Matua Neil**, assisted by Whaea Jesse as manager.



This week's writing comes from Ruma tahi/Room 1 and Ruma wha/Room 4!

Adele and Alexa from Whaea Del's class visited Mrs Warnes in her office, to show off their authoring skills, and artistic illustrations. Look at how the actions in their story are cleverly captured in words and vivid drawings.



Whaea Kayleigh's tamariki are learning about our local history as it relates to Tamatekapua and early Rotorua settlement.

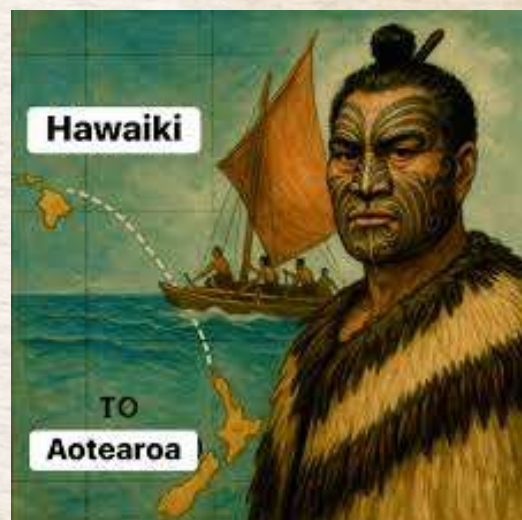
The Voyage from Hawaiki to Aotearoa

by Hazel Moffatt Year 4

'Disappointed to have to leave, the voyagers started to pack for their journey to find a new homeland, because Whakatūria had died, and there wasn't enough food. His older brother Tamatekapua led others to leave Hawaiki. After sunrise, the voyagers slumped into their waka. There was no other feeling except for sadness in the air. They could feed themselves on board the waka, because of the kumara, water in the calabashes, and the dried meat.

Across the wide moana, the Waka Hourua dipped and rose in the giant waves. Most times there was a single star in the sky. Ngātoroirangi the navigator, found out which way to go. Annoyed how slow the waka was going without an engine the voyagers gave up looking for land. Tamatekapua tried to be brave. The waves and birds distracted the voyagers for a while until they became bored.

Paddling as hard as they could, they still searched for land. "There's land ahead," Tamatekapua yelled. Relieved and excited, they paddled towards the shore. Climbing out of the boat the voyagers touched the golden sands of Maketu. From that day on they lived together on Maketu and moved to explore other parts of Aotearoa, 'the land of the long white cloud', New Zealand.



The Voyage from Hawaiki to Aotearoa

by Jadon Magill Year 5

Before sunrise, the voyagers collected food, calabashes full of water and fishing nets for the trip. The reason they were leaving was because it was unsafe. Excited for the journey, the voyagers could not wait for the adventure. Next, they said goodbye to their ancestors. Preparing the wakas, the voyagers got ready to set sail. Soon the island got smaller and smaller as they left it behind.

Across the moana, the voyagers set sail. Suddenly the tides rose. A wave crashed into the waka. Bang! As they got closer, they became more excited. By looking at the stars, they knew how to navigate the right direction. Finally, they reached land.

They left their waka and felt proud of themselves. They looked around, then unpacked the rest of their supplies. It was a long journey but at least they made it through. The voyagers built whare, and they also built a meeting house, a wharenui. They were happy to live on a nice island.



Art Exhibition

We have some wonderful examples of **Abstract Art** for this weeks' exhibition taken from our Year 3, & 5 & 6 tamariki .

Created with coloured paper, interesting patterns, PVA glue, and pastel, the end results are definitely wall-worthy.

Ruma Toru / Room 3





Rooted in the timeless passage of Galatians 5:22–23, we have some lovely expressive art from **Ruma whā/Room 4** illustrating the Fruit of the Spirit. A visual reminder of the Holy Spirit at work in ordinary moments.



Bold Blooms, Fresh Energy

Ruma rima/Room 5 transformed our walls with abstract flower paintings to celebrate the first day of spring! . Our talented students traded traditional realism for playful, perfectly imperfect forms, focusing instead on a celebration of color and movement. These stunning pieces capture the true essence of the new season—bursting with life, creativity, and fresh energy. The bright petals have completely re-energized our learning space.



Kapa Haka



Click, clack, rhythm and movement — our tamariki are bringing their rākau skills to life!

Our tamariki have been learning how to work with 'rākau' and a couple of keen tamariki came to demonstrate their learning. It is wonderful to see the way they not only engage with kapa haka and tikanga, but how they carry and practice their new knowledge and skills with joy and enthusiasm. Working with rākau requires rhythm, coordination, concentration and perseverance. The movements may look simple, but they take plenty of practice to master! Our tamariki are building confidence, developing their coordination and embracing the challenge with determination.

What a joy it is to see them learning, practising and sharing their knowledge.



UNIFORM

Lost Property is Getting Out of Hand!

Our lost property pile seems to be growing every week! Take a look at the pile of unnamed jerseys and PE shorts currently looking for their owners.

We're asking our whānau once again to please name every item of school uniform your tamariki wears. Jackets, jerseys, jumpers, PE gear, socks, hats — and anything else that might mysteriously disappear during the school day!

A little name label makes a big difference!

Please note that **all unclaimed uniform items** will be **donated to the Uniform Shop** at the end of the term. So, if your child has been missing a jersey, shorts or other uniform item, now is a great time to check the lost property before it finds a new home!

Thank you for helping us keep our lost property pile under control and making sure those wandering uniforms find their way home.

NAME YOUR UNIFORM – EVERY PIECE, PLEASE!



UP & COMING DATES

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 Only Day

Tuesday 13th October Beginning of Term 4

Tuesday 13th October Start of the Term 4 Touch Rugby season

Monday 19th October 'Waka Tautoko ' Meeting 7pm in BC Chapman Staffroom

Monday 26th October Labour Day Holiday

Friday 30th October Inter-Kura Chess and Speech Competition at BC Chapman

Friday 13th November Spring Fair



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. 