# Spring Fair 2026

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**Psalm 100:4–5**

**“Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

“Tomokia ona tatau i runga i te whakawhetai, ona marae i runga i te whakamoemiti: whakawhetai atu ki a ia, whakapaingia tona ingoa. He pai hoki a Ihowa, pumau tonu tana mahi tohu: a kei tena whakatupuranga, kei tena whakatupuranga, tona pono.”

**Kia ora wonderful BC Chapman waka whānau,**

This newsletter is **unapologetically dedicated** solely to our bi-annual BC Chapman Spring Fair, which took place last **Friday, 13 November.** And what an event it was!
When our community comes together with the same heart, mind and purpose to express the love of Jesus across our wider Rotorua community, there is blessing! **To say “thank you” to all those who worked so diligently feels inadequate.** We want you to know that your contribution made our Spring Fair the wonderful occasion it was.




The **BC Chapman crest** bears the words **“We Serve.”** When these words become more than mere rhetoric and are put into practice, we witness our kura community in action, with each person playing a significant and unique part. Together, we achieve goals that demonstrate the beauty of working interdependently, each contributing what they can for the benefit of others.



Our **Waka Tautoko PTA team** was in full swing, **led by Vika Ellis and Jasmine Russell**, who involved other team members and entrusted them with specific responsibilities for the various stalls. Over the weeks of preparation, the many talents within our whānau came to the fore, resulting in the creation of countless beautiful gifts. We also discovered some phenomenal chefs, gifted gardeners, and people with not only incredible ideas but also the dedication to bring them to life!



BC Chapman was literally **humming with activity** as Spring Fair preparations began shortly after 9am on Friday morning. Weeks and months of anticipation and preparation culminated in our whānau helpers arriving to provide the much-needed “all hands on deck” support. The day we had all been waiting for had finally arrived!





It was a hive of activity, with gazebos and tables being erected, gifts displayed, prices added, stalls assembled, games and activities prepared, and a bouncy castle set up. Decorative bunting was hung to add to the festive atmosphere. Everywhere you looked, people were working together, each playing their part to bring the day to life.











Having such a wonderfully multicultural community meant that cuisine from around the world could be prepared and showcased, providing everyone with a delicious takeaway option on a Friday evening.

Our **Tongan and Samoan whānau** generously prepared traditional umu feasts, bringing the rich flavours and traditions of the Pacific to our Spring Fair.



















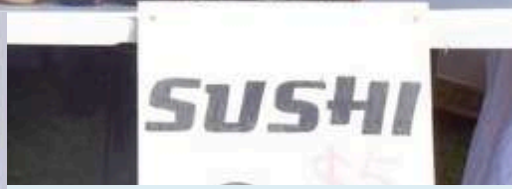


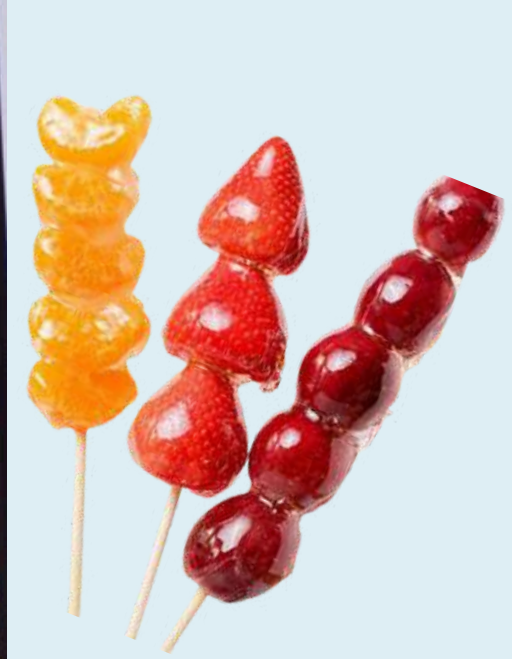



Our **Chinese community** prepared sushi packs and fresh fruit sticks/Tonghulu.










Our **Indian whānau** served butter chicken, rice, roti, biryani and samosas.







While our **South African whānau** introduced us to a good old-fashioned braai/boerwors roll and & vetkoek/fried bread.









American hot dogs broadened the menu, while our **Kiwi blokes & ladies** fired up the grills to serve delicious smash burgers & Hot Chips!

Our wonderful **Filipino whānau** treated us to a taste of home, sharing some much-loved traditional favourites, including cassava cake, toasted siopao, biko and puto bumbong. One Delicious Bite at a Time!







Scattered around the grounds were stalls offering strawberries drizzled with chocolate sauce, candy floss, ice blocks, cool and refreshing drinks, and delicious fruit sticks. For those looking for weekend baking treats, there were cakes, slices, muffins, cupcakes and every imaginable delectable goody, all lovingly made and packaged.












The generosity involved in preparing the food, covering the cost of ingredients, giving countless hours of time, and then manning the stalls speaks volumes about our community's commitment to hospitality, serving our kura and blessing others. The consensus? **The food was absolutely divine, and it disappeared remarkably quickly!**







Beautifully grown garden and indoor plants were also available, along with bunches of fresh flowers for those wanting to capture a little of spring's fragrance and colour.



# GARAGE SALE




Beneath the outdoor classroom, treasures of all kinds awaited discovery. It was an opportunity to meander, browse and rummage in search of that one special item you never knew you needed, only to discover that there it was, waiting just for you!
















**Whaea Surette's** class ran the much-loved **Adopt a Teddy stall**, complete with an array of cute, cuddly characters desperately in need of a new home!

















**Whaea Kayleigh's class created beautiful gift boxes** from recycled Coke bottles, **Christmas cards** and **sensory jars**.















**Miss G and Room 3** turned up the fun with their **Funky Hair Salon**, where wild styles, colourful creations and plenty of giggles were the order of the day! Who knew a little hair flair could bring so much fun?






















Each contribution, whether large or small, helped make the Spring Fair what it was. So much creativity, generosity and hard work went into preparing the wonderful array of goods on offer.

On the other side of the grounds, tucked away inside the Art Room, were the gorgeous gifts lovingly created over many weeks, both at home and at school. Screen-printed bags, candles, jewellery, vases, Christmas decorations, Kids Koasters, packs of cards, handmade soaps, jams, chutneys, tote bags, scrunchies, cushions and a veritable smorgasbord of assorted gifts offered something for everyone.














**Miss G** spent hours using her artistic gifts to create splendid merchandise, while **Whaea Jesse** led the team producing another collection of original screen-printed bags. **Whaea Santa** put her sewing skills to work, while **Whaea Astrid and Matua Dave** collected, sorted and organised the mountain of donated treasures.










# FUN & GAMES

















There was something **fun for everyone** at our Spring Fair, from Pick the Nose, Mystery Jars, Guess the Jelly Beans, Spin the Wheel, Silent Auction and Football Madness to many more exciting games, challenges and surprises! There was plenty of fun, laughter and a little friendly competition for the whole whānau to enjoy!








WIN




GUESS
how many
JELLY BEANS
&
Win the ALL!
Take a guess!


FOOTBALL MADNESS
5 POINTS
1 POINT
2 POINTS


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BouncyCastle







We were treated to wonderful **Pasifika and Besorah dance and drama presentations.** The joy and energy of Samoan dancing was infectious, while the Besorah Performing Arts Group shared a powerful Gospel message through their presentation, **"The Clown's Mistake."** Their performance reminded us that even in our mistakes, God's love, grace and truth remain steadfast, leaving those who watched with a lasting message of faith, hope and love.












THE CLOWNS MISTAKE









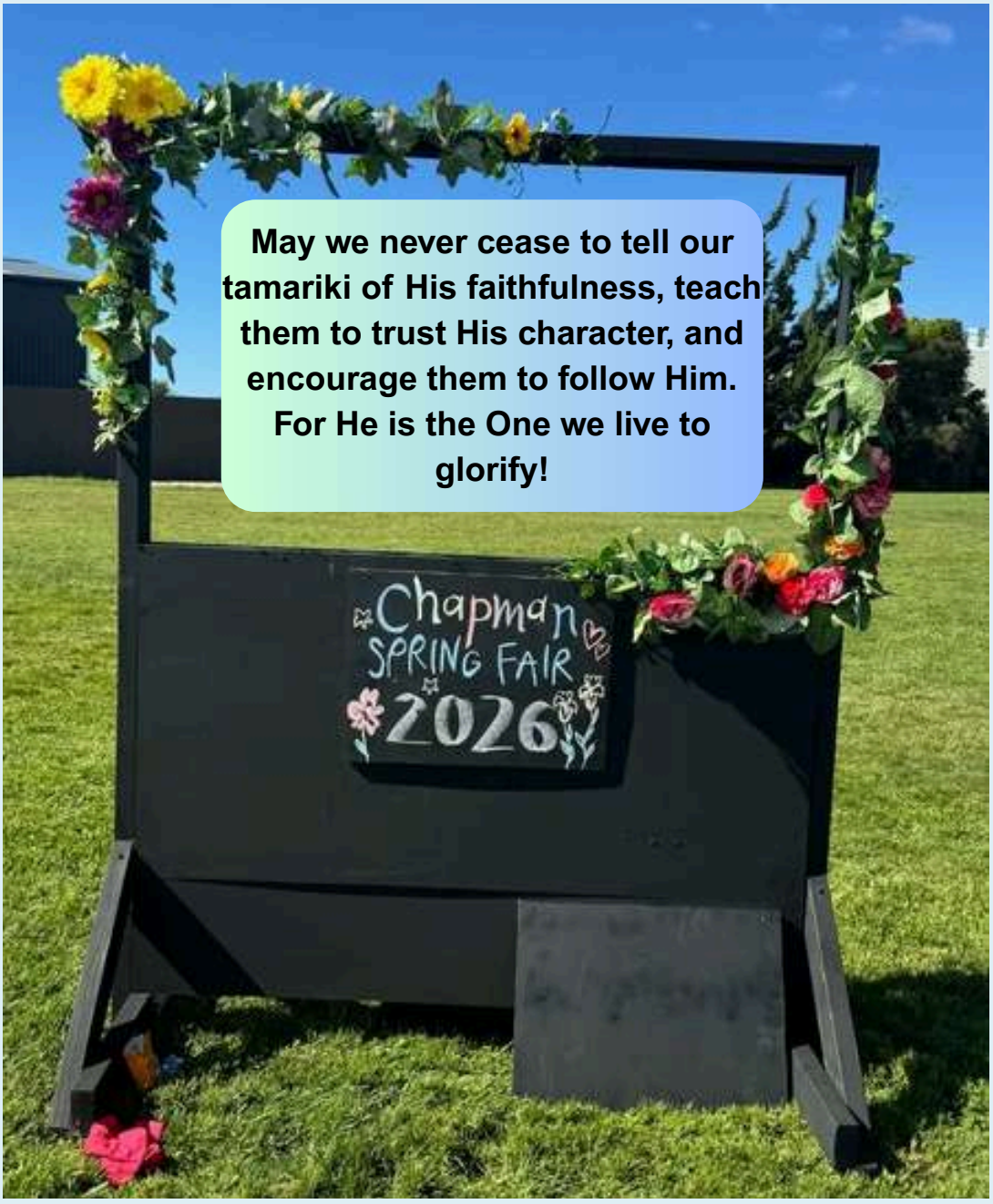






And so, while the music has stopped, the stalls have disappeared, and people have returned to their various routines, the Spring Fair is over, but the memories and experiences linger.

To everyone who came, to those who gave so selflessly, and to all who served in countless ways, **we are deeply grateful**. Jesus was glorified, His love was tangibly expressed, and more testimonies of God's goodness have been indelibly etched into the story of our BC Chapman kura.




Me te aroha tonu
With love always
Hazel

# A Special Thank You to Our Business Supporters

Our BC Chapman Spring Fair would not have been quite the same without the incredible generosity of our local businesses and supporters. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and sincerely thank everyone who donated vouchers, family experiences, meals, accommodation and services to support our kura.
Your generosity helped create excitement, add wonderful prizes and give our whānau the opportunity to enjoy some special experiences while supporting our Spring Fair fundraising efforts.

## A heartfelt thank you to the following businesses and supporters:

### Experiences, Attractions and Family Adventures

- Agrodome
- aMAZEme
- Buried Village
- 3D Trick Art Gallery
- Hell's Gate
- Motion Entertainment
- Off Road NZ
- Paradise Valley
- Rail Cruising
- Skyline Rotorua
- Te Puia
- Velocity Valley
- Wai-O-Tapu
- Whakarewarewa
- Wingspan
- ZORB Rotorua




### Accommodation, Relaxation and Hospitality

- Rydges Rotorua
- Polynesian Spa
- Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park
- Artisan
- Mr Wolf
- Scope Café
- The Coffee Veans and Kiwihana Treats

### Local Business and Service Support

- Dave Longbottom Electrical
- Phoenix Fan Sushi
- Jacob Niles – Lawn Mowing Service

To every business, organisation and individual who contributed, **thank you for your generosity, kindness and willingness to support our tamariki and our kura.** Your contributions helped make our Spring Fair a memorable occasion and demonstrated the wonderful things that can happen when a community comes together with a shared purpose.
We are deeply grateful for your partnership and for the part you played in helping us bring our community together in a spirit of generosity, fellowship and service.

**Thank you for helping us live out the words on our BC Chapman crest:**

**"We Serve."**

# UP & COMING DATES

**Friday 20th November Regional Waikato/BoP Tennis Championships**

Thursday 26th November Ohinemutu Walk with Kaumātua Rukingi

**Thursday 3rd December Volunteers Morning Tea 10.30am**

Thursday 3rd December Year 8 Graduation Dinner 6pm

**Monday 7th December BC Chapman Athletics at Bethlehem College in Tauranga**

Thursday 10th December- Reports issued, last day of Term 4

**Thursday 10th December BC Chapman Celebration Service Living Well Church 6pm**

