

# Newsletter

‘Supporting parents as they lead their children in spiritual growth and educational excellence by teaching and living Biblical truths.’



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He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.  
Joshua 4:24

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

A lovely young couple came with their son to visit the school and to enquire about applying for a place for their child at Emmanuel Christian School. As we went about the usual "tiki tour" I noticed that whenever we headed into a new situation the wee fellow would ask, "Can I hold your hand Daddy?"

Sometimes Mummy or I would offer our hands. It was always gently rejected, "No! I'll hold Daddy's big hand."

The hand of God is powerful (Joshua 4:24) and what a privilege it is to hold His hand through all the uncertain and unhappy circumstances of life. All you have to do is ask.

In fact God, your Heavenly Father does more than hold your hand. Daniel talks about "the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways." Daniel 5: 23

He says, "From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done." Isaiah 43:13

Each morning when I wake I say,  
"I place my hand in God's today;"  
I know He'll walk close by my side  
My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care  
When paths are dark and I despair---  
No need for me to understand  
If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His! No surer way  
To walk in safety through each day.  
By His great bounty I am fed;  
Warmed by His love, and comforted.

When at day's end I seek my rest  
And realize how much I'm blessed,  
My thanks pour out to Him; and then  
I place my hand in God's again.

~~ Florence Scripps Kellogg

### School News

**Sample Books/Parent Interviews:** Our mid-year conferences were cancelled this year because of the car park development causing difficulty with access to the school. Now the car park is completed, we would like to offer you the opportunity to meet with the teachers about your child's progress. To this end we will send out the children's Sample Books with the newsletters. With the Sample Books will be a timetable indicating when each teacher is available. If you would like to discuss what you see, please call at the office or phone and a time will be arranged for you. If you know you would like an interview, you can begin calling the office straight away.

**Good News:** Tip-Top and the Storylines Trust offered schools a free gift of 5 books for the library. All we had to do was ask! There was a tremendous response and Tip Top agreed to give books to all schools who replied before the close-off date. Last week our books arrived. Thank you Tip-Top, Storylines Trust and NZ Post who provided 980 complimentary mail-out bags. We are most grateful.

**Congratulations:** Each year a beautiful young lady comes into my office to bring me up to date with her latest achievement. Natasha is a dancer extraordinaire and this year she has gained honours in her ballet exam – only 3 marks off a perfect score. Now that's fantastic.

John, also, has done exceedingly well in his piano exam and he is becoming more and more confident. His music teacher is very proud of him. She told me about it.

Well done people. We'll look forward to sharing your talents at the end of year production.

**Our Car Park** - Isn't it beautiful and isn't it working wonderfully. Just one thing though. Please avoid stopping in the drop off zone – parallel to the main footpath. Take an extra minute to park in the marked spaces and keep our access-ways clear.

**School Camp:** The Year 7 & 8 students will be at Living Springs from Monday, November 24 to Wednesday November 26. The cost is likely to be in the vicinity of \$125 – more information will be coming out soon.

**School Cups and trophy's:** If you received a cup or trophy at the end of year function in December 2007, it is now time for this to be returned to school. Please bring these cups/trophy's back to the school office as soon as possible.



**Before School Care:** We need some more helpers for this please. If you could go on a regular roster or make yourself available to be on call at short notice, please ring Vicki on 3236671 or 348 8516

**The Jump Rope for Heart Foundation** of New Zealand is an excellent initiative for schools to get involved in, to help save lives through fundraising and also getting pupils and families into fun skipping activities. Skipping is great for endurance, balance, coordination and rhythm and can be delivered through both the curriculum and co curriculum programmes.



*Emmanuel Christian School* have been running a skipping programme throughout Term 3, culminating in a family jump rope event. The Physical Activity Leaders (PALS) did a great job of organising skipping demonstrations in assemblies and taught other pupils skipping skills throughout the term to make the jump off day so successful.

***Please bring any sponsorship money to the office as soon as possible so we can send it to the Heart Foundation within the next week. We have already deposited \$1451 FANTASTIC!!***

**Operation Christmas Child:** ‘Shoe boxes’ are now due back at the office as they are to be picked up early next week so please give this your urgent attention if you still have a box at home.

**Kids in Town:** Some children from our school will be performing at the Christchurch Art Gallery, Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 – 1pm. Please join us if you can, as we would love to have some friendly faces in the audience. All choir members (ie children who were in either or both Festival choir and “Kids for Kids” choir) will be involved, plus some children performing individual items. For further details please contact Mrs Hawke.

**21<sup>st</sup> Birthday:** Yes! Emmanuel Christian School is 21 years old. We will celebrate this on November 21. There will be:

- Fantastic Friday: Birthday Party for current students
- 6:00pm – Opening/blessing of the ‘factory’ and car park.  
Group photo of attendees
- 6:30pm – BBQ.

Please pass the word around your friends, family and churches and keep the date free.

**ECS calendar 2009:** This is now in production and should be ready for sale in early December at \$5 each. The calendar is a great gift idea for family and friends.

The fundraising committee is currently **seeking new sponsors** for the calendar. If you are interested in advertising your business, or you know of someone who would be interested in advertising their business please contact Tania on 359 7788 or email [tanzandbrie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tanzandbrie@xtra.co.nz). This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with our school in this project.

**The Fundraising Committee: Catering** - We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have volunteered their time to raise funds for the school. If you have not had a chance to be a part of any of our other fundraising opportunities please consider the following

- ✚ **Friday, November 28** ONE more person required to assist with this catering job – join our team for part of this day and get to know some other parents in our school community. Have a little fun whilst being an important part of our school.
- ✚ **Saturday, December 13** TWO more people required for this dynamic team - 5:00pm onwards. 4 or 5 people needed.

*“Many hands make light work”!!*

Please phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900, if you are able to lend a hand.

Date	School Event
Monday, October 27	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday, October 30	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30pm in the staffroom
Thursday, November 6	Kids in Town 12:30pm at the Art Gallery
Friday, November 7	Push Play Day at school
Friday, November 14	Christchurch Show Day Holiday
Friday November 21	Fantastic Friday – ECS 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party
Mon, Nov. 24 – Wed 26	School Camp for Years 7 & 8
Thursday, November 27	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30pm in the staffroom
December 2-4	Athletics Sports depending on weather
December	School Production to be advised
Thursday, December 11	Last day of school – finishing at 1:00pm

### Community News

**Canterbury Christian College School Fair:** 2 Nash Road Halswell, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 11am – 3pm. Food, fun and entertainment – including Nickleby, brass bands and dance demonstrations.

**Car Pool opportunity:** One of our school families who lives in the Halswell area would be interested in a car pool arrangement. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

**Cyclops brand banana flavoured frozen yoghurt.** 100% organic 473ml pottle \$3 or 2 for \$5. This is a fundraising project for Dovedale Cadet and Calvinette Club visit to Hamilton in January 2009. See Nanda or phone 359 1926 with your order.

**Scripture Union Summer Camps:** “Come on a Scripture Union camp and you’ll never want to forget it. Make lasting friendships, do awesome activities – surf, kayak, sail, mountain bike, horse ride, skate, tramp, climb or create crafts. Have the chance to learn about God and how He can be part of your life. It’s all up to you. Prepare yourself for a life-changing adventure”. For more information see [www.youradventurebegins.com](http://www.youradventurebegins.com). Some brochures are also available at the office.