

Newsletter

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



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Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30 –31

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

However you spent Labour Weekend, may it have been a wonderful time of rest and refreshment. The weather certainly would have helped to lift your spirits.

Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight-hour working day. New Zealand workers claimed this right when, in 1840 carpenter Samuel Parnell won an eight-hour day in Wellington. Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890. Several thousand trade union members and supporters attended parades in the main centres and Government employees were given the day off to attend.

It's God's desire that we should have, in our lives, a balance of work and rest. Right from the start He set the example when, as Genesis 2 records, "On the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it."

Then in The Ten Commandments God gave His clear instruction. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates." Exodus 20:8-10

It's clear from this passage that one day in seven we should rest and worship the Lord. Originally this was Saturday -- the seventh day, but early Christians changed the Sabbath to Sunday to honour the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:1 and Acts 20:7).

Whether we worship on Saturday or Sunday, the important thing is that on one day in seven we should rest from the work we normally do, and spend a day worshipping the Lord. We also shouldn't let our children, servants or visitors work on the Sabbath day. In New Zealand, very few of us have servants, but the people we buy from, the people who work in stores, petrol stations, restaurants and malls are in a sense our servants. When we patronize business establishments on the Sabbath day, we are making these people work. You might feel that's taking it a bit too far, but this too is clearly stated in the Scriptures: "When the neighbouring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day." Nehemiah 10:31

Ever wondered what would happen if all Christians adhered to that?

School News

Our Car Park - We are most grateful to the Papanui Club for their generosity in allowing us the use of their car park whilst ours was under construction. Since our own car park is now finished and fully operational please use **our** park in preference to using the Papanui Club car park.

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 trophies: 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 back to the school office as soon as possible.

Hand Foot & Mouth virus: Not to be confused with "Foot and Mouth disease, this common virus can appear 3-5 days after initial contact and is spread by coughing or by poor hand-washing. Some early signs are fever, rash on soles and palms and in the mouth. The infectious stage is while the child is unwell and possibly a little longer. Please keep your child at home should he/she be unwell.

Jump Rope for Heart: We have deposited a total of \$1478 FANTASTIC!! Well done to all of you who skipped so well and thank you to all who sponsored the "skippers"



Tuesday 4th November: The Big Bang!! We haven't had our booking confirmed yet but we do anticipate that all ECS children will be attending this live Symphony Orchestra concert for primary school children at the Town Hall, on Tuesday November 4th leaving school at 12:30 pm and returning to school about 2:30 pm. We will be travelling by bus and there will be no charge to school families.

Before School Care: URGENT!!!! We need some more helpers for this please. If you could be on a regular roster, no more than once a week, or make yourself available to be on call at short notice, please ring Vicki on 3236671 or 348 8516. We may have to look at the feasibility of this service if we can't get more helpers.

Kids in Town: Some children from our school will be performing at the Christchurch Art Gallery, Thursday November 6th, **12.30 – 1pm**. Please join us if you can, as we would love to have some friendly faces in the audience. All choir members (i.e. 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.

21st 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.

From the bursar: Your attention is urgently required.

Recently I sent a letter to families still paying attendance dues asking them to be sure that payments are clearly identified. Two unidentified payments were identified as a result of the letter. There is still one awaiting identification - \$450 paid 8th August. Now, despite my letter I have 3 more unidentified payments:

17 October \$200 20 October \$150 22 October \$100

In addition someone once again has paid the school voluntary donation and school costs to the proprietors. As this family has outstanding attendance dues that amount was applied accordingly. Attendance dues are compulsory. This could have been avoided if care was taken with the transaction. Sometimes people pay attendance dues to the school account despite the invoices and statements clearly stating payment details

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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.

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 please contact Tania on 359 7788 or email tanzandbrie@xtra.co.nz. This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with our school in this project.

Term 4 Calendar

Date	School Event
Monday, October 27	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday, October 30	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30pm in the staffroom
Tuesday, November 4	Big Bang Concert pm in the Town Hall. All students
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 st 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 1st November 11am – 3pm. Food, fun and entertainment – including Nickleby, brass bands and dance demonstrations.

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 . Some brochures are also available at the office.

Smart but struggling? – Dore may be able to help. You are warmly invited to attend an information evening on learning, attention and behaviour difficulties at the **Christchurch Debating Chamber, Corner Oxford and Worcester, on Tuesday, 25th of November, 7.30pm – 9pm.** To reserve your complimentary seat please call 0508 367 369 or visit www.dore.co.nz Dore offers an individually tailored, exercise-based treatment for children and adults with Dyslexia, ADD, ADHD and Dyspraxia.