

Newsletter

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



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Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breast breastplate of righteousness in place.

Ephesians 6:13 & 14

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

One of my old students introduced me to "Facebook" over the holidays.

"C'mon Mrs G," he said. "You'd love it!" and so we signed up.

My young friend was absolutely right. Whenever there's a free moment to be spared I'm off trotting all around the world, to London, Tokyo, Barcelona, the Middle East, all parts of Australia and New Zealand, catching up on friends from years long past.

There don't seem to be too many people my age listed so I'm finding a new lease on life as I chatter with young ones who are sometimes less than half my age.

And I'm revelling in hearing about the things they've been doing - working in production on a TV series for Walt Disney, a business analyst for a mining and construction company, working on ski resorts, in the Congo working with lowland gorillas and forest elephants.

Mums and Dads some of them. Precious people all of them.

The exciting thing is that I've been able to track down friends I thought were lost forever and it **has** been great fun renewing acquaintances.

When I was a young child I loved rolling my tongue around such wonderful words as omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent as I learned about our Sovereign God.

When I'm far away from those who are nearest and dearest to my heart, I'm comforted by those lessons I learned.

Omnipotence! The attribute of God which describes His ability to do anything.

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" Matthew 19:26

Omniscience! The attribute of God by which He perfectly and eternally knows all things which can be known - past, present, and future.

"He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

His understanding has no limit." Psalm 147: 4 &5

Omnipresence! The attribute of God by which He fills the universe in all its parts and is present. Not a part, but the whole of God - present in every place.

"If I go up to the heavens, You are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, You are there." Psalm 139:8

I love to hear of the exploits of my young friends but my heart sings with joy when they tell of their love for this mighty, mighty, God.

School News

Student Achievement:

Room 1: Jennifer and Malachi, for a great start to school. Ivan for being a maths whiz and a good helper to other children.

Room 4: Abigail D for fantastic reading.

Be Sun Wise: Please remember to apply sunscreen each morning before school

Our Car Park - Please continue to use our new car park for parking and for drop off, instead of the Papanui Club.

Athletics 2008: Over the past three weeks students have been participating in a number of athletic training sessions to establish a team to participate in the Zone Athletic Championships at QE2 on Monday 17th November. Zone Sports are where students compete against other local schools within our North West Zone. From there the winners usually enter the Canterbury Schools' Athletics Championships. Our Zone is the only one in Christchurch to have their sport's day at QE2 and while we will not be having our Emmanuel Athletics until early December this is a great opportunity for our students to compete in a prestigious event at an outstanding venue. Selections will be made during this week but a student can only compete in 3 events, (2 track and one field or 2 field and 1 track). The event is for 9 year olds upwards, with ages as at 1 October. The boys will run in track events in the morning with field events in the afternoon while the girls have field events in the morning and track in the afternoon. Any parental assistance, transport or questions would be welcome after the team is announced this Friday. Many thanks, Hugh Hadfield.

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 6: 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.

Attendance dues and school costs/donation: Attendance dues are a compulsory payment invoiced each year from the Proprietors and paid to the Proprietors or their account which is separate to the ECS account. If you have any queries regarding attendance dues please contact Joseph McKone at jmckone@clear.net.nz: School costs and donations are handled through the office or via internet banking to the ECS account – should you wish to pay directly to our bank account please phone the office for details.

The Fundraising Committee: Catering: You have made it possible to staff some of our fund raising catering events THANK YOU. There is one more opportunity to assist:

- ✚ **Saturday, December 13:** TWO more people required for this dynamic five person team - 5:00pm onwards..

"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: . Thank you – we have two new sponsors/advertisers and have **space for a few more.** If you are interested in advertising your business, or know of someone who is interested, be in quick as time is running out – Contact Tania, as soon as possible, on 359 7788 or email tanzandbrie@xtra.co.nz Printing needs to begin soon!! We are planning sales for early December at \$5 each. What a great gift idea for family and friends and a wonderful opportunity to partner with our school in this project.



Term 4 Calendar

Date	School Event
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

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.