

Newsletter

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



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Show me your ways, O LORD,
teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25: 4 & 5

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

In the Bible we read about a Christian named Barnabas who sold a field he owned. He brought the money to the leaders of the church. News of this generous gift got around and a couple called Ananias and Sapphira heard about it. They were believers in the church and Ananias also owned some land. He sold it. Ananias and his wife decided to bring **some** of the money from the sale of the land, to the church. The couple told everyone that they were giving **all** of the money to the church. God spoke to one of the leaders called Peter so that in his heart he knew that Ananias was telling a lie. Peter said, "Ananias, why did you let Satan fill your heart? He made you lie to the Holy Spirit. You kept some of the money. Didn't the land belong to you? After it was sold, you could have used the money as you wished. You haven't lied to just anyone. You've lied to God." (Acts 5: 3-4)

With that, Ananias fell down dead. Several hours later, Sapphira came looking for him. Peter asked her, "Are you giving all of the money from the sale of your land to the church?"

Sapphira answered, "Yes." She fell down dead also and was buried next to her husband.

Why was God so harsh with Ananias and Sapphira? After all, the land was theirs. They didn't have to sell it and they didn't have to give all the money to the church. To understand why God was so angry, you have to understand what God values. God loves the truth. He is Truth. If Ananias and Sapphira had said, "We sold some land and would like to give some of the money to the church," God would have been pleased with their generosity and their truthfulness.

God wants us to be truthful with Him too. He is Truth. Let us ask ourselves, "Do we give the outward appearances of giving God our **all** when really it only a **fragment** of our lives that we have offered to Him?"

School News

Scooters, Skateboards/Rollerblades: Children who ride scooters, skateboards and roller blades to school are to be aware that our Behaviour Improvement Policy says: *Bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller blades etc will not be ridden in the school grounds.* **Children who continue to play with their skateboards, roller blades etc at lunchtimes, playtimes and after school (in the school grounds) will have them confiscated.**

Likewise, correct school uniform is a requirement of this school. The variations appearing around the school are incredible. Please make sure your children are dressed correctly when they come to school and when they leave. Other arrangements are made on occasions for PE.

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.

School Camp: November 24 -26. The Year 7 & 8 students have further details about this coming home today.

Zone Athletics: 28 Students will represent the school at the Zone Athletics at QEII next Monday 17th November. Notices to the specific children, listing their events and some details, went home on Monday. The students will be practising every day this week.

You are invited to join us for 21st Birthday Celebrations

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.

School payments: Please contact the office if you still have money to pay for this year and want to direct credit it to our bank account.

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
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

Tuesday, February 3	Beginning of Term 1, 2009
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