

Newsletter

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



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Tuesday, 2 December, 2008

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

A young friend of ours, who had just become a new Daddy, sent a message to say that his heart had melted at the sight of his baby girl, Brighid Louise.
It's no wonder! She's a true Irish beauty.

Baby's have a certain effect on people don't they?
They kind of take your breath away.
Wee Brighid's birth has certainly had that impact on all her family.

Over two thousand years ago the birth of a little baby changed the world forever. The angels recognised His glory and majesty and gave Him the highest praise. The shepherds bowed before the incarnation of God's promise to them and humbly spread the word of His coming. The priest Simeon held the baby in his arms and declared, "Sovereign Lord.....my eyes have seen Your salvation." The Magi realized, not that He would become a king later on, but that He was, in fact, born a King.
King Herod was afraid and sought for the child to kill him.

Mary "kept **all** these things and pondered them in her heart."

How will you respond to Jesus this Christmas?

Jesus.

His is the name above all names,
He **is** our beautiful Savior, our Glorious Lord
Emmanuel is not just the name of our school. He **is** "God with us."

Is it possible to look on this little baby and not be transformed?
I doubt it.

"The light of the Christmas star to you, the warmth of home and hearth to you, the cheer and good will of friends to you, the hope of a childlike heart to you, the joy of a thousand angels to you, the love of the Son and God's peace to you."
an Irish Christmas Blessing



The children have asked that this Friday, 5th December, we could participate in Jandal day in support of Surf Lifesaving: Since it is Christmas Mrs G's hard heart has melted and given permission. Children are allowed to wear jandals to school and bring a donation for surf lifesaving, on this day only. Also, at lunchtime, there will be a sale of ice blocks (50c) and cans of drink (\$1.50c). This part is a fundraiser for our school.

ECS calendar 2009 on sale from December 5th. This is a wonderful Christmas present idea. Look out for the sales table which will be situated in the school grounds, between the office and the gate to the car park.

End of Year Production: On Monday, December 8th the children will be taken by bus during the day to practise at St Christopher's Church in Avonhead Road. The Senior school will go for the whole day and will need to take morning tea and lunch. The Juniors will be there for the afternoon only. The performance will be at St Christopher's Church at 7:00pm. Entry is a gold coin donation to defray costs. **All children are to attend the performance in school uniform please, unless they are told otherwise.** Thank you.



Room 2 invites family and friends to a Christmas carol presentation "Why Christmas" on Wednesday 10th December at 2:15 pm in the school hall.

March Market: This will take a different format in 2009 and we will advise you of details closer to the time. In the meantime we are accepting any donations of articles for the garage sale. Please put contributions in the first covered parking bay.

The Fundraising Committee: Catering. A big thank you to all those who helped with Friday's catering function. It was great to have some new parents to help out! We have another function this Saturday for which we have enough people. However we still would like 1 or 2 more for Saturday the 13th!! Are there any Dad's out there who love to BBQ? We could really use your help for a few hours on Saturday afternoon, December 13!!!! Please, please phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900, if you are able to lend a hand. **THANK YOU in anticipation.**

Before School child care: For this to be able to continue in 2009 we need more volunteers. If you can manage even one morning per fortnight this would be helpful. We will have a meeting early in Term 1 2009 to determine the future of this innovation. Should you be able to assist, please contact Vicki, over the holidays, ph 323 6671.

Term 4 Calendar

Date	School Event
December 2-4	Athletics Sports depending on weather
Friday, December 5	Rm 1&2 to St Christophers Christmas extravaganza
Monday, December 8	School Production at St Christophers @ 7:00 pm All students are required to attend.
Thursday, December 11	Last day of school – finishing at 1:00pm

Tuesday, February 3	Beginning of Term 1, 2009
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As this is probably the last newsletter of 2008, the staff of Emmanuel Christian School would like to take the opportunity of extending, to all families and supporters of our school, all the very best for the Christmas season and God's richest blessings for the coming year. Thank you all for your support during the year. We look forward to another wonderful year in 2009.

Hot off the press: Athletics held today Tuesday 2nd December.

Senior School: (Junior School are running and jumping as this newsletter goes to print).

Year 8 Girls	Charlotte	18 points	Year 8 Boys	Andrew	11 points
Year 7 Girls	Rachel	16	Year 7 Boys	Jaden	16
Year 6 Girls	Meg	15	Year 6 Boys	Gyeore	16
Year 5 Girls	Laura	17	Year 5 Boys	Caleb W	17
Year 4 Girls	Emma	14	Year 4 Boys	Johan	14

Community News

Kingdom A Christmas adventure on stage at Majestic House cnr Manchester and Lichfield Streets. Saturday December 13th 2pm and 7pm, Sunday December 14th at 7pm.

Tickets – Child \$5, Adult - \$10, Family - \$30 (two adults and up to four children). Tickets available Majestic House ph 379 2781. www.majestic.org.nz

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS WITH PUPILS COMMENCING AT MIDDLETON GRANGE SCHOOL IN 2009

Wednesday 21 January - 10 am - 12 noon

Friday 23 January - 10 am - 12 noon

Sale to be held in Drama Room opposite Student Services offices.

The shop will be open on the 21st and 23rd - 2 - 4 pm for any other parents wishing to purchase garments.

Monday 2 February - 1 - 4 pm

The February sale will be in the Uniform Shop at the back of the Old House.

Any parent who experiences difficulty in visiting the shop during these times may phone Marion McConnell 348 2256 to make another arrangement.