

Newsletter

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



322 Sawyers Arms Road
CHRISTCHURCH
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Principal: Mrs Jill Garrett

Tuesday 12 August 2008

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I will fear no one. The Lord protects me from all danger;
I will never be afraid.

Psalm 27:1

“Walk as children of light”

From the Board of Trustees

Mrs Garrett fell after slipping in ice at school last Tuesday morning and fractured her lower left arm. We are very thankful that she was not more badly injured. She continues to suffer significant pain and swelling and is unable to return to work at present. Please join us in praying for her swift recovery and relief from pain. At this stage we cannot say when she will be back. Any tributes left at the office have been delivered to her, and she is touched and grateful for your love and care.

In the meantime, any questions or concerns which would usually be directed to Mrs Garrett may be brought to the deputy principal, Mrs Thomas, via the office.

Education Review Office: ERO will be in our school next week from Monday till Wednesday as part of the usual three year cycle of school reviews. It is hard to believe three years have already passed since they were last with us! We look forward to showing them what we have accomplished in that time and to hearing their evaluation of the things we do well and what we can do next to continue 'raising the bar' at Emmanuel. It will be at least six weeks after their visit before the final report is available.

Car park: Despite unfavourable weather at times, good progress is being made on the car park. Drainage work is complete and, weather permitting, it is hoped excavation will be complete by the end of this week. The next step will be kerbing, followed by construction of 'base course' (the foundation for the asphalt) and then laying the asphalt. Timing depends on weather and ground conditions, and it is possible the work may not be completed for several weeks. Calcon have been wonderful at maintaining access for staff and for student 'drop off's'. Thank you to the school community for your patience, understanding and cooperation through this process.

In 1999 ECS was granted a resource consent to use this site for a school, and as part of the negotiation process with neighbours, we promised we would not use Sawyers Arms Road for parking. Many close neighbours are elderly with little off-street parking, and were concerned that home help, medical visitors and the like would be crowded out if the school used car parking on the road. Could you please help us honour our promise to neighbours by only using Sawyers Arms Rd for drop offs while car park work is ongoing. If you need to park longer, can you please use one of the nearby side streets. Thank you. It is all going to be worth it in the end – we're looking forward to the final result with some excitement!

Marriane Reinders
Board Chairman

School News

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: These are being taken on Wednesday this week – all children must be wearing correct formal school uniform.

SPORTS: Winter tournament 18 August. An afternoon of netball and football at Hagley and Burnside Parks for years 5 to 8.

School Achievement:

- Room 1** Samuel I for making great progress with story writing. Matthew T for doing well in reading and maths
- Room 2** Anna B for great attitude to all her school work. Joshua H for good work in story writing.
- Room 3** James for using interesting words in writing. Ruthie for amazing handwriting.
- Room 4** Jessie, Line, Joshua, Abigail P and Abigail D for going up to the next spelling level.
- Room 5** Chris M for being a hard worker, good leader and generally enthusiastic pupil. Nerima for music, enthusiasm and school work.
- Room 6** Natasha, Emellia, Emily F, Joseph and Blake P for being friendly to someone who needed helping.

Come and enjoy the fun and romance of an evening in Italy!!!



*I a wonder how a many
people I will a be
cooking for ???*

***Luigi needs to know how many people he is catering for –
please telephone and book your place at our dinner TODAY!!***

Your chance to be actively involved and have a load of fun.

Dinner in Italy!! The 6th September is approaching fast – Our dinner begins at 7:00 pm. With great food wonderful fun and an exciting auction to look forward to, **please telephone and book your ticket NOW as we need to know numbers!** Phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900

This dinner is put on once a year by the Fundraising Committee. There is a different theme every year and it really is a great time. This is a good chance to get a group together – it could be a group of friends or family – and have time socialising together. Why don't you really get into the spirit of the night and come dressed as an Italian!

In the foyer there are containers to receive your donations of grocery and toiletry items for the hampers to be auctioned on the night. If every family would bring one item each for these boxes we could make up a wonderful hamper. **If you know of anyone or any business who is able to donate vouchers, small appliances, gift certificates etc these would be a terrific help too.**

A big thank you in advance from the fundraising committee.

Term 3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Wednesday August 13	School Photos
August 14 – 18	Cycle safe.
August 14	Board of Trustees in the staffroom at 7.30pm
Monday August 18	Afternoon of football and netball at Hagley and Burnside Parks
Friday August 22	Fantastic Friday
Friday August 29	Last day of Winter sport
Friday September 5	Rm 3 assembly
Saturday September 6	7 pm School Dinner – Italian theme. BOOK NOW
Friday September 12	Rm 4 assembly
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan

Community News

Turn your energy Bill into a Book.

If you're a Mercury Energy residential customer, you can donate a book to our school just by switching from paper bills to getting them online. It's a promotion called 'Bills for Books' and for everyone who switches from paper bills to online bills by 30 September 2008, Mercury Energy will give us a book. That's a much better use for all that paper. So if you're a Mercury energy residential customer, why not visit www.mercury.co.nz/onlinbill or call 0800 10 18.

CHRISTCHURCH EXPLORERS PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS

****Nurturing Gifted and Talented Children - Shirley Taylor****

DATE: 28 August 2008 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm

VENUE: University of Canterbury, Christchurch College of Education, Wheki Building
Room 302 (near Parkstone Ave entrance)

COST: \$5.00