

# 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 19 August 2008**

The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like  
the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will  
rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

Isaiah 35: 1,2

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

For the flowers, letters, cards, food and beautiful gifts, I thank you.  
For the out-pouring of love and prayers, I bless you.

When our son in Tokyo, heard the news of my fall he said, "Mum! What were you doing? Dancing? You haven't taken up ice skating, have you?"

It was quite a fall! There are a few raised eyebrows when I say I did **not** fall heavily. Truly! I was gently lowered to the ground. It was my fault I left my hand behind.

The problem is I'm not supposed to be on the computer and I'm not .....definitely not .....allowed to knit. Now what is an expectant Grandma to do! Yes! You're on to it! Mr G and I are going to be grandparents. Neroli & Craig are expecting a new arrival in February!!!! Yay!!!!

My medical certificate extends to September 9, but my Dr has advised me that as long as I am exceedingly wise and careful I may pop in and out of school – to keep my finger on the pulse so to speak.

There was a song on the radio this morning. The words were:  
The Lord is kind,  
The Lord is good,  
There is mercy in the wilderness

Perhaps that was inspired by Isaiah 35 as recorded on the cover of this newsletter. The next bit says, "Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come.' " That made my chortle.

Thank you for your prayers and supplications which are holding up these hands that hang down both physically and spiritually.

**Education Review Office:** We are enjoying a lovely visit from the team of Mr Wilson Henderson and Mr Gerard Direen from ERO. They will be here until tomorrow and we'll be able to report back to you in a month or so.

**More School Self Review:** Sometimes we feel as if we constantly ask you for feedback. That is because we genuinely value your opinion. Would you be so kind as to tell us how you think we're doing in Social Sciences? A coloured sheet is provided.

**From the Board of Trustees: A short note re traffic** – a gentle reminder that road rules are there to be obeyed by all. A neighbour phoned me on Friday unhappy that some of our parents are stopping on the yellow lines to drop off their children in the morning. The new road layout on Sawyers Arms Rd is designed to increase safety for all. Stopping on the yellow lines is illegal and poses danger to other traffic negotiating its way past the turning lanes – and to yourselves as well. Please remember that we carry the name 'Christian' and what we do reflects on our God, our school and all Christians. May we bring God glory in all that we do.  
Marriane Reinders (Board Chairman)

## School News

### School Achievement:

- Room 1** Nathan for a great start to school. Brienna for enthusiasm in assembly singing.
- Room 2** Braedon for reading. Emlyn for storywriting.
- Room 3** Samara for reaching 100 nights of reading.  
Tasha for helping tidy up without being asked.
- Room 4** Emma for being helpful and enthusiastic.  
Brooke for enthusiastic learning and contributing thoughtfully.
- Room 5** Melissa for being a wonderful room 1 teachers helper.  
Miryam for working well.
- Room 6** Abby for great work on 'time'.

## Come, Support ECS annual fundraising dinner. ITALIAN THEME



6<sup>th</sup> September 2008

7:00 pm

90 Highsted Road

*"I will a cook de wonderful a  
meal – Please a book now"!!*

***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.**

A wonderful evening is being planned 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

Thank you for your auction donations - please keep them coming as time is running out - containers are in the school foyer to receive donations.

Have you thought about making up a group to share the evening with!!

## URGENT ATTENTION

Should you have school age children who you are wanting to enrol at Emmanuel Christian School, or know of someone who wishes to send their children to ECS in 2009, please send in your applications before this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Applications may not be able to be considered after that date. This also applies to pre school age siblings of current students who have not already applied.

### Term 3 Calendar 2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Event</b>
Wednesday August 13	<b>School Photos</b>
Friday August 22	Fantastic Friday
Friday August 29	Last day of Winter sport. Room 1 assembly
Friday September 5	Room 3 assembly
Saturday September 6	7 pm School Dinner – Italian theme. <b>BOOK NOW</b>
Friday September 12	Room 4 assembly
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan

### Community News

#### **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

**School Self Review – Community  
Curriculum Focus - Social Sciences**

Last term we reported to you details of “The New Zealand Curriculum (2007)”. It is now time for us to review our practices and procedures in terms of Social Sciences. In brief “The New Zealand Curriculum (2007)” states:

In the Social Sciences, students explore how societies work  
and how they themselves can participate  
and take action as critical, informed, and responsible citizens.

What do you know about curriculum delivery and student achievement at Emmanuel Christian School?

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What do we do well?

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What can we improve on?

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What do you think the future direction should be for Social Sciences at ECS?

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