

Newsletter

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



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If the LORD delights in a man's way,
He makes His steps firm;
though He stumble, He will not fall,
for the LORD upholds Him with His hand.
Psalm 37:23 & 24

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

Towards the end of her days my mother became very unsteady on her feet. She'd had a hip replacement and needed a stick - which she used rarely. When I took her to the hospital for any of her appointments Mum used me as her prop and if the doctors or nurses scolded her for not bringing her stick, she would just smile and nod in agreement with all they had to say. It wasn't that she was deliberately oppositional or in denial. Mum just hurried about her business as usual, and never gave her stick a single thought.

The Invercargill Salvation Army band came to play on Mum and Dad's front lawn and Mum told me all about it with quite a sparkle in her eye.

"They asked for our favourites," she said, "And what do you think I requested?"

I knew immediately.

*All my work is for the Master,
He is all my heart's desire;
O that He may count me faithful
In the day that tries by fire!*

"Yes, of course," said Mum, "But what's the first line?"

"What **is** this?" I thought. "Are we playing a game of twenty questions?"

Simultaneously, we burst into laughter. My dear tottery old Mum had requested, "*Saviour, if my feet have faltered on the pathway of the cross.....*"

I recalled the incident after my tumble and chuckled again – like mother, like daughter, huh?

Life does have its ups and downs but Psalm 37 assures us of the Father's wonderful care for His people, His righteous ones. Have a read through it. There'll be a word there just for you.

With the Education Review Office so recently in the school these verses have been my assurance.

*Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and He will do this:*

*He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.*

Psalm 37: 5 & 6

Thank you, Lord.

School News

GOOD NEWS: The Ministry of Education has granted us a roll increase. We are now allowed to have 175 students at our school.

School Achievement:

Room 1 Sam F for making wonderful progress in reading. Brianna S for being a helpful girl in the classroom.

Room 3 Amy for great reading. Matthew for using great strategies in PE.

Room 4 Jeremy for being amazing at maths. Benj for wonderfully descriptive writing.

Room 5 Anthony for an excellent Olympic report and being proud to publish it and have it read in assembly.

Room 6 Bayley and Rena for Maori art.

Sport: Caleb and Jared Invasion game sport awards.

WINTER SPORTS RESULTS

Netball: Senior versus Rudolph Steiner B won 20-11
Junior versus Bamford lost 12-13

Soccer: Senior versus South New Brighton B drew 2 all
Junior versus St Patricks lost 3-6

This Friday 29 August should be our last week for winter sport.
However it currently looks unlikely that these games will go ahead due to the ground conditions.

School Photos: Please return your order envelope and payment to the school office as soon as possible so that your orders can be processed quickly.

Talent Quest: Tuesday 23rd September during assembly. A chance for our students to showcase their amazing talents.

Operation Christmas Child: We are taking part in this programme again this year as we all had such fun making up our 'shoe box' size parcels last year. This is a great opportunity to learn 'the power of a simple gift' and to focus on giving as our mission during the lead up to the Christmas season. We especially want to teach our children how to give to those with different needs and cultures. The final collection date is Monday 20th October, the second week back at school in the last term. The empty boxes can be picked up and dropped off to the school office.

ONE WEEK TO GO!!
ECS annual fundraising dinner.
ITALIAN THEME



6th September 2008
 7:00 pm
 90 Highsted Road
"I will a cook de wonderful a meal – Please a book now"!!

Beat those winter 'blues'
Have a wonderful night out with friends.

Time is fast running out - Please telephone and book your ticket NOW as we need to know numbers! Phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900

The excitement is building, the anticipation intense – what will Luigi be serving??

Who will the auctioneer be – what will I bid for in the auction??

How will Mrs Garrett dress to make her broken arm look Italian style??

Will I have fun? - Luigi says 'most certainly'

Term 3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
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. BOOK NOW
Friday September 12	Room 4 assembly
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan
Friday September 26	Last day of term 3
Monday October 13	First day of term 4