

# Newsletter

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



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And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (New International Version)

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

Mums! There's no favouritism intended here but there is one more thing to share in honour of fathers.

The story is told of Reverend Bob Stamps reputed to be a delightful man with a good sense of humour who happens also to be bald. One night Bob and his wife decided to go out to dinner. They hired a babysitter but while they were gone, the babysitter became engrossed in a TV program and stopped watching the children carefully. Peter, found his father's electric shaver and created a landing strip right down the middle of his head. When Bob came home, he was furious. He said, "Peter! I've told you never to play with my shaver." He was just about to administer some discipline when Peter looked up at him and said, "Wait 'til you see my sister!" Imagine the parents' horror when they rushed into the next room and to find their four-year-old daughter with all of the hair shaved off of her head. She looked like a little skinned rabbit. Bob was beside himself. He grabbed Peter and said, "Now you're really going to get it." Peter looked up at him with tears in his eyes and said, "But Daddy! WE WERE JUST TRYING TO LOOK LIKE YOU!"

There's a song often heard on the "Southern Star" radio network.  
It's called "I Want to be Just Like You" and it's by Phillips, Craig and Dean  
Written by Dan Dean and Joy Becker from the album "Lifeline"

He climbs in my lap for a goodnight hug,  
He calls me Dad and I call him Bub,  
With his faded old pillow and a bear named Pooh  
He snuggles up close and says, "I want to be like you"  
I tuck him in bed and I kiss him goodnight  
Trippin' over the toys as I turn out the light  
And I whisper a prayer that someday he'll see  
He's got a father in God 'cause he's seen Jesus in me

Lord, I want to be just like You  
'Cause he wants to be just like me  
I want to be a holy example  
For his innocent eyes to see  
Help me be a living Bible, Lord  
That my little boy can read  
I want to be just like You  
'Cause he wants to be like me

Right now from where he stands I may seem mighty tall  
But it's only 'cause I'm learning from the best Father of them all



## School News

School **instruction** begins each day at **8:50 am**. Please have your child at school ahead of this, as a late arrival is distressing to the child, unsettles the class and often means an interruption to the crucial start for the day. ***Train a child in the way he/she should go, and when he/she is old he/she will not turn from it.*** Proverbs 22:6

### **Student Achievement:**

**Room 1** Nathan M for making great progress in learning the alphabet.  
Shavaughn for working hard in reading.

**Room 2** Chaydee for working hard in class. Lana for outstanding spelling.

**Room 3** Rebecca for fantastic reading. Ashley-Mae for being a caring friend to others.

**Room 4** Brendon, welcome to our school. Olivia for using new maths strategies well.

**Room 5** Daniel for completion of all work to a high standard.

**Skipping leadership prize:** Nerima, Natasha R and Chris

**Room 6** Natasha V, paint monitor and cleaning brushes  
Evie for a fabulous homework project on trees

**Jump Rope for Heart** is run by the National Heart Foundation of New Zealand and has been getting young New Zealanders active for more than 21 years. It helps kids develop skills such as balance, coordination and rhythm in a fun way, as well as teaching them ways to stay active throughout their lives. It is a curriculum-based physical activity programme, which means it links to their classroom learning in PE and Health.

We're holding our Jump Rope for Heart Day as a sponsored event. Children will be bringing home a sponsorship form which details information about the programme and the prizes that children can win. Every child who participates on the day receives a certificate and 10% of the total raised will be given back to the school. We will use the money to buy additional sports equipment.

The children have been enthusiastically taking part in classroom skipping lessons and practising their skills before school, morning tea breaks and lunchtimes as well as our whole school, after assembly skipping time.

**All children in the school** will be taking part in the **Jump Off day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** from 1.30 to 2.30pm. It is our last Fantastic Friday for the term. The children will rotate through their activities twice on this afternoon. Parents are encouraged to come along and watch or join in with their children if they wish. The children will be able to wear their house colours on the day with suitable footwear and drink bottles also needed.

**A warm fuzzy:** The bus company who transported our children to the winter sports tournaments has complimented that our children are some of the best behaved they have ever transported in Christchurch. This is wonderful to hear. Thank you, children for being responsible and well behaved passengers. Thank you teachers for upholding our high standards

**Talent Quest:** All school students please remember the Talent Quest 23 September.

**School Camp:** Camp has been arranged at Living Springs for two nights – November 24 - 26, for our Year 7 & 8 students only. We will advise you of the cost as soon as it comes to hand.

**World Vision Kids for Kids Concert:** If any of you are interested in attending this wonderful concert with Suzanne Prentice it is on tomorrow, Wednesday, September 10 in the James Hay Theatre at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at Ticketek. Further details were sent home with the individual choir members last week. Please remember we have a practice in the theatre tomorrow – leaving school by bus at 8:45a.m and returning for lunch.

**Operation Christmas Child:** ‘Shoe boxes’ may now be picked up at the office.

**A message from CCSA bursar Joseph McKone:** Some people are using invoice numbers as identifiers when making payments via internet banking - PLEASE PLEASE use your names. A deposit was made to our attendance dues account on the 5<sup>th</sup> August for \$950. There is no name to indicate who it is from. I also have an identified payment for \$450 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August with a number 000001 which means nothing to me. If either of these is you, please ring me 351 0890 or email : [jmckone@clear.net.nz](mailto:jmckone@clear.net.nz)

**Lost:** A new ECS Polarfleece size 10. Please check the name in yours. Should you discover you have one that does not belong in your family please send it back to the office at school to be reunited with its owner.

**Luigi and his team of Master Chefs** would like to thank everyone who came to the ECS fundraising Italian Dinner. A great night was had by all. There were people who are new to the school and other familiar friends (including some ex pupils and parents). Some very stylish ‘Italians’ attended and congratulations go to Mr & Mrs Read, Mr & Mrs Down, Vanessa and Malcolm Cameron and Susan Smith who were voted best dressed. Vanessa and Mrs Down were also among four people who trampled grapes (this grape juice was not used on the night) – well done to Vanessa who produced the most juice. The combined total raised for the Dinner and auction was \$3000, which is a great effort. A big thank you, to our fundraising team. Your commitment to the school and your service to God through this medium do not go unnoticed. Thank you, also, to all those who entered in to the spirit of the event.

**BUT!!!!!! The fundraising team is in need of your assistance.** There are two catering functions coming up and extra help is needed with preparation and kitchen duties.

- Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> catering for a wedding luncheon for 200.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November catering for a luncheon for 40.

If you are able to give us a few hours of your time for either of these events please contact Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900. These are great opportunities to earn funds outside the direct school community.

Iron Brion came to School today!



The Iron Brion BBQ Roadshow proved to be a fun, interactive show, which helped to teach primary our children about the four basic food groups and the importance of eating a well-balanced diet. At the end of the show children were served a healthy Heart Tick Approved beef burger.

Iron Brion was developed by Beef + Lamb NZ to combat high rates of iron deficiency amongst young children. Iron deficiency can have a detrimental impact on concentration and energy levels, which can hamper children’s learning at a critical age.

Children with stated food allergies were given a special treat instead of the burger!!!

## Term 3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Wednesday, Sept 10	Kids for Kids practice during the morning Concert at James Hay Theatre in the Town Hall 7:30pm
Friday September 12	Room 4 assembly
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan
Friday, Sept 19	Special Sports Assembly
Tuesday September 23	Talent Quest in assembly
Thursday September 25	7:30 BOT meeting
Friday September 26	Last day of term 3 – Jump Rope for Heart
Monday October 13	First day of term 4

### Board of Trustees meetings for the rest of the year

<b>Thursday 7:30 pm</b>	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
	October 30 <sup>th</sup>
	November 27 <sup>th</sup>

### Community News

**Christchurch City Council** have sent a notice advising that they have contracted to have drainage work done on Sawyers Arms Road between Gardiners and Veitches Roads. This work is due to start soon so please take extra care when driving along Sawyers Arms Road and turning into our driveway.

**Free information evening about the treatment of learning difficulties** - Whether your child has been diagnosed with a learning, attention and behaviour difficulty or not, the Dore Programme may be able to help. You are warmly invited to attend an information evening at the **Debating Chamber, Cnr Oxford and Worcester on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm – 9pm.** To reserve your seat please call **0508 367 369** or visit [www.dore.co.nz](http://www.dore.co.nz)

#### **Access to School Dental Services over the holiday periods**

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times.

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September to Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 inclusive**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 inclusive**

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.