

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
Phone (03) 359 3595
Principal: Mrs Jill Garrett

Tuesday April 7 2009

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2: 9-11

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

On Monday, April 6, 2009 the Salt Lake Tribune reported on some exciting entertainment for Easter. "The tulips are blooming," they wrote, "New Easter outfits are in the closet, and chocolate bunnies are peeking out of Easter baskets. **There's only one thing missing -- Easter egg hunts!**" The Tribune then went on to list the upcoming Easter activities.

There's only **one** thing missing? Easter Egg hunts???

In this newsletter we were going to advertise an Easter Egg hunt to be held in our own city on Sunday. Resurrection Day! But is that all there is to Easter? A few days holiday? A bit of fun?

God doesn't think so. On that first Easter He watched as, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed in agony. God saw the sweat pour from the brow of His own dear Son like great drops of blood. God was there every step of the way as Jesus was arrested, beaten, judged, spat upon, taunted, pierced with a sword and crucified. God grieved deeply too, as Jesus died of a broken heart for you and me. Is that possible? Could our all-powerful, Sovereign God, care so much about little, insignificant you and me? Could the pain of our rejection of Him cause His heart to break? Could He love us so much that He would go through it all to offer us eternal salvation.

Yes, indeed. He could and He did. Genesis 6: 5 & 6 records God's grief over the sinfulness of man prior to the flood. "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain." He loves **us** that much

It's not Easter Egg hunts that are missing from our Easter celebrations. It's Jesus in our hearts - our response to God's amazing gift of His Son.

The children's memory verse this week reminds us that

one day *every* knee will bow,
every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

I pressed the delete button on that ad about the Easter Egg hunt in Christchurch, preferring rather to encourage you to be in a place of worship this Easter. Instead of searching for Easter Bunnies and a false sense of happiness that will never last, look for God over this holiday time. He promises in His word that if you search for Him with all your heart and soul, you **will** find Him. Why not look this Easter?

School News

Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8. That's today and tomorrow and children were issued with notices of appointment on Friday of last week. **School will finish at 2:00pm on each of these days.** Sample Books will be a reference point during the interview. If you haven't already returned your child's Sample Book, please bring it to the interview. Please remember though! You are entitled to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher at **any** time. The school welcomes your interest and involvement.

***Dads! We especially love to see you. You help your girls find their identity in Christ.
You are the role model your boys look up to before they look up to God.***

Thrilling Thursday, April 9 will replace Fantastic Friday this week as Thursday is the last day of term. Our theme is archery and children are asked to come dressed in the green and browns of archers. Girls may like to have bows in their hair too. **BUT PLEASE** no arrows or other flying missiles. They will be provided!!!! And carefully supervised!!

Lost Property: Please check the last property box. Any garments remaining at the end of term will go to the second hand store.

Library: Have all library books returned from your house?

School Uniform: Next term all students will need to be in Emmanuel Christian School's **winter uniform**. We added the uniform list to last week's newsletter but these points may help too.

- The navy polo shirt with the red collar stripe for boys of all ages and girls who are in Year 7 & 8 is to be purchased at Northwood Postie +.
- The navy polar fleece for all children and the skirts for Year 7 & 8 girls is available from Mainland Uniforms at 511 Wairakei Road and Susan Ross Maternity & School Wear: 69 Rutland Street.
- The required length for the Year 7 & 8 girls' skirts is mid-calf.
- Polar fleeces and skirts are generally made to order so you will need to get them ordered ahead of time.
- There are still some garments available at the second-hand store but you would need to go in and try things on for size.

Second Hand Uniform Shop: Sharon urgently requires all items of summer and winter uniform, especially in smaller sizes 4, 6 and 8. These **must** be in good condition i.e. no holes, darns or stains. By selling them your uniform you can receive payment and help other parents at the same time. Please feel free to leave any items with your contact details at the school office. A variety of items is available in sizes 10-16 but you will need to have a look at what's there.

Please contact Sharon directly. Phone 355 2777 Mon-Fri.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival: There will be a full morning rehearsal on Monday, August 17 but the Festival performance will be on October 20 this year.

Cross Country: The school cross country will be held on Thursday, May 7 with a postponement day on the next fine day. This is the "forerunner" (Ho! Ho!) to the Christian Schools' Cross Country "Bone of Contention" to be held on Friday 15th May. Last year we were runners-up. This year we need some eager parents who will take part. Points are awarded for participation.

Winter Sports: We require at least three or four coach/managers for this winter's netball and soccer teams. If you would like to help but feel you may need to have a refresher course, there are a number of training options available. We would also welcome parents or grandparents who just want to manage a team at Hagley on winter Friday afternoons. The article right feature's our Khalib learning to play bowls.

Emmanuel United Indoor Soccer: What a game! We did enjoy watching. Congratulations to the boys who are into the finals. Well done also to those who have chosen not to play in the finals because it is on Sunday.

Coffee Morning: We will be starting our schedule of speakers next term on Friday, May 1, after assembly. Anne Braid, our school's Health Nurse, will talk about immunisations, including the cervical cancer vaccine. She will also tell us about a change coming up for pre-school health checks. That's our first Friday back – at school, after assembly

Also next term: On Wednesday, May 6, Mrs Braid will be offering early evening meetings with our young adolescents and their parents. The girls in Years 6-8 will have a mother and daughter meeting at 6:30pm. At 7:15pm the fathers and sons will join us for a shared supper, following which the fathers and sons will have a meeting with Mrs Braid, at 7:30ish.

4 Eat Smart Be Healthwise Be Active™

Parents as First Coaches: Play Your Part!

For many years Schools and Clubs have struggled to find coaches, managers and officials to support their sports teams.



If we are serious about providing our children with the opportunities to play sport for their school or a local club, then the support of volunteers as coaches, officials and managers is vital to enabling a team to compete in the local sports competitions.

Parents as volunteers are the lifeblood of junior sport within New Zealand and thousands of people throughout Canterbury can be seen volunteering every week at sports grounds across the region.

Paul Baker is one of those conscientious volunteers. Paul has coached Shirley Junior Rugby Club teams for 8 years. Paul says "I didn't know a lot about how to

aci CANTI

World Vision 40 hour famine: This year the 40 hour famine will take place over the weekend of May 22-24. This can be a valuable way for children to learn about and be involved in supporting the world around us. Participation is voluntary. Famine packs will be available from the office early in term 2.

Celebration Assembly

Room 1: Isabella, for being a caring leader. Joshua L for being a super helper and worker in room 1.

Room 2: Hannah, for being so helpful in the classroom. Caleb, for great progress in reading.

Room 3: Brienna, for great reading. Chaydee, for wonderful work throughout term one.

Room 4: Rebekah, for great work in writing. Chloe, for settling so well into your new school.

Room 5: Brendan and Hannah I, for great recycling projects.

Room 6: Pearl and Abigail D, for wonderful learning of the Beatitudes

Room 7: Voted best boy/girl power point presentation for Visual Language : Gemma & Daniel

Lighthouse Awards: Natasha, Lana

Principal’s Award: Sean

Date	School Event
April 7 & 8	Parent Interviews: School closes at 2:00pm, Tuesday and Wednesday
April 9	Term Ends
April 27	Term 2 begins
May 1	Coffee Morning – Health Nurse
May 6	Mother/daughter & Father/son evening
May 7	School cross country for all children
May 15	Christian Schools’ Cross Country
May 21	BOT
May 22-24	40 Hour Famine

Community News

Community Based 'Fee Friendly' Drama Clubs!: With one club already successfully running at North New Brighton War Memorial and Community Hall, expressions of interest are invited for anyone age 5-65 across Christchurch for a 'Fee Friendly' drama club to be set up in your area. Fees would be just \$40 for an 8 week term (subject to cost of hiring a local hall). My intention is to respond to the needs of the community and run clubs where the response is greatest! *Contact Janet on 387 0635 or email drama_for_all@hotmail.com*

Holiday Programmes:

Papanui Pirates (Years 1 – 6 programme) 20th – 24th April @ \$15 per day. The theme is ‘Dancing with the Stars’. Te Koru (Year 9 and 10 Programme) 20th – 24th April @ \$20 per day. Activities include an indoor rock climb and a Hanmer Trip. Please call Jeremy Adams on 354 9381 to book a place. Programmes will run from Te Koru Youth Centre, 1a Harewood Road, Papanui.

School Holiday Surfing: Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. 2 hour classes. All equipment provided. Professional instruction from Aaron Lock. April School holidays 14 - 17 Apr, 20,22,24 Apr 10am -12pm. Cost : Pre booked \$25 per day or \$110 for five classes \$30 casual **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**. For a registration sheet go to www.surfcoach.co.nz or phone Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (78 73)

School holiday sailing. Join a course. Come and try, afternoons from 14th April to 26th April. Contact: Kiwi Sailing School, Simon Rutherford, 027 669 0768 simon@kiwisailingschool.co.nz

Christchurch Boys’ Choir is looking for new members from 4.30-5.40pm at the Oxford Tce Baptist Church or phone 358 9544 or simply reply by email to l.quennell@xtra.co.nz

