

Newsletter

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



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Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

“Walk as children of light”

With Christchurch being so much bigger than Invercargill, it's not at all unusual to go out and about without ever seeing anyone we know. Unlike being in Invercargill, where there was often a cheerful "Hello Mrs G," hitting the airwaves around the Supermarket, the theatre or the park. My Mum used to happily tell, that it took twice as long to do the chores when she was with me and she always added that she wasn't the one doing the chatting.

These days we seem most likely to meet someone we know in Warehouse Stationery. Isn't that an exciting place to be? It is if, like two of our lovely young ladies on Waitangi Day, you're on a mission. Watching the girls in action, stationery order forms in hand, busying about making their selection, gave me quite a buzz. "Now that's 'self management' in action," I thought. Although they willingly sought and carefully considered the advice of their parents, the girls were in control and they were doing a fine job.

"Managing Self" is among the Key Competencies the Ministry of Education has included in "The NZ Curriculum" document to be taught in NZ schools and we're giving it a strong focus on. Now there's nothing wrong with that. In fact the Bible says in Proverbs 25:28, "Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control." But the Word of God tells us, in Ephesians 4:24 to "put on **the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**" We as Christians, are to be self-managing with the illumination of God's wisdom and grace and with a will and mind directed by His Holy Spirit.

What a privilege! What a responsibility!

School News

Junior School Trip to Eco Depot: On Wednesday, March 11, the children in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 will be visiting the Eco Depot as part of their Science study about recycling. They will leave school at 12 noon and be back at 2:45 pm.

News from Room 7 (Years 7 & 8): Information is coming out soon about an Adventure Based Learning trip to Leithfield on Thursday, February 26. Please look out for details and be quick returning your response forms.

Swimming for Pre-Schoolers: Following a request from one of our Mums, we have negotiated an opportunity for all children who will be starting school later in the year to attend classes at Jellie Park coinciding with the school swimming lessons. The classes will be available every day the school is attending with the exception of March 16 & 18. They will be held at 2:30pm for a duration of 20mins and will cost \$5 per session. Parents do not need to go into the pool with the children. Please send the enclosed response form to school before the end of this week so that we can confirm or decline the offer as soon as possible.

Fantastic Friday: Our mufti day gold coin collection for Fantastic Friday on March 6 will go Christian Schools affected by the fires in Victoria, Australia.

March Market: Instead of a fair this year we will be having a Garage Sale/Sausage Sizzle in. We are now accepting any donations of articles. Please put contributions in the first covered parking bay. Thank you to those who have already contributed. This year the Market Day will be held on **Saturday, March 28**. We will hold a meeting of all interested helpers on Thursday, February 19 after assembly.

Before School Care: Thank you to those people who have offered their time to help with this. We are aware that some of you will be using the facility only very occasionally and yet you have offered your time regularly. Your graciousness is appreciated. Vicky has put together a fortnightly roster. There are still a couple of slots to be filled. If you can help, ring Vicky on 323 6671.

Time of Arrival at School: Students are to keep away from their classrooms before 8:20am. The teachers are not always available to supervise before that. Students who arrive at school before 8:20am must join the Before School Care group in Room 7. Parents of children who regularly arrive before 8:20am may be asked to assist by taking a turn at Before School Care.

Christchurch City Council Refuse Bins: We understand that with the issue of the new bins for recycling, the old bins are no longer necessary, and we were wondering if anyone has bins that are in good condition but taking up too much room at home. School would be happy to receive a few for PE equipment.

Parent Response forms: This week we have included with the newsletter, forms which we would like you to fill out and return to each child's class teacher. These are to keep us up-to-date with any information that you are able to give us which will help us understand and support your child better.

Meet the Teacher: On Friday, February 20 we will have the annual Meet the Teacher evening. This is an opportunity for parents to get together with other parents for a collective meeting with each classroom teacher to hear about the day-to-day operations at the "chalk-face." It's a time for parents and the classroom teacher to talk together. School children may play in the grounds while the meetings take place.

If it's a fine evening, please feel free to bring your tea and have a picnic at school.

No BBQ this time. Sorry!

Timetable for Meet the Teacher on Friday, February 20:

5:00pm: Room 1, 5:20pm: Room 6, 5:40pm: Room 3

6:00pm: Room 4, 6:20pm: Room 5, 6:40pm: Room 7

Meet the Teacher evening will not be immediately followed by interviews as in the past. Interviews will be held later in the term. BUT!! If you have anything you would like to discuss with the classroom teacher please ask for a meeting.

Room 2 is not having a Meet the Teacher as their teacher is well known to most of you and has already arranged individual interviews for some parents who have requested them.

Car pool: Avondale, Burwood, New Brighton areas. Please telephone the school office if you are interested.

Missing: One polar fleece with the child's name inside. Please check that you have the correct garments at home.

Awards from Celebration Assembly:

Principal's Awards for Special Achievement: Caleb, Carlos, Brienna

Term 1 Calendar

Date	School Event
February 17	Parent response forms re student needs & interests go home
February 20	Meet the teacher evening – no BBQ provided
February 26	BOT meeting 7 pm
March 12	Special guests in Assembly
March 16 - 27	Swimming every afternoon 12:30 – 2:30pm
March 31	Sample Books go home
April 7 & 8	Parent Interviews
April 9	Term Ends

Term Dates for 2009 are:

Term 1: Tuesday, February 3 to Thursday, April 9

Term 2: Monday, April 27 to Friday, July 3

Term 3: Monday, July 20 to Friday, September 25

Term 4: Monday, October 12 until a day in December that assures that we are open for the required number of half days.

Community News

Bible in School – person needed to teach at Papanui Primary School 9:00-9:30 am Wednesday mornings. Starting March 14th. Easy to teach, curriculum supplied, supportive team. Please phone Alison 323 7777

PAPANUI RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB Registration, Grant Bond 3544950 or Tony Sparks 3544312
All ages are welcome.

Marist Albion Netball Club: Junior registration: Monday, 23rd February, 5:30-6:15 at Riccarton Club Wharenui Road, registration all levels. Enquiries welcome phone Leanne Drayton Junior club Captain 3316172 or email MaristAlbionNetball@gmail.com

Merlins Netball Club: Registrations are now open online www.merlinsnetball.com

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Pre-School Swimming Lessons

Please fill out the following clearly showing the child's name and yours. Pre-payment is a requirement.

I would like my childwho is starting school on.....
to attend pre-school swimming lessons. The payment of \$40 is enclosed.

Thank you,

Parent Name.....

Parent Signature