

Newsletter

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



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Ephesians 2: 6-9

God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

Back at Warehouse Stationery this week, the trundler was chocker with exercise books and a few other things as well. A lady I'd never met before, was ahead in the check out line. She looked at the pile and commented, "Buying for the whole school, I see."

Now I don't know if it bothers you, but I get embarrassed when people comment about the contents of my trolley. It kind of draws attention, exposes one to the world. Anyway I gulped my feelings down, smiled and nodded, "Uh huh!"

"And no doubt selling at mark up prices to the parents," came the caustic response.

"Well, actually, no!"

The face had a look of, "Yeah! Right!"

"We give each student a free book at the start of the year.

A doubtful scowl brought about my response of "Truly!"

"Wow! That's amazing."

As the surprised customer left with her purchases, I stepped up to the counter and announced boldly, "May I charge these to Emmanuel Christian School, please."

No wonder the woman was surprised. You can't get anything much for nothing these days! Except in the Kingdom of God, that is!

Ephesians 2: 6-9 from The Message is translated

Immense in mercy and with an incredible love, He embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on His own, with no help from us! Then He picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

Wow! That truly is something for nothing.

There is a website which children may find interesting as a follow-up to our study of the Beatitudes. It is gardenofpraise.com/bibl42s.htm

School News

This Friday, March 6, is Fantastic Friday and children may come to school in mufti. A gold coin collection for the privilege of being at school without school uniform will go Christian Schools affected by the fires in Victoria, Australia. As part of Fantastic Friday, **Year 7 & 8** will be travelling by bus to St David's Methodist Church for the World Day of Prayer. We will leave school at 10:00am and will be back before lunch. We would ask that the Y7 & 8 students come to school in uniform as usual but have a change of clothes for the afternoon.

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 are travelling by bus, leaving school at 12 noon and will be back at 2:45 pm.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival: Applications for special groups are now open. Apply online – see Mrs Hawke for entry code and further details. Applications close 3rd April.

Swimming: Lessons this year will be at Jellie Park, March 16 – 27. The first group of swimmers will leave school at 12:00pm and return at approximately 2:00pm. The second group will leave at 12:30 and return at 3:00pm. Please note the later arrival back at school. Because several of our families have not yet paid for last year's swimming, we are asking for pre-payment this year. The accounts will be sent out this week.

NEWS FLASH!!!! Swimming for Pre-Schoolers: The opportunity has been extended for **children who will be starting school in 2010**. Classes at Jellie Park will coincide with the school swimming lessons. They 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 i.e. \$40. 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 with the money. First in first served.

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.

Market Day Meeting: The next meeting date is March 5 at 9:30am. Plan to be there or look for information in this week's newsletter with the names of people you can approach to offer help on the day.

Time of Arrival at School: Students are to keep away from their classrooms before 8:20am. **A bell will now ring at 8:20am** signaling the time for going to class. 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.

After School Care: With this newsletter is some information about after school care. If there are enough Emmanuel Christian School students requesting the service it will be run at school. Otherwise the children will be met, at school, by a supervisor and walked to the venue.

Library Books: Can you believe that we still have some books outstanding from last year. Please have a scout around and see what you can come up with.

Celebration Assembly

Room 1: Joanna for being a super self manager.

Room 2: Matthew for working hard.

Room 3: Braedon for maths. **Carlos** for story writing.

Room 4: Mia for speed in basic facts last week. **Grace** for great publishing of writing.

Room 5: Hannah T and Matthew for excellent results in basic facts test.

Room 6: Breanna for fabulous time series graph showing all the necessary features.
Rose for interpreting information on a bar graph splendidly.

Room 7: Khalib for magnificence on the long ropes at the Ultimate Challenge.

Cora and Sean for completing the Ultimate Challenge with distinction.

Lighthouse Awards: Genevieve, Rebecca

Principal's Awards for Special Achievement: Anna, Pearl

Term 1 Calendar

Date	School Event
March 5	Market meeting 9:30
March 6	Fantastic Frid, Mufti (gold coin) Y7 & 8 to World Day of Prayer
March 11	Rm's 1, 2, 3 trip to the Eco Depot
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

Earth Hour Saturday March 28 2009 – 8:30 p.m. Switch off for an hour and see your world in a whole new light. www.earthhour.org

eTime is an education centre in Christchurch that works alongside schools, providing children with the opportunity to develop 21st Century skills. eTime has spaces available in the following 2009 programme.

Silent Film: This programme is suitable for children aged 8 – 12 and is from 9am – 3pm each day. Dates: 15 – 17 April. Cost: \$180 incl GST

To register, or for more information go to: www.etime.co.nz or call Charlotte at eTime on 366 9876. **Spaces are limited and registration is on a 'first in' basis.**

Art Exhibition: The father of one of our new children, is having an exhibition of his water colour paintings. This will be held at the Arts Centre, Gallery O, upstairs in Boulevard Shop and Galleries from Tuesday, March 3-16.

Mountain Safety Canterbury are running a TAKE A KID TRAMPING WEEKEND. It is designed to be an introduction to the outdoors to encourage the use of and enjoy the outdoors safely. The child recommended age is 10-14 yrs and the course consists of two evening sessions (30th March & 2nd April 09 at the YMCA Bishopdale) and a weekend away (4/5 April 09). Course costs are \$25 per pair (Adult and child), food and transport are additional.

Email l.cox@xtra.co.nz

Citizens Advice Bureau

Did you know - Help is as close as the phone. No problem is too big or too small. We help anyone with anything. For free and confidential information, advice and support, Phone 0800 FOR CAB/0800 367 222

Market Day 2009



Please are you able to a help?

Please contact the school office or have a talk to any of the following people

Friday Set-up – School Office 359 3595

Baking/Sweets Stall: Regina – 359 4600

Advertising: Tania – 359 7788

Sausage Sizzle: - School Office – 359 3595

Drinks and Ice creams: School Office – 359 3595

Garage Sale: Fiona – 352 2689

Kumiko – 323 9788

up at the end: School Office 359 3595

- Donated items may be dropped off into the first parking bay in the big shed.
- Baking trays will be given out on Friday, March 20
Please fill up and bring back to school
- Baking & Sweets may be left on a table set up in the hall on Friday, March 27
- Pamphlets for you to put in post boxes around your street will be sent out next week