

# Newsletter

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



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The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 19:8

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

It was as funny as a play. The Year 6 boys had left the room - muscles pumped with the responsibility of bringing in the trundler bins from the gate. They were well on their way and out of calling distance when a little poppet raised her hand to speak. "My Mum, my sister and I brought the bins in before school this morning," she whispered. Her eyes showed the first signs of distress but we all began to laugh at the very idea. What if the boys brought in the neighbours bins instead? What if they went looking for our bins? What if we ended up with too many bins?

Then the boys arrived back laughing loudly. They'd followed instructions explicitly but all to no avail. One lad exploded! "I rode past there on my bike this morning. I can't believe I didn't notice the bins weren't there."

We all laughed louder. It was a pity it was too soon for an April Fools' Day joke! What a waste of a good prank – that really wasn't meant to be.

Some years ago now, when he was a teenager, our son arrived home with an art print called, "Laughing Jesus." It's a work by Dennis Janovich, a self taught artist, who was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of an American immigrant from Serbia, Yugoslavia. Dennis always had a talent for drawing and started doing portraits as a teenager. In 1987 he was commissioned to do a "Laughing Jesus" portrait for a pastor in Washington. Later that year Janovich did another one for his brother Robert & his wife, Wilma Helderle. After Wilma passed away, Robert encouraged Dennis to have prints made "to make more people think about Jesus and God's love."

Robert was right. Laughter was God's idea - springing up and flowing from the joy of knowing His love. Jesus, speaking to His disciples said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Have a very happy week and keep a joyful spirit within you.

### School News

## Monster Garage Sale

This Saturday  
8:00am -12:30pm

Sausage Sizzle  
Baking & Sweets  
Coffee & Snack  
Icecream, Candy Floss, Popcorn  
Computers for Sale  
White Elephant  
**CAR WASH**

**Proceeds going towards the building of a play/fitness ground  
for our Senior Students**

**GARAGE SALE:** We are still accepting donations of articles. Please put contributions in the first covered parking bay in the big shed. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

**Garage Sale Meeting:** The next meeting date is Wednesday, March 25 at 9:00am.

We are still looking for people to help with:

setting up on Friday morning,                      selling on Saturday,  
packing up afterwards,                              more supermarket bags for purchases  
putting up signs on lamp-posts around the district

**Baking/Sweets Trays** given out today are to be returned full of lovely fresh baking on Friday, March 27. If you are unable to do any baking please return the tray. A small monetary donation instead of baking would be gladly received. Baking and/or sweets are to be left on the table which will be set up in the hall on Friday morning, March 27.

**Mailbox Pamphlet Drop:** The children were issued last week with pamphlets to put in the mailboxes around where you live. Please work with other families living in your area. If you cannot complete this task please return the pamphlets to school for others who would like more to deliver.

**Computers and Keyboards:** A number of computers and screens guaranteed to be in good working order will be on sale at the **Garage Sale**.

**Swimming:** Please make sure your children have their swimming gear at school every day.

**Payment of school accounts:** Swimming, stationery, trips and donation money may be paid by internet banking to account number 06-0821-0208431-00. Please enter your child's name as the reference so we can credit your payment to the correct account. Payments for Attendance Dues are paid to the CCSA (proprietors) account number which is printed on your account. Queries regarding Attendance Dues should be directed to Joseph McKone 3510890.

**From the Bursar:** A deposit of **\$300** was made to the proprietors account on the 6<sup>th</sup> March and the depositor has not identified himself or herself. Please check your accounts even if you think this couldn't possibly be you. Email [jmckone@clear.net.nz](mailto:jmckone@clear.net.nz) or phone 351 0890 if you recognise this payment.

**A reminder : PLEASE identify payments using your NAME.**

Joseph McKone

**Second Hand Uniform Shop:** Just a reminder, that the second hand uniform shop is still operating and Sharon urgently requires all items of summer and winter uniform, especially in the smaller sizes 4, 6 and 8. These **must** be in good condition i.e. no holes, darns or stains. If you have any items of uniform that are too small, by selling them you can receive payment for them and help other parents at the same time. Please feel free to leave any items of uniform along with your contact details at the school office. A good variety of items are readily available in sizes 10-16. It will soon be time to change to the winter uniform, so now's the time to check that those winter uniforms still fit. Most items sell for half price or less so great savings can be made. If you wish to purchase any items of second hand uniform, please contact Sharon directly. Phone 3552777 Mon-Fri.

**Lost Property:** At present, in the lost property box which lives in the hall, there are 3 polar fleece jackets with Emmanuel Christian School logos – 2 size 12's and a size 8. There is also a size 66cm jersey. **BUT! There are no names on these garments! Please!** Be diligent about naming your children's clothes. In case you hadn't noticed, the uniforms all look the same. It's the children wearing them that give them individuality and panache. Praise God.

**Christchurch Schools Music Festival:** Applications for special groups are now open. Apply online – see Mrs Hawke for entry code and further details. Applications close April 3. The Festival will be on August 11 this year.

**Coffee Morning:** We will be starting our schedule of speakers next term on Friday, May 1 with Anne Braid, our school’s Health Nurse, talking about immunisations and also about a change coming up for pre-school health checks.

**Also next term,** Anne will be offering an early evening meeting with our young adolescents and their parents. More about that later.

### *Ultimate Mascara \$27*

MARY KAY COSMETICS, and one of our Mums who sells them, have kindly offered us an especially good deal. **Until the end of March** Mary Kay will donate, to the **Victorian fire victims**, \$5 from every mascara wand sold by us. Our generous Mum will give \$10 to the school and there’s a discount of \$2 for you too. Order forms are available at the office.

### Term 1 Calendar

Date	School Event
March 16 - 27	Swimming every afternoon 12:30 – 2:30pm
March 25	Garage Sale Meeting 9:00am
March 27	Setting up for the garage sale from 9:00am
March 28	Monster Garage Sale
March 31	Sample Books go home
April 2	BOT meeting 7:30pm
April 3	Room 5’s Celebration Assembly Applications close for inclusion in special groups at the Christchurch Schools’ Music Festival
April 7 & 8	Parent Interviews
April 9	Term Ends

### 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](http://www.earthhour.org)

**eTime** is an education centre in Christchurch that works alongside schools, providing children with the opportunity to develop 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.etime.co.nz) or call Charlotte at eTime on 366 9876. **Spaces are limited and registration is on a ‘first in’ basis.**

**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.

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BOWLS WAS RALLY GREAT. THANKS FENDALTON AND THANKS DAVID (COACH)



*Room 7  
Bowling  
At  
Fendalton  
Bowling  
Club*

*We had a marvellous hour at Fendalton, many thanks to Bowls Canterbury for once again running this project. The coaches were superb and we all had a great time with David (aka the CB&C) Rm. 7*

