



### From the Principal's Heart

The following is from the DLTk website. Maybe it will be an encouragement to you and a help at home as we continue our study this week of The Lord's Prayer.

## THIS WEEK I LEARNED...

This week we learned about the Lord's prayer found in Matthew 6.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." *Matthew 6:9-13*

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- Why do we learn the Lord's prayer?
- What does forgive mean?
- When and where can we pray?



**FAMILY FUN:** This week we learned about the Lord's prayer and how God gave it as an example for us to follow. Encourage your family this week to pray about things no matter how big or how small. Say the Lord's prayer together every night until everyone in your house has learned it. You could even give prizes to each family member as they learn it.

**Pandemic Planning:** The airwaves and cyberspace are busy with continual updates about the latest news about the spread of the Mexican Swine Influenza. Further to the notification in last week's newsletter from the Auckland Regional Health Service we wish to advise you that our school has a comprehensive plan that covers most emergencies including a pandemic. We will keep you informed as to any further developments as we are advised by the Ministry of Health and/or Education. Meanwhile you can help reduce the risk of your child catching any form of infection by:

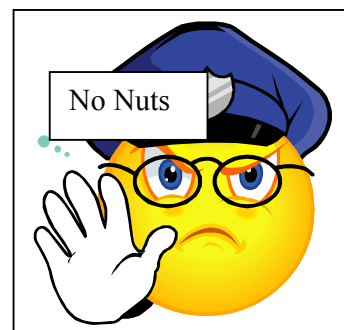
- teaching them the importance of hand washing – especially before meals and after toileting and
- how to use a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing and
- keeping them at home if they have the flu

Health authorities are also recommending that children be taught to “cough into their elbows” to avoid spreading the germs.

**Contact Details:** An important part of our emergency planning is ensuring we have up-to-date contact details of all students. Please complete and return the attached form. Your personal details will not be used for any other purpose than in the context of our school.

**Mathletics:** We're going to extend this very successful programme to include Years 5-8, but we do find it is very costly. Parents of all Year 5–8 students are asked to contribute \$10 towards this and it will be charged to your A/C. We will be paying \$22 per child all up. If you need to know more about Mathletics please feel free to ask Mr Hadfield if you may come and see the Year 7 & 8 students in action.

**Nut Allergy:** We have a precious little person at our school who has a severe allergy to nuts. As a precaution, and in respect to the welfare of this student we are, like many other schools and pre-schools, making Emmanuel Christian School a nut free zone. That means please leave the nuts and nut products out of lunch boxes. Thank you for your help with this.



**Fundraising:** We need your help on Wednesday, May 27, straight from dropping off your children from school. We have the opportunity to cater for a lunch at the Bishopdale Reformed Church at 90 Highsted Road. We need two volunteers to help set up tables and four helpers in the kitchen.

**If you can help please ring: Desiree ph 3549650.**

**Trivia Night:** Tania G is willing to organise a Trivia Quiz night for us. This will be on the evening of Friday, June 12. Tania is asking that we have a meeting at 8:50am this Friday, May 8 for any parents who are willing to be helpers for this event.

**Winter Sports** begin on Friday, May 21. Unfortunately this year we are going to have to ask parents to contribute to the cost of bus transport. The children will be playing for ten weeks



which may reduced if the weather is bad. School will pay for two bus trips and we are asking parents to pay for eight trips at \$5 each. Therefore, \$40 will be charged to the A/C's of each student who is playing Winter sport. School will pay the playing costs for each team. Sorry!

**After School Care:** Please see the attached information sheet. If you respond by May 15, you may win a petrol voucher.

**Rooms 4 and 5** will be visiting the Antarctic Centre on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The bus will leave at 9:15 am and return by 12:30. The cost of the bus (\$3) will be charged to your account but school will pay the cost of the visit.

**English Speakers of Other Languages:** The NZ Government has produced an excellent resource to help you get the best from the NZ Education system. It is available in Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Dari/Farsi, Somali and Arabic. **If you would like a copy please ring the school office.** Other translations will be produced this year. We'll let you know when it happens.

**Puberty Talks:** This Wednesday, May 6, Mrs Braid, Public Health Nurse 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 7:30pm - ish.

**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 are available from the office but we do not recommend that children of this age group go without food. We suggest that they give up something else e.g. TV, Play Station, lollies

**Lost:** A polar fleece, **Size 6**, has been misplaced. It has the child's name on the inside of the logo. Would you mind checking any polar fleeces about that size.

**Cross Country:** *The annual ECS Cross Country is this Thursday, May 7 from 1.30 to 2.30pm. Postponement day is the next fine day.* The Combined Christian Schools' Cross country is on Friday, May 15. All students run in the school cross country and about half are selected to represent the school at the Combined Christian Schools' Cross Country. The minimum criterion for selection is the ability to RUN ALL of the school course without stopping. As you can see the CCSCC course at Hansens Park is quite a bit longer than our course. We would be grateful for some adult competition to help extend our students. If you are able to do this please speak with Mr Hadfield. We also need adults to compete on the day at Hansen Park.

Year Group	ECS course Distance		CCSCC distance
Yr 1&2 Girls & then Boys	1 lap	550m	800m
Yr 3&4 Girls & then Boys	2 laps	1.1km	1.2km
Yr 5&6 Girls & then Boys	3 laps	1.7km	2.0km
Yr 7&8 Girls & then Boys	4 laps	2.25km	3.0km

The competition at Hansen Park begins at 12 noon on May 15. Travel to the venue will be by bus at a cost of \$3 to be charged to the accounts of those who are going to the Christian Schools Combined Cross Country. The competition finishes at 2:30pm. Students may leave the grounds at the end of the competition with their parents but please tell a teacher before you leave Hansen Park.

**Celebration Assembly Awards**

**Room 1:** Nika, Emily and Natalie, Welcome to Emmanuel.

**Room 2:** Matthew for great reading. Katie for working hard in reading.

**Room 3:** Brianna S for writing. Ivan for great thinking in money during maths.

**Room 4:** Isobel for fantastic research. Isaac for great work in Maths.

**Room 5:** Corbyn and Rebecca for impressive research about ants.

**Room 6:** Rose for jumping down the line when subtracting.

Jordan for recording her thinking in writing.

**Room 7:** Anna for always completing work and always looking for the next challenge.

Sean the ICT champion helper.

**Principal's Award:** Keighlee, Livvie

## Board of Trustees By-Election 2009

A very big, "Thank You" from the Board of Trustees to our three nominees: Patricia Donaldson, Tracey Gilpin and Desireé Huls, who willingly took up the challenge to make themselves available to serve on the Board. The results were published late last week and the outcome was so close that we ended up with a tied result for second between Patricia and Desireé. Legislation states that in the event of a tie, the final outcome is decided by lot in the presence of the Returning Officer and two Trustees, in this case, Jill and myself. The final result is that Tania Gilpin and Patricia Donaldson have been elected to serve on the Board of Trustees until the next triennial elections at the start of 2010.

We also thank you as parents for the positive voting return, which, at over 50%, is considered high when compared with typical returns for Board elections in Christchurch, especially since we had to contend with the School Holidays as well. We consider it a real blessing to know there is so much interest from the parent community in the governance of the school. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 21st of May starting at 7:30pm in the staff room. This is a public meeting and you are welcome to observe. We thank God for His goodness and we ask you to remember the work of the Board of Trustees in your prayers.

Yours in His Service: Richard Moot (BoT Chairman)

### Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
<b>Weds, May 6</b>	Mother/daughter & Father/son evening, girls 6:30, supper 7:15pm, boys 7:30pm
<b>Thurs, May 7</b>	School cross country for all children
<b>Frid, May 8</b>	Room 1's Assembly
<b>Frid, May 15</b>	Christian Schools' Cross Country – no assembly
<b>Thurs, May 21</b>	BOT
<b>May 22</b>	Fantastic Friday, World Vision Speaker to Assembly
<b>May 22-24</b>	40 Hour Famine
<b>Frid, May 29</b>	Room 7's Assembly
<b>Frid, June 5</b>	Room 3's Assembly
<b>Frid, June 12</b>	Room 6's Assembly
<b>Frid, June 12</b>	Trivia Quiz
<b>Frid, June 19</b>	Room 4's Assembly
<b>Frid, June 26</b>	Room 5's Assembly
<b>Frid, July 3</b>	End of Term. School finishes at 2:45pm as usual

### Community News

**Rangi Ruru:** Academic, Boarding and Music Scholarships are available and application forms are available from our school office. There is an "Insight into Rangi" information evening on May 18 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Wilson Hall. You should register your interest by phoning 983 3700 or emailing [office@rangiruru.school.nz](mailto:office@rangiruru.school.nz)



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## Student Emergency Contact Details

*Please take time to fill out this form with up-to-date contact details for you as parents/caregivers of your child (or children) at school. Please also provide two local emergency contacts of people your child knows (e.g. family/friends) who could take care of your child in an emergency:*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of child (ren):** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Parent/caregiver:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Parent/caregiver** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. First emergency local contact (eg, friend or family member):**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Second emergency local contact (eg, friend or family member):**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile phone:** \_\_\_\_\_