



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday May 12th 2009

Term 2

From the Principal's Heart

Mothers! I hope you had a lovely day on Sunday. In church it was my turn to do the opening prayer. It went something like this.

E te Atua o aroha. God of love.

Love was Your idea. Out of love you created each of us. Body and soul, we are most marvelously made in Your image. You knew us from the very beginning. You planned for us to be. From the youngest to the oldest all of us are here because You loved us and chose to give us life. You gifted us with the nurturing of mother-love. Thank you, Father.

Lord God, some of us find Mothers' Day to be a very painful experience. Hearts are heavy. Some know the loss of mothers. Others have been separated from mothers. Some of us are saddened because we are apart from our children. Some of us have no one to care. Some of us are heart-broken by hurt and rejection. Help us to forgive, to remain within the centre of Your love, to focus on You.

Father God! Thank you for young mothers, and fathers, who walk daily with You. What a blessing and inspiration they are. Protect and guide young parents everywhere. Grant them Your wisdom in loving their children and in teaching them Your truths. Sovereign God, there are many who long for children but who haven't been granted this gift from You. Father, in loving kindness, answer their prayers that they too might help to build Your kingdom through the lives of little children.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who selflessly care for the others. May they know the joy of recognizing their honourable and God-given ministry in serving and sustaining the true dignity of every human being.

Today Father, we place before You the cause of mothers who helplessly watch as their children walk through terrible illness and pain. Your word tells us to pray for healing. You sent Jesus to teach us how to pray. In the mighty name of Jesus and through Your Holy Spirit's power we plead, "God answer our prayers."

Send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children who have died, are ill, estranged from their families, who have turned their backs on the Father heart of God, are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and Fatherly love.

Gracious God, thank you for adopting us into Your family through the miracle of Your grace. Thank you for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other. Today in this time of celebration of life we offer You all honour and glory.

Amen.

Mums!! We love you!

Rooms 4 and 5 will be visiting the Antarctic Centre on May 21st. 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. Parents who wish to attend will be charged \$12.

Year 8 Enrolments to Middleton Grange: Enrolments for Y9 in 2010 close on 22 May. Packages have been issued to our Year 8 students today, but you may visit the website at: www.middelton.school.nz where you can download the application form.

Student contact Details: We **must** have up to-date contact details of **all** students: Thank you to the 27 families who have responded. Those who haven't responded, please send in your forms as soon as possible. New copies are attach

Emmanuel Christian School Computer Deal

Need a cheap computer, EPC or second homework computer for the kids? We have some additional business class X-Lease 2007 computers available for sale. They are the same as the computers that are currently installed at school. Proceeds will go towards the Schools ICT costs. The units come preloaded with Open Office and are broadband ready. Specifications are as follows.

CYCLONE SENTINEL

CPU: Intel Celeron 2.60GHz, MOTHERBOARD: Intel D865GLCL,
 MEMORY: 512 DDR 333, HDD: 40GB IDE, BIGBAY: CDROM OS: WINDOWS XP HOME
 KEYBOARD: Microsoft Standard Black, MOUSE: Microsoft Black Optical
 CASE: Mid-Tower, DISPLAY: 17' CRT View sonic, WARRANTY: 90 DAY RTB
Price: \$290 **Enquires/orders to John: jva@beva.co.nz**

Fundraising: We urgently 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 and a willing band of helpers is organising a Trivia Quiz night for us. This will be on the evening of Friday, June 12. Please see the advertisement in today's newsletter and keep the evening free.

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 booklets 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, sweets

Cross Country: Congratulations to everyone for a really good school Cross Country day and praise be to God for the wonderful weather. Thank you, Mr Hadfield for the organisation and inspiration that went into the event. The Combined Christian Schools' Cross country is on Friday, May 15. Children who are competing have been advised. We are now looking for parents who will compete. Please let Mr Hadfield know.

Year Group	Distance	Year Group	Distance
Yr 1 & 2 Girls & Boys	800m	Yr 3 & 4 Girls & Boys	1.2km
Yr 5 & 6 Girls & Boys	2.0km	7& 8 Girls, Boys & adults	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 running. 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.

Childminding afterschool (pay neg) Mon-Fri until the end of the school year.

We are looking for someone who is loving, fun and mature with age, to collect our 3 boys from ECS, drive them home to Redwood, and care for them there until 5pm. Please call Georgina on (021) 035 2872 or email us at kdfamilynz@clear.net.nz

Want to have a fun night out,
without the kids?

**Come join us at our Trivia Night on
Friday, June the 12th!**

Here are some answers to questions on this subject:

Q: What is the Trivia Quiz night all about?

A: We will host a team trivia game, with general as well as a few Bible questions. Teams should be 4 to 8 people. We also plan a small auction.

Q: What does it cost?

A: The cost of the Tickets is \$10 per person, which includes a light supper and SPOT PRIZES!

Q: Where can we buy tickets?

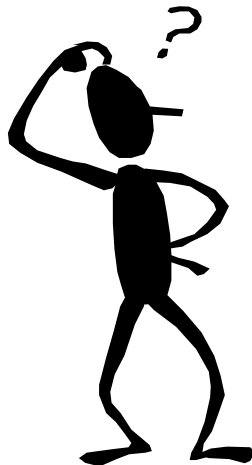
A: Tickets are available from Chris in the office, as of Thursday the 14th May.

Q: At what time does it start?

A: Everybody should be seated and ready at 19:00.

Q: How can you be of assistance?

A: Attend our helpers meeting on Friday, 15 May or contact Tania G. directly at 387 0222. ALSO tell friends and family all about it.....Get a team together and COME!



Celebration Assembly Awards

Room 1: Ben M for great improvement in writing. Malachi for super sharing of his ideas.

Room 2: Adam for improving in handwriting. Hannah C for great improvement in writing.

Room 3: Laura G for great reading. Jasmyn for well presented work.

Room 4: Olivia for wonderful reading. Anna for great reading.

Room 5: Tyla for using skills and knowledge in maths.

Joshua for using great thinking skills in maths.

Room 6: Rebekah for pacing herself during the cross country.

Esther K for colossal addition and subtraction in maths.

Principal's Award: Esther C, Rena, William, Zara

Lighthouse Awards: Daniel H, Grace C

Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
Friday, May 15	Christian Schools' Cross Country – no assembly Trivia helpers meeting at 8:50am
Thurs, May 21	Rooms 3 & 4 visit to the Antarctic Centre BOT
Friday, May 22	Fantastic Friday, World Vision Speaker to Assembly
May 22-24	40 Hour Famine
Friday, May 29	Room 7's Assembly
Friday, June 5	Room 3's Assembly
Friday, June 12	Room 6's Assembly
Friday, June 12	Trivia Quiz
Friday, June 19	Room 4's Assembly
Friday, June 26	Room 5's Assembly
Friday, July 3	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



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