



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 19th 2009

Term 2

From the Principal's Heart

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)

Are you one of those people who often has clear recollections of when a certain event happened? Often we associate major episodes in history with some trauma of our own or vice versa.

My recollection is clear of when I first heard this verse from James 5:16. It was when I was just five years old. My Dad had been told by his doctors that he had only six weeks to live. People began to pray. Family and friends, acquaintances and strangers from far and wide called upon the Lord for Dad's healing. With complete faith and trust, I joined them. Every day I prayed, "Please God! Make my Daddy well again," and Dad lived - to be almost 89 years of age. It was a miracle.

I didn't understand everything that was going on around me, but I took in some important facts. One day I overheard someone talking to my Mum. He recalled how the Word of God urges us to confess our faults one to another, and pray one for another, that we may be healed. "The **effectual fervent prayer** of a righteous man availeth much," he said. (It was the King James Version in those days.) "Imagine," he went on, "What happens when the throne of God is besieged by the **effectual fervent prayers** of righteous people."

Last week I asked Rachel what she thought the man meant by his statement and she said he was probably thinking of us "showering" God with our prayers. It's a wonderful privilege especially when we think of the life and refreshment that comes with the Spring

showers. It was very wise of Rachel to express the idea like that. May you be encouraged as you help your children to soak the memory verse into their hearts and souls this week. Because it's so important we're repeating it this week.

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: It is a real worry to us that less than 50% of our families have taken the opportunity to update their contact details. Most of the returns have come from new families whose details are already quite accurate..

Please!!!

Trivia Night: The team of organizers is asking parents and friends of the school with businesses and/or business contacts to donate goods, services, vouchers or discounts for our trivia night auction on Friday, June 12. If you are able to help or know of someone who would, please contact Tania on 387 0222 or ring the school office. Thank you.

Grandparents Concert: After assembly on Friday, May 29, Room 7 will entertain a group of Senior Citizens. Morning Tea will follow. Do you know anyone who might like an invitation? Please ring the school office or tell one of our senior students.

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.**

World Vision 40 hour famine: 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. Congratulations to Cora, Abigail B, Charis and Ho'soo who have been invited to represent the school's World Vision Famers as part of the audience for the "What Now" programme

Cross Country: The Combined Christian Schools' Cross country was great fun. Our team was fourth this year. Congratulations to everyone. It was a fine effort. Thanks again to Mr Hadfield for the organization of our team.

Winter Sports: Beginning this Friday 22nd and each Friday for 10 weeks until Friday 28th August. Students are to assemble at 12:30 ready to leave for Hagley Sports grounds. Mr Hadfield is urgently looking for someone who would be willing and able to referee Netball. If this is you, please telephone the office and leave a message for Mr Hadfield – we would be most grateful for your help.

Mysophobia is the fear of what?

**If you know the answer then trivia night is for you!
Get a team of 4 –8 together. Organise family and friends or
prayer groups and join us for a fun night out.
Tickets \$10 per person from the school office.**



Friday, June 12, 7:00pm, 90 Highstead Road

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

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?

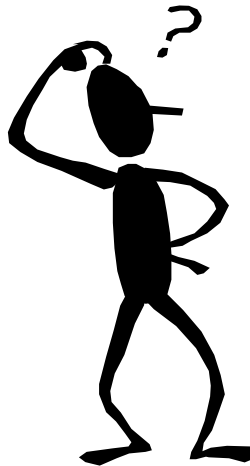
A: Tickets are available from Chris in the office, as of Thursday the 14th May.

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!



Fund-raising towards new play equipment for the Senior School.

Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
Thurs, May 21	Rooms 3 & 4 visit to the Antarctic Centre BOT
Friday, May 22	World Vision Speaker to Assembly
May 22-24	40 Hour Famine
	Fantastic Friday to be advised
Friday, May 29	Visit of Principals of Christian Schools in Nelson 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



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