



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday June 9th 2009

Term 2

"Don't be afraid of them! Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome."

Nehemiah 4:14

From the Principal's Heart

Over the last few weeks of the term we will be talking about bullying. They've been around since Bible times and the Scriptures give us clear guidelines about what we should do if we are being bullied. There is also advice to help us if we see our friends being bullied or if we are being bullies ourselves.

In the book of Esther we read of a Queen who asked for help. In 1 Samuel 17 we find the old favourite of a little shepherd boy, who took on the most famous bully in the Bible and gave us an example of having courage in the face of fear. Nehemiah 2-6 is the story of a slave who continued to do God's will in spite of terrible taunts and intimidation. Acts 9 has the example of a bully who needed a friend and in Genesis 39 we see there are times when we must take to our scrapers.

In the face of great opposition Nehemiah's example is worth noting and I'm quoting from The Message translation of the Bible. Nehemiah:

- gave calm, but firm replies to his tormentors, "The God-of-Heaven will make sure we succeed. We're His servants and we're going to work, rebuilding. You can keep your nose out of it. You get no say in this—Jerusalem's none of your business!" (Nehemiah 2:20)
- prayed, "Oh listen to us, dear God. We're so despised: Boomerang their ridicule on their heads." (Nehemiah 4:4)

- and his people "worked with all their hearts" ((Nehemiah 4:6)
- surrounded himself with guards "We..... set a round-the-clock guard against them." (Nehemiah 4:7)
- had the measure of the opposition "They were trying to intimidate us into quitting. They thought, 'They'll give up; they'll never finish it.'" (Nehemiah 6:9)
- prayed again "Give me strength." (Nehemiah 6:9)
- stood firm, "Why would a man like me run for cover? And why would a man like me use The Temple as a hideout? I won't do it." (Nehemiah 6:11)
- gave God all the honour and glory and praise (Nehemiah 6:15)

Nehemiah's encouragement to his weary builders is our memory verse for this week and our confidence always. "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome." (Nehemiah 4:14)

Coffee Morning: The next Coffee Morning is in the staffroom on Friday, June 12, you will receive feed-back as to the shape of the Emmanuel Christian **School Principles and we'll look at the Nautilus and Vision.**

Consultation of Parents of Maori Students: Thank you. Your feedback was invaluable.

40 Hour Famine: Thank you to all those who were part of this year's famine. You were wonderful but now we need all the packs back even the ones that you didn't use. Please return them to the office by Friday of this week.

Excerpts from the latest advice from the Ministry of Education re Swine Flu 2.06.09

Swine flu is of particular relevance to schools. The Ministry of Health advises that so far most cases around the world have involved children, and the spread of the virus in countries like Japan and Australia has been linked to schools.

Community spread or transmission between people who have not travelled to countries of high risk, or do not have direct contact with someone who has, is now confirmed in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Australia.

Currently there have been 634 confirmed cases of swine flu in Australia, 521 of which have been confirmed in the state of Victoria. Over the period of the outbreak 12 schools have been closed at times in Victoria.

This is an appropriate time for all schools to review their pandemic plans. Schools may want to check their systems are up-to-date for contact details of families and whānau should schools.

In your next communication to parents you may want to remind families and whānau about the importance of hand washing, and keeping students home if they are sick.

The Ministry of Health letter of 2 June suggested that children returning to New Zealand from affected areas overseas, but who are **not** showing symptoms of flu, should be kept at home for a week. This was background information for families and **not a directive**. (At this stage) Schools are not expected to act on this suggestion.

The primary measures remain of personal hygiene and parents keeping students home if they are sick with flu symptoms. The Ministry of Health advises that parents keep children with flu symptoms at home and call their doctor whether they have been overseas to affected areas or not.

The Ministry of Health advises that all people should of course be aware of and on the look out for flu symptoms especially if they or their families have travelled in affected areas.

We are in an evolving situation and if conditions in New Zealand change, the Government may request that parents keep students at home if they have returned from affected areas overseas, regardless of whether or not they show symptoms of flu. If this eventuates, parents will receive advice from the Ministry of Health through public communications channels.

In this case, the Ministry of Health would identify where these ‘affected areas’ are.



Have you updated
your contact details?

School Lunches: For a menu of healthy choices which can be pre ordered and pre paid online and delivered fresh to school before morning tea, visit www.kidslunches.co.nz

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.n**

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

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



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

Please book at the office NOW!!!

Winter Sports Results:

Senior Girls v Cathedral College won 27-10
Junior Girls BYE

Senior Boys v Ashgrove lost 2-0
Junior Boys v Burnside lost 9-0

Celebration Assembly awards:

Room 1: Eli for a great effort in writing. Ava, welcome to school.

Room 2:

Room 3: Tralyse for great expression in reading. India-Rose for being a great administrator.

Room 4: John-Luke for neat and well presented handwriting.
Jesse for always being ready to help others.

Room 5: Samara for great effort and positive attitude in everything.
Amber for great progress in maths.

Room 6: Olivia and Grace for being good friends to others

Room 7: Rachel and Sean for leadership in the school.

Lighthouse awards: Ashely Mae and Samara

Principal's Awards: Rose and Jessie for working hard on the Primary Research Project

Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
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	Fantastic Friday End of Term. School finishes at 2:45pm as usual

Community Notices

Buttons: Buttons that you no longer need would be gratefully received - any size or colour. Please give them to Abigail P in Room 6.

“Hansel & Gretel” is an unforgettable experience for parents and children alike. It will be performed by ‘Imagine Children’s Theatre,’ July 7-18th 11am and 1pm at University Theatre, Rolleston Ave, Christchurch Arts Centre. Suitable for ages 4-14. Tickets \$8.50. Bookings telephone 365 522

An Extravaganza of Dance

This year’s major production at Rangī Ruru Girls' School, ‘*Nimbus*,’ is a production with a difference. *Nimbus* is a journey into the dreams of one young girl as her world deconstructs before her eyes. From the whimsical to the nightmarish, this series of dances will compel and delight. The production showcases the work of four of Christchurch’s top choreographers; Sandy Gray, Fleur de Thier, Sheryl Robinson and Joshua Dixon in a blend of dance genre, from contemporary to classical ballet. With set and costumes designed by Patrick Duffy, *Nimbus* is sure to be a visual and movement feast. ‘*Nimbus*’ runs from **Saturday 27th June until Tuesday 30th June at Ngaio Marsh Theatre**, Ilam Road from 7.30pm each night. Tickets \$15 students and \$20 adults, are available from the Rangī Ruru School Office 983 3700 or by emailing office@rangiruru.school.nz.

Holiday activities: Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies, like Shrek, are made? Learn the latest in 3D animation and games design on a Bubble Domes school holiday workshop this July. Locate at Middleton Grange School. All ages and experience levels catered for. T0800 GET BUBBLE (438282) or E: info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz



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‘Walk as children of light’