



# Emmanuel Christian School

OUR VISION: "A thriving Bible-based learning community"

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Volume 7 Term 3

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past six weeks I have had the opportunity to talk with many parents, get to know the children, school staff and culture of our school. As with any new Principal there is an expectation changes will take place, and yes change is on the way, however before too many decisions are made regarding positive change, good information needs to be gathered to inform the decision making process. To date staff have been interviewed, Board of Trustees and Proprietor conversations have taken place (more to follow) and further information and feedback is to be sought from parents—to this end a perception survey is nearing completion which will, when finished, seek constructive feedback from parents on how the school is viewed along with suggestions for improvement. The survey will be made available electronically via survey monkey and a paper version for parents who do not have access to the internet. The survey is expected to be made available nearer the end of this term.

*"He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor" Proverbs 21 vs 21 (NIV)*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 3

12-15 Sept	Swimming—Jellie Park (week 7)
19-22 Sept	Swimming—Jellie Park (week 8)
27th Sept	School World cup day
30th Sept	Talent Quest
07th Oct	Last day of term

## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ROTARY CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH

The Youth education fund is available for parents who may be experiencing hardship (financially) and to make applications to the fund toward uniform, shoes, books / equipment and in some instances school fees. If you would like to make an application the forms can be collected from school reception during normal school hours.

## SWIMMING—SPLISH SPLASH SPLOSH

Swimming at Jellie Park Recreation and Sport Centre is underway in the heated 25m pools and junior learning pool. The lessons are taken by fully qualified swim instructors where children are put into ability groups for their lessons. On day one approximately 135 swimmers were bussed to and from the venue. Parents are welcome to pop down and see the lessons in action, and take a photograph for the memorabilia album.

### DAY 1—Swimming photographs



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## Proprietor representatives on the Board of Trustees

The Proprietors of Emmanuel Christian School, (the Emmanuel Proprietor Trust (The EPT), are looking for interested parents who would like to take an active part in the life of the school. The task requires people with a love for Christian education and who see this form service as a vocation.

The proprietor of an integrated school has two main areas of responsibility. One is the provision and maintenance of school property and the other is to define and supervise the special character of the school. Both these responsibilities are described in the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act and in the integration deed of agreement that the proprietor has with the Minister of Education. Special character responsibilities include defining requirements for enrolment and supervising enrolment accordingly. Also, proprietors approve the appointment of staff from a special character perspective. Proprietors are also required to participate in the governance of their schools, which is the role of boards of trustees. Therefore proprietors are required to appoint to their school boards representatives that can number up to four. These proprietor representatives have full trustee responsibilities and voting powers. They are required to protect the proprietors interests and to report to the proprietor on matters of interest to the proprietor. The EPT always invites its representatives to its meetings so that they can be fully aware of proprietor matters.

Currently the EPT is looking for another proprietor representatives on the Emmanuel School Board of Trustees. It is hoped to have the representative appointed in time for the first meeting of the Board of Trustees in 2012.

If this interests you please give either the EPT chairman, Fred Braam (phone 359 5543) or Joseph McKone, an EPT trustee and proprietor executive officer (phone 351 0890) a call.

You may like to attend the next Board of Trustees meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm

Please give this your prayerful attention.

Yours in His Service  
Fred Braam & Joseph McKone

### NATIONAL STANDARDS

A number of parents over the past few weeks have asked about National Standards and to update them on what they actually are. Explaining what and how National Standards work is not necessarily a straight forward question to answer, however the following from the Ministry of Education parents page may assist many to gain a better understanding of the inner working of the National Standards.

National Standards were introduced in years 1 to 8 in 2010, National Standards support national expectations of student progress and achievement across all areas of *The New Zealand Curriculum*. They are descriptions of what students should know and be able to do in reading, writing, and mathematics at different points of their schooling from years 1-8.

National Standards are a guide for teachers and schools understand the expected levels of achievement at stage/year-appropriate levels, know how to measure the achievement of each student in relation to the expectations, and to improve teaching and learning for better student learning and progress in all areas of the curriculum.

To work out where each child is at in reading, writing and maths in relation to the National Standards, teachers will make an overall teacher judgement using a range of assessments, including:

- what they have seen in the classroom
- talking about learning with children
- children's assessment of their own and each others' work
- results from formal tests.

Teachers will use the overall teacher judgment to work out each child's next learning steps and to set goals for their learning. School reporting will clearly show your child's progress and achievement, what the teacher and school will do to help your child reach their goals, and what you can do at home to support your child's learning.

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## NOTICES / ADVERTISEMENTS

### OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

We currently have 49 books overdue. Please help your children find the books and return these to school as soon as possible. A book classed "Transport by design" was issued to a room 4 girl last term and cannot be located. Please everyone check your shelves, under the bed, and the school bag. There is a blue bin just inside the library door for returns. All our books are stamped "Emmanuel Christian School" inside the covers.

### PRAYER

Group meetings on Mondays & Friday mornings at 8.50am in the library to pray for our school & families. Please do join us to pray. There is a prayer book at the front office counter where you can write your requests and know that in confidence these will be held up before our loving God.

### SCHOOL—SWIMMING

During week 7 and 8 (12th-22nd September) our children will be travelling by bus to and from Jellie Park for swimming. The swimming is taken by qualified instructors in the heated pool and supervised by attending teachers. Children will travel to the pool in school uniform, change at the pools, swim then change back into uniform on completion of the lesson. Children will need to bring;

- A strong bag containing - a towel, drink bottle, goggles, togs (girls a one piece swimming suit please), if all you have is a bikini then a T-shirt over is to be worn. Boys should avoid wearing large baggy beach shorts.

Please ensure all clothing is named. As you can appreciate, when children are changing clothing tends to get mixed up and since uniforms are not easily distinguishable by children, labelling is essential.

**TALENT QUEST:** This year the talent quest will be held during assembly time on Friday 30th September. Heats will be held prior to this, so start planning and practising now. Please note that all lyrics of songs used will need to be appropriate for our Special Character. Copies of lyrics will need to be given to Mrs Hawke prior to heats.

### CHOIR REHEARSAL—Casebrook School.

On 13th September the Choir will be travelling to Casebrook school for Choir practice. Students are expected to arrive back at Emmanuel by 3.00pm. Any further queries can be directed to the teacher in charge, Mrs P Hawke.



**Guitar club** with Mrs Kleinedeters begins this **Thursday**. Open to those 8 years and over keen on learning and/or playing and singing a variety of songs. Come and meet in the library at 12:45. Bring along a guitar and, of course, your smile!!



**PARENT MUSICIANS WANTED** - bass, woodwind, brass or string players willing to be in the orchestra for the production and also available for a few rehearsals closer to the time please contact Naomi Langford on 327 4677

### SAFETY REMINDER

A reminder to take care when collecting and dropping off children at school. Children often do not think clearly or consider the ramifications of running to meet their friends or parents, hence road sense evaporates in the parking area, and the risk of accidents and injury are greater. Please take care, watch for children and keep to the 10km speed limit. Thank you.

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