



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday 23rd March 2010

Tena koutou te whanau.

Psalm 84

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young - a place near your altar,
O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Monster Garage Sale: Keep this Saturday, March 27 free. The Garage sale will run from 8:00a.m. to 12:30pm. We are still gathering bits and pieces for sale. If you have anything you want to get rid of, please leave it in the first staff parking bay. There's not much there at the moment so if you could have a scout around for something to sell that would be brilliant. **Our next planning meeting for the Garage Sale** will be Wednesday, March 24 at 2:45. **Fliers for letter boxes came out last week.** Pop them into mailboxes in and around your street **while you are out doing your power walking!!!!** **Cake Trays** are with this newsletter. Please fill them up with yummy baking and return to the school hall on Friday, March 26. **Wood for Sale:** One of our parents is kindly donating firewood for sale. If you are stocking up for Winter, please buy from us. There will be a quantity available at the Garage Sale and orders will be taken too. **Student Entrepreneurs:** If any of our children would like to make and sell things at the Garage Sale, they may "book a booth" for half an hour and sell anything they have made e.g. sweets, cards, jewellery etc. They will then be asked to give 10% of their takings to the school. We will have parents and staff helping supervise this. Ask at the office for a time slot. **Cardboard boxes and plastic supermarket bags** will be handy on the day too please. **Other notices** are available for churches, workplaces etc. Please ask if you need more.

As part of our fundraising activities one of our parents is offering **MARY KAY** Ultimate or Lash Lengthening Mascara for a special discounted price of \$25 (normally \$27). \$10 from every Mascara sold will be donated to our school. We have order forms available in the office and at the Garage sale. Orders must be in by Monday 29th March and delivery will be early April. Please share this offer with all your friends. For more information please contact Vanessa 388 4039 or the school office 359 3595

Parent Interviews continue on Tues, Weds, Thurs, March 23, 24 this week.

Wacky Wednesday: On Wednesday, March 31, next week, we will have a not too Wacky Wednesday to take the place of Fantastic Friday as we finish school for the term on Thursday. Children do not have to wear school uniform that day but are asked to bring a gold coin for our World Vision child. We will be having the Covenant Players here to present the Creation story and Easter, God's redemption plan for Creation, in drama. They will be also conducting workshops for the older students. The children from Kindercare will be our guests for part of the day.

Kindercare Learning Centre. We feel very privileged to be making links with this new centre which is on the corner of Gardiners and Sawyers Arms Road. Children and staff will, throughout the year be making regular visits to Emmanuel Christian School and we are very excited about that. At 6:30 pm, this Thursday, March 25 Kindercare will be holding a information evening for current and prospective parents. The evening is called "Parents at Play" and aims to share ideas about how to purposefully engage with your children as they play. You are most welcome to attend.

Before School Care: We need just two more parents to share the load and take a turn on morning duty. **Only two more!!!** Please call Vicky on 323 6671 and help share the load.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival: Online applications are now open for special groups. Closing date 1st April 2010. See Mrs Hawke for details and our school code.

Middle School: In case you missed it last week!!!

God's creation, if something is not growing then it is either sick or dying. From the outset it has been the vision of those who hold the future of this school close to their hearts, to grow Emmanuel Christian School to include a Middle School. This is not just a whim or a suggestion to be tossed around to see if it has merit. Middle Schooling provides a better way for us to meet the needs of students as they go through those years in their lives that bring more change than any other except infancy. Middle School is about seeking to cater for the needs of adolescent young people. I remember my years in the 3rd and 4th Forms. In the 3rd Form I spent a great deal of time avoiding the seniors. In the 4th Form? Not doing an awful lot. This seems to be true of many of my friends. To have had to go through so much change in an environment that actually discriminated against us seems silly now. Alternatively, to have had the opportunity to be supported as seniors and leaders at the top of a Junior School would have empowered me to step forward, not back. It would have given me something of value to strive for. It is my intention that a Middle School at Emmanuel will provide students with responsibility in leadership, and will challenge them about their decisions so that they make good choices. Surrounding all this will be the love of Jesus and a nurturing Christian fellowship that, as much as possible, makes school a family affair.

Simon Walmisley.

Certificates presented in Friday assembly

Room 1: Jesse, for swimming and reading.

Sara, for swimming and being an awesome Room 1 Super Star

Room 2: Sophia, for working hard in writing and writing a great recount.

Poppy, welcome to our school.

Room 3: Shavaughn, for running. Hannah C, for administration.

Room 4: Chaydee, for being a good friend to others. Lana for being a great computer technician.

Room 5: Hannah M, for improvement in writing. Ashley, for improvement in spelling.

Room 6: Natasha P and Olivia B.

Room 7: .Adriaan and Cora

From the Board of Trustees

By now you should have received a nomination form in the post. To those who are intending to stand to serve on the Board, I commend you and thank you. The school community needs people who are committed to the future vision of the school and are willing and able to contribute in this meaningful way. If any of you have any questions about serving on the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

I ask that we all continue to pray for Board as they enter a new triennial term. There are some exciting challenges ahead and we acknowledge that we depend on God's strength and wisdom to lead in the way that wants us to go.

A reminder that this Thursday (25th) the BoT will be meet at 7:30pm. This is a public meeting and I welcome especially anyone who is considering standing for the Board. Please let me know beforehand if you intend to come.

Yours in Him,
Richard Moot
Board Chair

Term 1 Calendar

Date	School Event
Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26	Swimming during the afternoon
Friday, March 26	Room 2's Celebration Assembly
Tues, Weds, Thursday March 23, 24, 25	Parent interviews
Thursday, March 25	BOT Meeting in the staffroom at 7:30pm
Saturday, March 27	Monster Garage Sale
Thursday, April 1	Last day of Term

Community Notices

School Tex Schoolwear purchased through Postie + is now earning our school a percentage of the dollars these uniform garments. The more total dollars spent by your purchase of garments the higher the percentage of our reward payment. What a wonderful opportunity this reward system is.

Holiday Courses

Bubble Dome: 3D Animation & Games Design. For ages 6-17.

For more information visit www.buhbbledome.co.nz

Holiday Programme

Casebrook Cruisers (School) Years 7 & 8 6th – 9th April, Te Koru Youth Centre,

1a Harewood Road, Papanui 8.45 a.m. 3.00 p.m. Activities include Hanmer Trip and Mini Golf

Papanui Pirates (School) Years 0 – 6 12th – 16th April, St Paul's Hall,

1 Harewood Road, Papanui. 8.45 - 3.00 p.m. Activities include Ferrymead and a trip on the Tram

Te Koru Toasters (School) Years 9 & 10 Te Koru Youth Centre,

1a Harewood Road, Papanui 8.45 – 3.00 p.m. Activities include Hanmer Trip and Rock Climbing

More details on the programmes can be viewed on our website www.pyd.org.nz or email Shannon Beardsley at Shannon@pyd.org.nz Tel: 345 9381



Wise-Up is an 8-week course for children aged 6 – 12 years, teaching skills for everyday life. We look at how to recognise feelings & emotions and explore new and different ways of dealing with these. **Wise-Up** aims to teach children to maintain self-care, self-confidence, self-respect and self-control.

Programme Details:

Wise-Up is being run in Linwood, Addington, Shirley and Hornby from 3:30-5:00pm starting the week of 26th April.

For **information** & enrolments contact Sarah Rawson @ Methodist Mission. Phone 366 8839 ext. 845
Email sarahR@mmsi.org.nz

Kiwi Kids Learn

A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children. Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. There is a dedicated 8-page lift-out for the kids with activities and games. There is also a section within the magazine for students to 'showcase' their work to the rest of New Zealand. To find out more or to order a copy go to www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com

6 April—16 April 2010

Only 3 weeks until the April School Holidays!

Spaces are still available for the Sport Canterbury Holiday Programmes

The KiwiSport Holiday Programmes are a great way to keep the children active in the holidays by providing opportunities for children to have fun and learn the skills of a variety of sports in a safe and friendly environment.

These programmes are offered at a number of venues around Christchurch, with all programmes being OSCAR approved.

Registration options

Full Day 9 .00 am – 5.00 pm (8.30am – 5.30 pm Rolleston only) **OR**

Half Day 9.00 am – 12.30 pm (8.30am – 12.30 pm Rolleston only)

Maybe your child wants a little more *Adventure*

This programme is for children between 11 and 13 years of age and is designed to develop both physical and mental skills of the participants.

Visit our website www.sportcanterbury.org.nz



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'Walk as children of light'