



Tena koutou te whanau

From the Acting Principal

"Heed the prayers of those who delight to honour you." Nehemiah 1 v11b

As Cantabrians who love our fractured city we can empathise with the needs of Japan at this time. The Japanese will also be shedding tears and many have already started the physical work necessary. At least forty five countries have offered assistance in Urban Search and Rescue in Japan and they have been accepted. Just as we have prayed for our city we need to pray for Japan. Scripture this next week will continue to be about

the recovery of Jerusalem as the walls were rebuilt. We shall learn of some of the challenges that Nehemiah faced when implementing a God- inspired plan to rebuild the wall in just 52 days.

The walls represent the power, protection and beauty of the city of Jerusalem. The walls were needed to ensure the continuity of worship. Nehemiah knew this and he had the vision to see this completed. Through prayer God guided his preparation. Nehemiah used careful planning, teamwork, problem solving and courage to get the job done. When opportunities became available he was ready with the plan.

After the work began, Nehemiah faced scorn, slander and threats from enemies as well as fear, conflict and discouragement from his workers. All of these challenges were overcome. He did not lose the vision God imparted to him.

The story of Nehemiah reminds us of the importance of keeping the vision and values of Emmanuel Christian School close to our heart, influencing all we do every day. Be prepared to plan, use team work, problem solve and stay courageous to bless and grow Emmanuel Christian School. Amen!

Farewell Assembly

On Wednesday 16th March at 9:00 a.m. a special assembly will be dedicated to Mrs Jill Garrett for her work at Emmanuel Christian School as Principal. Mrs Garrett has worked faithfully and with a passion for the students in her care and we are delighted that each class will have an opportunity to thank her in their own special

way for all she has done in their lives.

Colleagues will also take this time to formally farewell Mrs Garrett and thank her for all she has done during her time with us. We also know how much Mrs Garrett has appreciated the support of the parent community who have entrusted their children under her direction. This

assembly time is also an opportunity for parents to participate with us. After the formal farewells are given we will finish with morning tea in the hall and ask that parents bring a plate for this. We are sure that Mrs Garrett will enjoy chatting personally with each of you.



Car Park: Please drive and park carefully as this is a busy car park. Usual road safety rules apply. Please avoid parking on footpath areas. Please also refrain from parking anywhere past the large skip at the edge of the staff parking area as this area is dangerous for any pedestrian use. As a safety priority only the pedestrian gate from the main car park is to be used to enter the grounds.

After school, if there is no space in the car park would you please park on the roadside in either Sawyers Arms Road or Cotswold Avenue.



Contact details: If your address or telephone number have changed since the beginning of the year would you please send an email to of-nz or telephone the office with the new information. In light of recent events it would also be helpful for us to have your email details.

Swimming: The Christchurch City Council has currently closed Jellie Park Aqualand and we will be notified when it is open again. For this reason it is unlikely that swimming lessons will occur this term.

Library Books: *Please look through all your books at home and return any that belong to school. We have many valuable books missing.*



National Standards

There has been a lot of interest from parents to find out more about the **National Standards** and the meeting to discuss this further has now been rescheduled for **Tuesday 29th March** to begin straight after assembly. I am sure you will find it informative and enjoyable.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival 2011: Online applications for special groups are now open. Closing date is 8th April 2011. See Mrs Hawke for further information.

Walk as
Children
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From the Proprietor

We have received another unidentified payment. This time for \$500 made on the 8th March. The only detail on the statement is: **Analysis Code Non Check Digit Serial Number.**

Please contact me if you recognise it as yours. It is important that payments are clearly identified using your child's Christian and Surnames.

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Calendar Term 1

Wednesday 16th March

9:00 am Farewell assembly for Mrs Garrett

Thursday 24th March 7 pm

BoT meeting in the staffroom

Tuesday 29th March

Following morning assembly.

National Standards workshop for parents.

Friday 15th April

Last day of term 1

The Teacher only day planned for 15th April has been cancelled. We will now all attend school on this day.



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District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

- Students who are sick need to stay at home, and be encouraged to visit their doctors, particularly if they are exhibiting signs of gastroenteritis (i.e. diarrhoea and vomiting).
- Boil all drinking water (bringing water to the boil is sufficient to kill bugs), or add 1 teaspoon of household bleach per 10 litres of water and leave for 30 minutes.
- Ensure water used in food preparation is bottled, boiled or treated.
- Wash hands with soap or use hand sanitiser often, particularly after going to the toilet, and before and after eating.
- Keep away from silt, dust and all open water. Treat all silt, rivers, ponds, puddles or other surface water as contaminated. If people have to work with silt, they should wear waterproof gloves, gumboots and a dust mask; shower or wash immediately afterwards; and wash clothes separately.

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The Rhyming Earthquake

Feb twenty-two,
When people cried boo-hoo,
Town was a drama queen,
It was not a nice sight to be seen.
The Richter scale said it was a six,
It felt more than a few hicks.
Could be the worst quake,
Everyone was too scared to shake.
Dogs would bark,
It was scarier than a shark,
Cats would miaow,
Moo from a cow,
Pets would run,
It was NOT fun.
Silt came up from the ground,
Many dead people were found.
So many people were sad,
Oh, it was very bad!
So, my readers, let me tell you,
Its's not something to say YA
Hoooooooooooo

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Please continue to send a water bottle of fresh drinking water to school with you children for the next few weeks.



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www.emmanuelchristian.school.nz
