



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday 4th May 2010

Tena koutou te whanau

This term our Character Education study concentrates on Compassion. There's a lovely old Salvation Army song – old but beautiful and written by the late General Albert Orsborn. It's worth sharing.

The Saviour of men came to seek and to save the souls who were lost to the good;
His Spirit was moved for the world which He loved with the boundless compassion of God.
And still there are fields where the labourers are few,
And still there are souls without bread,
And still eyes that weep where the darkness is deep,
And still straying sheep to be led.

*Except I am moved with compassion,
How dwelleth Thy Spirit in me?
In word and in deed
Burning love is my need;
I know I can find this in Thee.*

O is not the Christ 'midst the crowd of today whose questioning cries do not cease?
And will He not show to the hearts that would know the things that belong to their peace?
But how shall they hear if the preacher forbear
Or lack in compassionate zeal?
Or how shall hearts move with the Master's own love,
Without His anointing and seal?

It is not with might to establish the right, nor yet with the wise to give rest;
The mind cannot show what the heart longs to know nor comfort a people distressed.
O Saviour of men, touch my spirit again,
And grant that thy servant may be
Intense every day, as I labor and pray,
Both instant and constant for thee.

Re Early Closure: On Thursday, May 13, school will close at 1:45pm. This is to allow the teachers to leave the school to attend Paid Union Meetings about the National Standards. **Please be sure your children are collected on time.**

Cross Country at Hanson Park: Thank you to Mr Bailey who did all the organising of the Cross Country this year and to all the teachers for their support during the training sessions and the school event. Thank you to Mr Bailey, Mrs Woodlock and Mr Walmisley, Mr Ward and Mr Moot who ran in the parent/teacher race. Emmanuel was fourth overall and narrowly pipped for third I understand. Very well done everyone. The children who were within the first ten places will receive certificates this year. They are: Nathan M from Room 3, Sam from Room 4 who was third in his race, Joshua H, Jesse J, Ashley-Mae, Rebecca J and Matthew all from Room 5, Joshua J, Ho'soo and Abigail from Room 6. Thanks also to Mr Stanton from Hillview for organising such a wonderful event.

Parent Elections for Board of Trustees.

Hi Everyone,

We received five nominations for four Parent Representative positions on the Board of Trustees. Our thanks to Desiree Huls, Dorothy Dickinson, Kris Morrison, Tom Scollard and Vaughan Langford for their willingness to serve on the Board for the next three years. We give thanks to our LORD for the call he has placed on your hearts to put your hand up. All praise to Him.

For the rest of us Parents, it is our turn to exercise our right and responsibility to vote. I contacted CES this morning and they assure me that the voting papers were posted on the weekend, so they should arrive today, if they haven't already. Please let the school office know by Thursday if yours has not arrived. **Voting closes on Tuesday the 11th of May at 12pm.** You can post your vote on or before that day or hand it in to the school office before 12pm Tuesday. The results should be known about a week later, and we will let you all know as soon as they come out.

Regards,
Richard Moot
BOT Chairman

Middle School: Thank you to all those who attended the meeting last week. We were greatly encouraged by your enthusiasm and support. Our next step is to arrange a meeting re the educational philosophy, focus and flavour of Middle Schooling at ECS. At this meeting we will launch the concept plan for our Middle School curriculum. Your consideration and comment will be appreciated. Watch this space.

Bubble Dome: With this newsletter are notices of a wonderful opportunity which our school has been given to host an after school computer programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions. Spaces are limited.

World Vision 40 hour famine: 21-23 May 2010. Famine packs are available from the office. Parental permission is required before famine packs are issued. A 'famine' may be going without something you enjoy for the 20 or 40 hours. School recommends that children younger than Year 7 & 8 do not go without food. This is a wonderful opportunity to identify with young people in other countries who have very little.

Uniform: A number of families are missing items of school uniform. Please send back to school any items that have strayed into your home. It is easy to pick up the wrong garment at school and your assistance in checking your children's garments on a regular basis is much appreciated. **It is a wise idea to name all garments so that they are easily identifiable.** Currently we are looking for a size 6 woollen pullover and a size 8 Polar Fleece – this garment has yellow stitching on neck label and name on side seam label.

Camera battery found: Following the School Cross Country races on Friday afternoon 23rd April a camera battery pack was found in the grounds. Please contact the office 359 3595 if you are missing this item.

Fantastic Friday: May 21

Cardboard boxes/cartons needed

Room 5 are collecting large cardboard boxes for a school-wide activity planned for two weeks time. Appliance cartons would be perfect. Please send them to school and Mrs Down will store them.

Students may come in street clothes i.e. no uniform but must bring a gold coin for the privilege and as a donation to World Vision.

Coffee: Friday May 7 after drop off at Sub Zero, Bishopdale shopping centre. All welcome.

School Fundraiser: Cards, giftwrap, stationery for sale. Phoenix Trading sells a fabulous range of greeting cards, gift wrap, invitations, thank-you cards and stationery. Our cards are gorgeous, great quality, eco-friendly and very reasonably priced at \$4 per card or \$3.50 each if you buy 10 or more cards. These unique products are available for you to buy with 10% of total sales going to Emmanuel Christian School.

If you'd like to view some of these lovely products please pop into the school office, where a display is set up, and pick up a fundraising pack including a catalogue and order form. To place an order simply return the fundraising pack with the order form completed and payment included to the school office by Thursday 20 May. Also **Coffee Morning:** The products will also be on display and available for you to buy/order in the school staffroom on Thursday 20 May from 9am - 10.30am. Alternatively orders may be placed online. Go to www.phoenix-trading.com.au/web/louisemorrison and I will contact you to arrange payment. Sample folders containing a range of sample products, catalogues and order forms are available for you to take home to show family and friends and collect extra orders. The person who raises the most money through collecting orders will receive a Phoenix gift voucher to spend. Please see Louise Morrison for more info or ph 359 1679, e-mail cards@morrison.net.nz or go to www.phoenix-trading.com.au/web/louisemorrison

Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
Tuesday, May 11	12 noon Board of Trustees elections, poll closes
Thursday, May 13	School closes at 1:45pm
Thursday, May 20	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm in the Staffroom
Friday, May 21	Fantastic Friday
Friday, May 28	Room 1's Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome
Friday, June 4	Room 6's Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome
Monday, June 7	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday, June 18	Room 7's Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome
Thursday, June 24	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm in the Staffroom
Friday, July 2	Fantastic Friday and End of Term
Monday, July 20	Beginning of Term 3

Community Notices

Scholarships to Rangī Ruru Girls' School: Information about this is available in the office.

Keyboard lessons Fridays : Space is now available for students from Year 3 upwards with Mrs Mace. A keyboard at home is essential for practice. For further information and to book a position, please phone 354 1949.

House cleaning/home help wanted: For family who live near school. Ideal for school Mum who can pop around each morning after school drop-off. From now until the end of Term 2 - possibly extending into Term 3. 4x per week Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. In the morning for 45mins (approx 8.45/9am - 9.30/9.45am - very flexible) \$15 per hour (\$45 per week) Please see Louise Morrison, ph 359 1679 or e-mail kandlmorrison@gmail.com for more info.

Intermediate After School Programme every Tuesday during Term 2

Come and join us at Te Koru Youth Centre, 1a Harewood Road, Papanui. 352 9382 for a \$2 gold coin donation 3.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m. Activities include Rock Climbing, computer suite, Rockband and Playstation 3 Gamesroom or just come and chill out.

A beautiful year old tabby cat needs a good caring home for up to six months. Will be provided with jellymeat, and any vet bills will be paid for. Maxi is a friendly, placid cat who is happy to stay outside at night. Please approach me or ring me on 323 6332. Dionne



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'Walk as children of light'