

Newsletter

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



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When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25: 31-40

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

Friday last week was bitter and damp – far too miserable to be standing on the sideline, cheering on our sports people, but I'm glad I did. Out of the experience came a story to warm the coldest heart.

John is a wonderful soccer player. He's captain of the ECS Junior team and he leads by example. There was just one player to beat and the goal would surely be his. As John dribbled and dodged down the field, Jack, from the opposing team, ran to tackle him. The two collided and Jack fell to the ground. I opened my mouth to yell wildly, "Go on, John!! Go over the top of him." The words froze on my tongue.

John had stopped and was giving Jack a hand up – checking out that he was OK.

John had no idea of the conversation I'd had a few moments before with Jack's Mum.

"That's my boy," she'd said. "The blonde one. Thirty kids tried out for the team. And my boy made it! I'm so proud of him."

"So!" I thought – not maliciously but rather, "It's just a little school team." Perhaps Jack's Mum read my thoughts. "You see," she added. "Jack's got cerebral palsy."

John knew nothing of that. He doesn't even know what cerebral palsy is, but he **does** know how to be the "heart of God" to other people.

Our Character Education study for this term is
"Compassion."



What a way to introduce Matthew 25: 31- 40 to our children!!

Thank you, John, for giving us an example of what Jesus meant when He said, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me." (The Message)

God bless you John, and God bless the teacher who put Jack in the team.

SCHOOL NEWS



News Flash!!!!

Room 2 Assembly will be on this Friday, May 30

We will have **Thrilling Thursday** instead of Fantastic Friday.

It will be a Wacky Hair Day. Students may come in Mufti with their hair looking....????... whacky – colours, product, wigs allowed.

Gold Coin Donation



The day is a reward for good behaviour. It is also an opportunity to honour Alexander. Autism Week is coming up. We're going to use the gold coin donation to support our sponsored child but also to make a donation to Autism New Zealand.

"My Greatest Feat" Keep those permission slips coming in. Read, sign and return as soon as possible please. Thank you parents of Years 3 & 4. You did it last term.

World Vision: Congratulations to those of you who took part in this. Please make sure you have your books and money back to the office as soon as possible.

Winter Sports are underway at Hagley Park each Friday afternoon. ECS has two soccer teams and two netball teams of Year 5 & 6 students competing. Last week we also had one or two Year 4 boys filling the gaps in the soccer team. We would welcome people to assist with supervision & support. **We still need people to take a turn at refereeing - this Friday in fact.** The bus leaves school at 1pm and games begin at 1.40pm. We do arrive back to school late. Last week it was approximately 3:20pm. You are welcome to join us on the bus or meet the teams at Hagley Park. A map of the events, the draw and much more information is on the Canterbury Primary Schools Sports web site www.primarysportscanterbury.org.nz If you are able to help support a team, especially in the first few weeks, then please indicate your willingness to either Mr Hadfield or Mrs Thomas.

Results from last week are: Junior Netball v Belfast 12 - 14
Senior Netball v Rolleston 5 – 23
Junior Soccer v Hornby South 2 – 5
Senior Soccer v Wharenui 1-3

We weren't the Champions of the Day but we did enjoy ourselves and certainly played fairly.

Hillview Christian School Production: We have been invited to take students to see the dramatisation of the life of the Apostle Paul. This will be on Wednesday, June 4 at 10:30am and is staged at the South City Christian Centre on the corner of Colombo Street and Moorhouse Avenue. We are advised that the production includes a scene where Christians are martyred for their faith but we are also assured that it is suitable for students in Years 5 -8. We have booked seats for the students in Rooms 5 & 6 but if you, as parents, have any concerns about the suitability please let your child's teacher know. We will leave school by bus, around 10:00am and return in time for lunch.

New World Supermarket: *The longest docket* competition is on again. Keep those dockets coming in early. We were too slow last year. Beg from grandparents, neighbours, aunts and uncles. Mr G is on the case because he knows it's worth \$10,000 to the school. Help! If we let him loose he'll have the longest docket in one visit to the supermarket!!

School Uniform: With this newsletter is a new uniform list. It refers to Postie Plus at Northlands Belfast as being one of our suppliers. They wish to advise you that they will not be able to guarantee supplies until Term 4.

Museum Trip: On Thursday, June 12 Rooms 3 & 4 are going to the Museum. They will travel by bus, leaving at 9:30am and returning at lunchtime.

The NZ Curriculum: We finish this series with excerpts from the section on **Learning areas - Important for a broad, general education**

The New Zealand Curriculum specifies eight learning areas: English, the arts, health and physical education, learning languages, mathematics and statistics, science, social sciences, and technology.

The learning associated with each area is part of a broad, general education and lays a foundation for later specialisation. Like the key competencies, this learning is both end and means: valuable in itself and valuable for the pathways it opens to other learning.

Each learning area has its own language or languages. As students discover how to use them, they find they are able to think in different ways, access new areas of knowledge, and see their world from new perspectives.

For each area, students need specific help from their teachers as they learn:

- * the specialist vocabulary associated with that area

- * how to read and understand its texts
- * how to communicate knowledge and ideas in appropriate ways
- * how to listen and read critically, assessing the value of what they hear and read.

As language is central to learning and English is the medium for most learning in the New Zealand Curriculum, the importance of literacy in English cannot be overstated.

In **English**, students study, use, and enjoy language and literature communicated orally, visually, or in writing.

In **The Arts**, students explore, refine, and communicate ideas as they connect thinking, imagination, senses, and feelings to create works and respond to the works of others.

In **Health and Physical Education**, students learn about their own well-being, and that of others and society, in health-related and movement contexts.

In **Learning Languages**, students learn to communicate in an additional language, develop their capacity to learn further languages, and explore different world views in relation to their own.

In **Mathematics and Statistics**, students explore relationships in quantities, space, and data and learn to express these relationships in ways that help them to make sense of the world around them.

In **Science**, students explore how both the natural physical world and science itself work so that they can participate as critical, informed, and responsible citizens in a society in which science plays a significant role.

In the **Social Sciences**, students explore how societies work and how they themselves can participate and take action as critical, informed, and responsible citizens.

In **Technology**, students learn to be innovative developers of products and systems and discerning consumers who will make a difference in the world.

TERM 2 CALENDAR 2008

DATE	SCHOOL EVENT
Thursday May 29	Thrilling Thursday – Wacky Hair Day. Gold coin donation.
Friday May 30	Room 2's assembly
Monday June 2	Queens Birthday – no school
Wednesday, June 4	Rooms 5 & 6 are attending the Hillview Production. Travelling by bus from 10:00am
Friday June 6	Room 5's assembly
Thursday, June 12	Rooms 3 & 4 are going to the museum – leaving at 9:30am and returning at lunchtime.
Friday June 13	Room 1's assembly
Friday June 20	Room 4's assembly
Friday June 27	Room 3's assembly
Friday July 4	Fantastic Friday. Last day of Term 2
Monday July 21	First Day of Term 3

Esther Melody: This young Christian singer performed for us last year. She has released a new single, currently featuring on the Life FM Countdown. You can vote for Esther on www.lifefm.co.nz. Her first music video will be available to see on www.myspace.com/esthermelodysmith next week..

Zip and Mac from the Wild Daisies Readers, is now an educational television series that will be airing on TV2, 3-30pm each weekday afternoon from June 9, 2008. This programme consists of early literacy skills for reading and writing and helps children with letter sounds

as well. It is a New Zealand based programme which uses Ministry of Education guidelines for correct literacy. We haven't seen it but it might be worth a look.

Uniform List

Boys – Years 1 - 8

<p>Summer</p> <p>Jersey and/or Polar</p> <p>Shirt</p> <p>Shorts</p> <p>Socks</p> <p>Shoes</p> <p>Sandals (optional)</p>	<p>ECS Navy Jersey V neck and/or ECS Polar Fleece both with the school monogram</p> <p>Short sleeved navy polo with red collar stripes</p> <p>Standard grey school shorts</p> <p>Navy ankle socks</p> <p>Black leather school shoes - lace-up, Velcro or T-bar</p> <p>Sports styled shoes are not acceptable & all footwear must have a sole that is no more than 3cm</p> <p>Plain sandals (navy blue or black) – may be worn without socks</p>
<p>Winter</p> <p>Jersey and/or Polar</p> <p>Shirt</p> <p>Shorts</p> <p>Trousers (optional)</p> <p>Socks</p> <p>Shoes</p>	<p>ECS Navy Jersey V neck and/or ECS Polar Fleece both with the school monogram</p> <p>Long sleeved navy polo with red collar stripes</p> <p>Dark grey woollen winter - lined school shorts</p> <p>ECS long dark grey trousers: 'Postie +' style 6969</p> <p>ECS Long grey socks with red and blue stripe</p> <p>Black leather school shoes – lace-up, Velcro or T-bar</p> <p>Sports styled shoes are not acceptable & all footwear must have a sole that is no more than 3cm</p>

Girls – Years 1 - 6

<p>Summer</p> <p>Jersey and/or Polar</p> <p>Dress</p> <p>Socks</p> <p>Shoes</p> <p>Sandals (optional)</p>	<p>ECS Navy Jersey V neck and/or ECS Polar Fleece both with the school monogram</p> <p>ECS Dress – Compulsory from 2010</p> <p>White ankle socks</p> <p>Black leather school shoes – lace-up, Velcro or T-bar</p> <p>Sports styled shoes are not acceptable & all footwear must have a sole that is no more than 3cm</p> <p>Plain sandals (navy or black) – may be worn without socks</p>
<p>Winter</p> <p>Jersey and/or Polar</p> <p>Pinafore</p> <p>Shirt</p> <p>Socks</p> <p>Shoes</p>	<p>ECS Navy Jersey V neck and/or ECS Polar Fleece both with the school monogram</p> <p>ECS Pinafore</p> <p>Long sleeved plain white polo</p> <p>Navy tights, navy knee-high or navy over the knee socks</p> <p>Black leather school shoes – lace-up, Velcro or T-bar</p> <p>Sports styled shoes are not acceptable & all footwear must have a sole that is no more than 3cm</p>

Girls – Years 7 – 8

Summer	
Jersey and/or Polar	ECS Navy Jersey V neck and/or ECS Polar Fleece both with school monogram
Dress	ECS Dress – compulsory from 2010
Socks	White ankle socks
Shoes	Black leather school shoes – lace-up, Velcro or T-bar Sports styled shoes are not acceptable & all footwear must have a sole that is no more than 3cm
Sandals (optional)	Plain sandals (navy or black) – may be worn without socks
Winter	
Jersey and/or Polar	ECS Navy Jersey V neck and/or ECS Polar Fleece both with monogram
Skirt	ECS skirt
Shirt	Long sleeved navy polo with red collar stripes
Socks	Navy tights, navy knee high or navy over the knee socks
Shoes	Black leather school shoes – lace-up, Velcro or T-bar Sports styled shoes are not acceptable & all footwear must have a sole that is no more than 3cm

SPORTS/PE – All students are to have suitable clothing to participate in the daily school programme. School representatives to external events will be issued with the official school sports uniform.

GIRLS' HAIR - Hair bands, ties, scrunchies in black, navy, red, white or the same fabric as the school uniform only. No other colours are allowed

OPTIONAL: Navy Beanie for Winter – no other hats
COMPULSORY: Sunhats: Terms 1 4 – issued & invoiced from school

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY & SECURELY NAMED CORRECT UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY
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Summer uniform is worn in
Terms 1 & 4.

Winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 & 3.

SUPPLIERS: Mainland Uniforms: All items (except *long*-sleeved navy polo shirts and winter trousers) 511 Wairakei Road, Christchurch.

Northwood Postie Plus (Belfast): boys' shorts and trousers, short and long sleeved navy polo shirts (red collar trim), white long- sleeved polo, girls' winter pinafore.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS: Mrs Sharon Rasmusen Ph355 2777

The ECS summer dress is compulsory for all girls from the beginning of 2010. The 'phase out' period will be until the beginning of 2010.