



# EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Tena koutou te whanau

Last week I was in the North Island on a study tour of schools in Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga. It was a busy but very exciting time. I've come back with many new ideas about how we might do things at Emmanuel but I'm also encouraged by how well we do them now.

Within view of the mountain, sea and evening skies of Mount Maunganui, I enjoyed coming apart from the crowd to spend my quiet times with God. There I began a study called *Essential 100*, which has recently been published by the Bible Society of New Zealand in partnership with Scripture Union and Wycliffe Bible Translators. The introduction describes the programme as a way to discover the "big story" and it's proving to be an interesting look at how all the pieces of God's great plan for us, fit together.

Again I read Genesis 6: 5-6. From "The Message" it translates as, "God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night. God was sorry that He had made the human race in the first place; it broke His heart." The piece about God's heart being broken was profoundly moving. On remembering that it is said that on the cross Jesus died of a broken heart, I could see the end from the beginning. As Grace said in assembly recently, "God created us because He didn't want to be alone. He wanted us to be His friends." The idea that our rejection of that offer of His friendship could cause Him such pain is beyond my comprehension. Does God love us that much? Could anything we do affect Him so deeply? It can and it does. So much so that God the Father through the sacrifice of Jesus, was willing to endure the cross, in order to have the very deepest relationship with us. Isn't that remarkable?

**Early Closure:** This 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.**

**Fantastic Friday:** On May 21 as part of our study for the term we are having a slum simulation. We need: parent helpers, cardboard boxes/cartons to make the slum dwellers shacks, little unwanted things from home like old MacDonald's toys to "sell" at the market, belt bags for the "families to collect their money tokens in. If you have any questions please ask Mrs Down who is organising the event. **Students need to come in warm, but not good clothes. Sunday best clothes will not be appropriate. Remember a gold coin for the privilege and as a donation to World Vision.**

**Middle School:** With this newsletter is a private letter in a sealed envelop for all the parents of Year 5 and 6 students. This is an invitation for you to complete a survey re your intentions for Middle Schooling at Emmanuel Christian School. The survey is to be completed on the web and the close off day for responses is May 19. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

**Bubble Dome:** Sadly there was not enough interest in this activity so we have had to cancel.

**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 and ties in beautifully with our study for the term.

**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](http://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](mailto:cards@morrison.net.nz) or go to [www.phoenix-trading.com.au/web/louisemorrison](http://www.phoenix-trading.com.au/web/louisemorrison)

## Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
<b>Thursday, May 13</b>	<b>School closes at 1:45pm</b>
Thursday, May 20	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm in the Staffroom
Friday, May 21	Fantastic Friday: Slum Simulation
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

**A beautiful and gentle natured Lab/Collie** needs a kind and loving home for up to six months. All food etc. will be provided. Susie has been registered and micro chipped. Please ring Dionne if you have any questions or can look after Susie. Phone 3236332 or 0277417301.

**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](mailto:kandlmorrison@gmail.com) for more info.

**Scholarships to Rangi Ruru Girls' School:** Information about this is available in the office

### **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.

### **“Classics up close”**

#### **A Family concert** by the New Zealand String Quartet

*What happens when Goldilocks discovers that the three bears are musicians? Could the Pachelbear Canon provide a clue? And can a violin really hold a conversation?*

These and other questions will be answered at a unique Family concert by the New Zealand String Quartet in Christchurch in June 2010. In a programme designed for a family audience with children aged 4 years and up, the engaging members of the New Zealand String Quartet will get up close and classical with short performances, audience participation and lively musical chit chat. This special concert will appeal to children, parents and grandparents. Programme length: 1 hour

**Great Hall, The Arts Centre,  
Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> (Queen's Birthday) 2pm**

Bookings at Ticketek, [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz) phone 0800 TICKETEK



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