

Newsletter

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



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Tuesday, June 3, 2008

1 Samuel 17:45 You come to me with a sword and a spear,
but I come to you in the name of the Lord
God.....All those gathered here will know that it is
not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is
the LORD's. 1 Samuel 17: 47

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

This week we are hearing the story of David and Goliath which is found in 1 Samuel Chapters 16 & 17.

As a family you might like to discuss these questions.
How did God prepare David for the battle he had with Goliath?
What armour did David wear to protect himself?
How does God prepare us for the work He has for us to do?
What armour does God provide for our protection?

In studying the Kings of the Bible we've discovered that God doesn't care about our age, nor our appearance. He looks at our hearts.

Perhaps you could do something to show compassion to someone in your family, or maybe a neighbour. But do it anonymously. We don't need to be thanked, because God sees us in secret and He will reward us openly.

Matthew 6:4

School News

Student Achievement

- Room 1** Holly for making great progress in reading.
Samuel for being such a co-operative boy and for settling into a new school well.
- Room 2** Abbey-Lee for being a great teacher's helper.
Joel for being a mature and responsible young man.
- Room 3** Trinity for wonderful effort and attitude in cross country.
Genevieve for fabulous recount writing.
- Room 4** Jordan, Esther and Brooke for going up to the next spelling level.
- Room 5** Gemma – advanced additive expert.
Nerima for effort in maths and enthusiasm for school with excellent results.
- Room 6** Emily and Daniel for fabulous independent research on sound.

Achievement: India-Rose

Lighthouse awards: Amber and Natasha

Memory Verse: Serena and Chris

Sports: Jared and Jordan

Memory Verse: 47% of our students filled in their memory verse activity sheet about the sparrows. Room 5 had 81% of their students who responded. What a great effort. A class reward is on the way for you Room 5. Thank you for being young leaders who are setting a great example.

Winter Sports Results

Cross country: Johan and Trinity – second in their age groups

Abbey-Lee – third in her age group

Netball: Senior team versus Opawa won 16-2

Junior team versus Avondale won 17-3

Soccer: Senior A versus St Patricks won 2-1

Junior versus Wharenui loss 0-2

Yee! Hah!!

Whacky Hair day: Thank you all of those who brought donations. We collected \$197 for Autism and our World Vision sponsored child.

“My Greatest Feat” This is an important part of our school programme. You will have received a participation form within the last few weeks. We require these to be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible PLEASE. If you’ve lost yours please let the office know.

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.

World Vision: The 40 hour famine. Please make sure you have your books and money back to the office as soon as possible so that we can send these off to World Vision promptly. If you did not take part but have taken a famine pack home would you please also return these to the office.

The Longest Docket Competition: Between 26 May and 15 June. PLEASE keep those docketts coming –The length of docketts is divided by the number of students at the school, so please get family and friends involved in assisting us to make THE LONGEST DOCKET.

The National Spokesperson on Education: Mr Alan Peachey, is visiting our school on Wednesday June 11 at 9:00a.m. He will be in assembly so please feel free to come and support.

Term 2 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Wednesday, June 4	Rooms 5 & 6 to the Hillview Production by bus from 10:00am
Friday June 6	Room 5’s assembly
Wednesday, June 11	PE Adviser working in the school with classes. A visit from Mr Alan Peachy- National Spokesperson on Education
Friday June 13	Room 1’s assembly
Friday June 20	Room 4’s assembly
Wednesday, June 25	PE Adviser working in the school with classes
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

Community News

World Environment Day June 5 – ‘Kick the Carbon-burning Habit’

Increased carbon dioxide is causing climate change.

Five suggestions for our school community to reduce the carbon dioxide we release.

1. Eat local or home-grown food. Ten units of carbon-producing fossil energy are needed today to create one unit of food-calorie energy that we see on our supermarket shelves, and that does not include transportation or food preparation. The average piece of food in NZ has to travel 200 km from its point of origin.

2. Buy less/consume less. Everything we buy has a carbon-burning journey behind it. The toy or ‘must have’ we buy or the ‘free gift’ in our takeaway meal comes from factories burning carbon.

3. Turn that switch off. Much of our electricity these past few weeks has had to come from the North Island thermal i.e. carbon burning power stations. Standby power used by TVs, washing machines etc is a waste. A typical microwave oven consumes more electricity powering its digital clock than it does heating food. Turning off appliances in standby mode would reduce carbon-dioxide emissions by nearly 0.5%.

4. Reduce your car journeys. Be smart with car trips – combine errands. Walk. Cycle. If possible, take a bus. Carpool.

5. Parents talk to your children. Children talk to your parents. All this carbon stuff requires new thinking. Talk and discuss.

For more detail and great suggestions, check out www.sustainability.govt.nz/wed



Kia Ora

Approaching fast are the 2008 Olympics being held in Beijing beginning August 8. To celebrate this very special event WHAT NOW on Sunday August 10 is doing a number of things related to the Games & needs your help!

Their aim is to fill their studio audience with 205 children – one child from each nationality that is attending the Games. If you or someone you know lives in or around Christchurch and would like to be part of this special show to represent their country then please call on 03 3397 101 & ask for Kate or Penny.

You can be a representative in the audience for your country if you are from that country or have an association with that country.

Many thanks! The team at What Now looks forward to hearing from you!