



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday 18th May 2010

Tena koutou te whanau

Last week the Senior Leadership Team was in Wellington for the annual conference of the NZ Association of Christian Schools. It was a great time for fellowship with over a hundred other Christian teachers, principals, Boards of Trustees members and proprietors. It was also an opportunity to reflect and learn! From Darren Iselin, headmaster of Heights College in Central Queensland, we heard that in any Christian mission there are three phases. Darren likened them to the realms of Kings David, Solomon and Rehoboam. For King David the Kingdom of Israel was exciting, new, and things were growing. People sacrificed and worked hard to build the Kingdom under his leadership. King Solomon inherited all that had been done before and did not need to experience the sacrifice and hard work. The passion started to fade until finally things fell apart under Solomon's son-Rehoboam. The message is that we must not become complacent with the wealth provided for us by those who have gone before. We need to keep coming back to our vision and our core values so that we find new ways to grow and 'keep the faith'. As we work for this school let us remember our roots, honour the sacrifice made to establish this school and be faithful in keeping the passion alive.

Brian Cox, head of a Christian International School in Jakarta, was another key note speaker who urged us to be intentional in keeping the vision alive. "God is intentional," he said. "He has eternal plans and purposes. He spoke Creation in to being and sent Christ to die. He opens our eyes to the truth and determines for us a glorious future." He urged us as school leaders to be intentional in ensuring that vision informs the totality of the school programmes and he said that faith is the non-negotiable starting point. Brian encouraged us by explaining that great strength comes from brokenness. We were reminded of Paul's writing in 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 "I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me,

My grace is enough; it's all you need.

My strength comes into its own in your weakness. (The Message)

Simone, Simon and Jill

Simone had the privilege of attending a workshop with a specific focus on change. Thirteen active ingredients were identified as essential. Simone says she smiled as she noted the first two were having a clearly defined culture within the school, and commitment to the school. Mark Larson and Richard Vanderpyl from Middleton Grange were the presenters and they said that the community needed to provide forums to express their questions and respond to the ideas that arise in discussions. Therefore, a big thanks to our coffee morning Mums and to those who attended our evening meeting on Middle Schooling. Thank you also to those who have completed the survey to help us plan ahead **together**.

URGENT!!!! REMINDER!!!! Parents of Year 5 & 6 students! Please complete the survey about Middle Schooling on <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QR5V9YV>.

Tomorrow (midnight) is the last day for these to be completed. There will be a chocolate bar to every child whose parent responds!!! Your opinions are necessary for us to maintain a school-wide vision.



Board of Trustees Elections: Congratulations to our new parent elected BOT members for 2010. They are Kris Morrison, Vaughan Langford, Desiree Huls, and Tom Scollard. Sincere thanks to Dorothy Dickenson who put her name forward but was unsuccessful this time. The parent reps will be joined by John van Ameyde, Mike Vannoort and Mark Larson on behalf of the Emmanuel Proprietor Trust. The new Board will be meeting with the previous Board this Thursday at 7:30pm.

Fantastic Friday: On May 21, that's this Friday, 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.**

Research Project. Next week all of the children in Years 5 -8 will be given, for homework, the Australasian Research Project for this year. At the end of the week Mrs Garrett will collect the papers in and select the children who will be Emmanuel Christian School's entries for 2010. The research will end and be submitted by June 4.

CONTRARY to LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW! After-School Computer Programme at Emmanuel Christian School- FREE TRIAL!

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Emmanuel Christian School this term on Tuesday afternoons. This is open for all students aged 6-11 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! If you are interested and would like to have a free trial of this course, please email us as places are strictly limited and will go quickly.

For questions Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or

Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz.



This weekend, 21-23 May 2010, is the World Vision 40 hour famine:

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.



Plastic bags: Once again we need 'grocery' type plastic bags. These bags are extremely useful around the school and save us purchasing bags to line classroom rubbish bins. Thank you.

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 ECS.

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 this 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

Coffee morning - This week, Thursday 20 May, 9am - 10.30am in the school staff room. Come along for some morning tea and a chance to chat with other parents while viewing the Phoenix Trading products on display and for sale (there is no sales pitch to sit through like at a Tupperware party etc).

Attendance: Please remember to telephone the school office, with a brief explanation, if your child is going to be late or absent any day. We have a legal requirement to keep accurate attendance records and your assistance is vital to this process. If we have no information regarding your child's absence we are required to mark the child as truant. If you are removing your child from the property at any time during the day please personally report this to the office so the roll can be marked accordingly.

FROM THE EPT: ATTENDANCE DUES

Recently I sent out statements to update parents on attendance dues owing. A significant number of people have not paid for Term One yet nor even completed payments from 2009. If you are in this situation please update payments as soon as possible. Once again I ask that you clearly identify payments. Use the invoice number or family name with initials. Using your child's name is of no help.

Joseph McKone

Executive Officer, EPT

Winter Sports Results: Soccer won 9-0 against St Paul's
Senior Netball drew 10-10 against Wainoni
Junior Netball won 17-8 against Waimairi

Well done, everyone. What a great start to the season and, "Thank you" to Mr Bailey for his organisation. Next week all games begin at 1:30pm. The soccer team plays Middleton Grange on South Hagley (S2), Senior Netball plays South New Brighton on Hagley Court 3, Junior Netball plays Rolleston on Hagley Court 33.

Term 2 Calendar

Date	School Event
Wednesday, May 19	Survey for Parents of Year 5 & 6 students finishes at midnight.
Thursday, May 20	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm in the Staffroom
Friday, May 21	Fantastic Friday: Slum Simulation
Monday, May 24	Research Project begins – Years 5 - 8
Friday, May 28	Room 1's Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome
Friday, June 4	Room 6's Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome Research Project ends Years 5-8
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

Middleton Grange advises that parents wishing to enrol their children at Middleton Grange School in Years 7 to 13 for 2011 should do so before applications close this Friday, 21 May, 2010.

If you have misplaced your application form you can download it from www.middleton.school.nz – or contact the school office.

School Dental service: There has been a restructuring of the school dental service this year which means a change in the team who look after our school to the Windsor School dental clinic in Burwood Road. The team looking after the Emmanuel children will be Glenda, Dana and Avon, who can be contacted on 383 3221

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.

Scholarships to Rangī 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 7th (Queen's Birthday) 2pm**

Bookings at Ticketek, www.ticketek.co.nz phone 0800 TICKETEK



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'Walk as children of light'

Room 3 Enjoys Autumn



In Room 3 we are learning to write about our experiences and how we felt. We had fun playing in the leaves and celebrating Autumn. Here are some of our stories.

During Autumn I enjoy kicking the leaves. I enjoy making a leaf pile. I like it. **Evangeline**

I saw a cool baby leaf. We had a leaf fight. **Malachi**

Yesterday we had a leaf adventure. The leaves are falling off the trees. I got a lot of leaves. It was cool. I was with Sean. We hunted for leaves everywhere and found some. **Nathan**

During Autumn I enjoy making leaf piles and playing with the leaves. **Jennifer**

I made a leaf pile with my class and I made a leaf pile at morning tea time. I like leaf piles and I had fun playing. **Levi**

During Autumn we enjoy making leaf piles. We enjoy throwing the leaves up in the air. It is so much fun. In Autumn I like it. It is very good. **Hannah**

I like Autumn because I like making leaf piles and I like leaves. **Quinn**

Yesterday at school the class got leaves. Then we were throwing the leaves up in the air. **Benjamin**

I made a leaf pile because I love them. Then I decided to make a leaf man. **Ryan**

During Autumn I enjoy walking through the leaves and burying people and making leaf books and doing leaf fights and making leaf trees. I like making decorations with the leaf paper. **Nika**

I like making leaf piles so I can make a leaf volcano. **Kemuel**

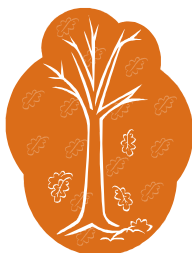
During Autumn I like making leaf piles and jumping in them. **Joanna**

I like the leaves falling off the trees because I can jump in them. It is fun to play in them and make a leaf pile. I also enjoy kicking the leaves. **Joshua**

I like to play with the leaves. I enjoy making leaf rubbings. **Ben**

Yesterday we made a leaf pile and we picked leaves and we had leaves everywhere. **Sean**

In Autumn I like making leaf piles from trees. I like making angels. **Adam**



Thank you, God, for giving us seasons.