

# 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 10, 2008**

2 Samuel 22:34-35

God makes my feet like the feet of a deer;  
He enables me to stand on the heights.

He trains my hands for battle;  
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

Luke recalls that the apostle Paul called David 'a man after God's own heart.' (Acts 13:22) What a tribute to one who was once a mere shepherd boy. It's true David became a mighty warrior, a giant killer, but he was also rejected, hunted, a fugitive. There were rebellions within his own family, and he had relationship problems. In fact David's life was one of extreme ups and downs. He made mammoth mistakes because he was human like all of us. The thing about David was that he learned from his mistakes and repented when he failed. Because of this God was able to take David down a pathway that could be regarded as severe, even cruel, punishment. It was, in fact, David's training ground. It made the man. Without these hardships, it is doubtful if David would ever have accomplished what he did.

In 2 Samuel 22, toward the end of his life, David gave song to his relationship with God.

"It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect." says David. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

You (God) give me Your shield of victory; You stoop down to make me great.  
You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.  
(2 Samuel 22:33-37).

God was David's lifeblood. God gave him the ability to achieve the many extraordinary things in his life. God moved him from one plateau to another. God allowed him to drop into ravines of despair and hopelessness from time to time.

These are God's ways. They drive us deeper and deeper into the heart of Him who  
"prepares the way before us."

*I do not ask Thee, Lord,  
That all my life may be  
An easy, smooth and pleasant path;  
'Twould not be good for me.  
But O, I ask today,  
That grace and strength be given  
To keep me fighting all the way  
That leads to God and Heaven.*

Fanny Jolliffe

### School News

#### Student Achievement

**Room 1** Shavaughn and Bryony for an excellent start in their first year of school.

**Room 2** Jesse for excellent progress in spelling. Natasha for a great start at ECS.

**Room 3** Matthew for using fantastic Maths strategies.

Tasha for neat, careful presentation of written work.

**Room 4** Benj and Amelia for impressive results on kitchen chemistry assessment.

**Room 5** Miryam for being an enthusiastic participant in everything.

Chris for being keen to get all work started and all work finished.

**Room 6** Khalib for a fantastic procedure on how to make chunky chalk.

Laura for a fabulous recipe on Yucky Soup.

**Lighthouse awards:** Jodie, Susie, Genevieve, Grace, Mia, Aaron, Emily.

**“My Greatest Feat”** In order to keep building on the good work done with cross country training we are entering **all** children in this fitness programme. Please read, sign and return the permission slip given out last week. Thank you parents of Years 3 & 4. You did it last term.

**Thrilling Thursday:** What a wonderful response! We have sent \$100 to Autism New Zealand and have a similar amount for our sponsored child. Thank you.

**World Vision:** We still have outstanding books and money that should be back in the office We need to get this off to World Vision immediately.

**The Longest Docket Competition:** We’re in the last days for the longest New World docket. The schools with the longest docket at the end of the competition win \$10, 000. The length of docket 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. We have until the end of this week.

**Celebration Assemblies:** Please note the change to these. Room 6 is now doing assembly on June 20. Room 4’s assembly will be next term.

## Winter Sports Results

**Netball:** Senior versus Waltham won 17-12  
Junior versus Burwood B won 15-1

**Soccer:** Senior versus New Brighton Catholic won 2-1  
Junior BYE

Well done everyone

## Term 2 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Wednesday, June 11	PE Adviser working in the school with the teachers – not classes. Visit of Mr Allan Peachey – National spokesperson on Education
Thursday, June 12	Room 3 & 4 to the Museum
Friday June 13	Room 1’s assembly
Friday June 20	Room 6’s assembly
Friday June 27	Room 3’s assembly
Tuesday, July 1	No assembly
Friday July 4	Fantastic Friday. Last day of Term 2
Monday July 21	First Day of Term 3

## Community News

If you are able to **carpool** with someone from the Richmond area for school transport, please contact the school office.

### **Access to School Dental Services over the holiday periods**

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times.

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008 inclusive.**

Routine treatment will **not** be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.