

# 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 17, 2008**

How great are you, O Sovereign LORD!

There is no one like You, and there is no God but You, as we have heard with our own ears.

2 Samuel 7:22

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

This week the senior students have watched the DVD of *How Great is Our God* by Louie Giglio.

In his review of the presentation Bill Muehlenberg of Culture Watch writes:

*Consider our universe. The sun, which is 93 million miles away from our earth, is so large that 960,000 earths could fit inside it. And that is just a relatively small star. Betelgeuse, which is 427 light years away, is twice the size of the earth's orbit around the sun. It is so humongous that 262 trillion earths could fit in it.*

*The largest known star is Canis Majoris. It is so incredibly massive that seven quadrillion earths could fit inside it. Yet the same God who breathes out the stars from his mouth (Psalm 33:6) is the one who cares intimately about us, and seeks to rescue us. As Giglio puts it, the star breather has become the sin bearer. The universe maker is also our redeemer.*

*God is the creator of the heavens and the earth. This quick look at the vastness of the known universe must humble us, and cause us all to bow down and worship the creator of all things. The heavens certainly declare the glory of God (Psalm 19:1).*

With the Psalmist I say: "When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?  
You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honour.  
You made him ruler over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds,  
and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,  
and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.  
O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8: 3-9

### School News

#### Student Achievement

- Room 1** Brienna for making great progress in story writing. Ivan for working hard during desk work time.
- Room 2** John-Luke for amazing caring, gentle, mature manner. Anna for amazing writing.
- Room 3** Grace for carefully thought through responses in discussions. Tyler for taking care with written work.
- Room 4** Esther for impressive results in the geometry test. Breeanna for maturity in behavior and attitude.
- Room 5** Charlotte for consistent high standard at work and great contribution to her group. Melissa for delightful appetite for work at school, home and in project work.
- Room 6** Keighlee and Daniel for completing subtraction and addition.
- Lighthouse awards:** Amelia, Natasha and Brienna.

**Swimming payment:** There are still quite a few outstanding swimming fees from our swimming sessions in early April. If you have not yet paid, please give this your URGENT attention as we have had to pay for these sessions now!!

**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. If you did not do the same but have a book we still need to have this back please.

**The Longest Docket Competition:** Our LONGEST docket has measured in at 59 m – a fine effort by all. This is **much** better than last year. Thank you to those who sent their dockets in already joined together. That was helpful. For the last two years, Southern Lakes Christian School in Queenstown has won the \$10, 000. There is no change we will win this year as they already have over 460 metres of dockets. What we are going to do is give them our dockets to put with theirs. If they win they will give us a nice donation. Now that we know what to do we will give them a great run for their money next year.

**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.

**The Car Park:** The Proprietors have just received consent from the council to begin work on the new car park. This has been a very long process. They are now awaiting confirmation from the contractor as to a date for the commencement of the work. It is intended that this work happen in such a way as to minimise disruption to the school. You will be advised as further details come to hand. Thank you for your patience.

## Winter Sports Results

**Netball:** Senior versus South New Brighton lost 12-21  
Junior versus Bromley won 35-2

**Soccer:** Senior BYE  
Junior versus Waltham won 3-0

How wonderful to see our teams enjoying their winter sport

## Term 2 Calendar 2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Event</b>
Friday June 20	Room 6'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

#### **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.