

Newsletter

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



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Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6: 11 & 12

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

In her Devotional for Teens, "If God Loves Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open?" Lorraine Peterson asks the question, "Are there any Goliaths in your life?"

Lorraine goes on to say:

Life is full of Goliaths. Jesus is the One with the power to win the victory over each of them, and He wants to give that power to us.....Do you realize that Goliath was once a cute, helpless little baby? The most innocent or potentially worthwhile thing can become a monster unless it is under the control and guidance of Jesus.....Take all your plans, all your decisions, and all your temptations to Jesus. Let Him fight the Goliaths in your life.

One or two of our families are facing a few personal Goliaths of their own right now. Please pray for them. Pray for Lucas, the baby brother of Gabrielle and Bryony. Specialists have discovered a cancerous mass around his liver and he is currently undergoing extensive treatment.

Lucas is a gentle wee man with a real fighting spirit, which is a blessing and encouragement to many of us. Pray that God will give medical staff His wisdom. Uplift the family that they might experience God's gracious peace and strength at this really challenging time.

School News

Student Achievement

Room 1 Grant for wonderful manners even in PE. Sam for quick thinking in numeracy.

Room 2 Joshua E for great story writing. Joshua H for terrific reading progress.

Room 3 Luka for being a good friend. Joel for working so hard in his new class.

Room 4 Rose and Rebekah for great writing of a "legend".

Room 5 Cora for being a quiet achiever, hard worker and such a pleasant pupil.
Sarah for just getting on with her work.

Room 6 Caleb W for great acting

Lighthouse awards: We missed the names of these children last week. If you let us know we'll give you a mention next week.

The gate between us and Papanui Club will be locked after assembly each morning. In the afternoon it will be locked again around 3:00pm, by the teacher who will be coming off duty at that time. If you have reason to stay for some time either after assembly or after school, it might be wise to use the main gate – just in case you get locked in.

Head Lice: have been appearing at our school again recently. There is no cause for alarm. Their presence is no reflection on a child's general health and the condition is usually cleared up quite easily. In most cases one simple treatment is all that is necessary. If reinfestation does occur, a further application will be required in 7 to 10 days. Due to the highly contagious nature of head lice we recommend everyone in your family is checked and also treated if the condition is evident. Itchiness and signs of silvery/white specks close to the scalp are the tell-tale signs. See your local chemist who will be able to recommend the most suitable treatment which will work quickly and efficiently.

John Norsworthy, the Secretary to the Executive of the NZ Association Christian Schools', will be visiting us from Tauranga on Thursday. John will address the students in assembly and will then spend the next hour or so having a look around the school. You are most welcome to come and meet John if you would like to.

The Longest Docket Competition: We have received a big thank you from Southern Lakes Christian School for our contribution to their 'Longest Docket'. They say "With the Christian schools help of a combined length of about 180 metres, we were able to gather 980 metres! Last year we won with 467metres. This year we almost have doubled the amount. Praise God! We are also hoping to hold the very longest overall docket on the South Island".

Winter Sports Results

Netball: Senior versus Christchurch East Lost 21-12

Junior – a bye

Soccer: Senior versus Lyttelton won 4-0

Junior versus Aranui lost 3-2

Win or loose we play our best.

Winter sports: This week is the 6th round of winter sports at Hagley Park with our football and netball teams having mixed results but entered in strong competitions against some of the bigger schools. It is a wonderful opportunity and exposure for pupils and their coaches. Mrs Jacqui has established a delightful rapport with the senior girls and they love her input on Thursday afternoons and at the game. Mrs Thomas and I are very grateful to Mrs Harri V has stepped up as coach of the junior netball team. The football boys are well looked after with both Mr & Mrs Georgette and Carl's input and the senior boy's results are pretty encouraging. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the parents who have stepped in and taken the washing on Friday's and to Miss Keown who issues and accounts for all our uniforms. Remember that parents are welcome to join us on Friday as we leave in the luxury of a tour coach for the park. The weather is not looking good for this Friday but we leave at 12:50 pm and are back at 3pm for those wanting to join us and see the pupils play their hearts out. Sport continues into next term but there is no competition on the last Friday of term.
Mr Hadfield

Kids for Kids: This popular concert with Suzanne Prentice in the Town Hall will be on September 10. Twenty-three children are currently practicing very hard. Individual notices about that will come home next week.

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival: This will be held October 15 - 23. This year 652 students throughout Christchurch auditioned for the 400 places in the special choirs. Congratulations to the five girls from Emmanuel Christian School who were among those students. You have all achieved highly. Well done. An extra special 'pat on the back' goes to Meg who was successful in gaining a place in the Junior Choir. We look forward to being there and seeing the result of all the hard work that will go into that, Meg. Psssst!! Where were all the beautiful Emmanuel Christian School boys!!!!

Term 2 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Thursday, June 26	Visit from John Norsworthy
Friday June 27	Room 3's assembly
Tuesday, July 1	No assembly. Visit of Ronald MacDonald at 10:00am Feel free to join us for this and bring your pre-schoolers if you would like to.
Friday July 4	Fantastic Friday. Last day of Term 2. NO SPORT COMPETITION
Monday July 21	First Day of Term 3

Community News

Middleton Grange bus service is currently under review. Costs, competition from public providers and an increasing casualisation of use means that MGS is subsidising the service more and more heavily. The Middleton Board has budgeted to subsidise the service by \$50,000 in 2008! Understandably, this position is becoming less and less tenable. The MGS Board is considering various options including the possibility of discontinuing the service. Increasing patronage of the current bus service is another option. With some small adjustments to their present routes there could be a possibility of some of our Emmanuel Christian School families opting into the present service. Emmanuel Christian School could become included on the Middleton bus route. If you would be interested in exploring this option for transport for your children to and from Emmanuel Christian School, please come into the school office and view the MGS current bus routes. If Middleton Grange can fill more seats on their buses more often, they may be able to trade their way through this situation.



Spygames @Wigram

Psst.... Hey YOU.... Yeah YOU.... Want to be a Spy for a day?
Come along to the Air Force Museum's July School Holiday Programme, **Spygames@Wigram** and you will be able to attend a secret code workshop, learn about observation and deduction in the 'Pacific', make a secret service badge, learn tracking skills and carry out real-life surveillance. But that's not all! In the Super Spy Museum Challenge you will complete challenges to collect parts to construct a machine to send a coded communication!

TIME: 8.30am – 12.30pm (4 hours), DATES: 7-11 and 14-18 July, AGES: 7-12 years,
COST: \$25 per child with no added costs. Limited to 15 children per day and spaces will fill fast, so book today on (03) 343 9583 or programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz and be a Spy for a day!