

Newsletter

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

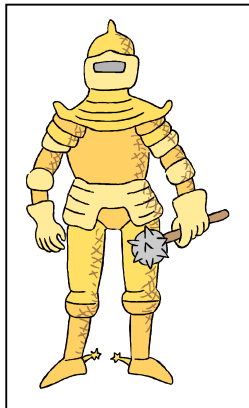


WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

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Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Use every piece of God’s armour to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle, you will still be standing firm.



Ephesians 6:13

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

The world was dark, white and beautiful when I left for work this morning. Out from that street round there near the Lubbers, came a big wagon. I chortled to myself as I followed it. Splashed across the back was the name of the company, "Big Chill Distributors – Limited."

"As if God needs a hand," I thought as I looked at the glory around me. "And any way, all the help we could give certainly would be limited."

Flora Larsson served as a Salvation Army officer with her husband, Sture, in Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Chile, Argentina, France, Finland and Norway. Her son became the General of The Salvation Army, but she is best known for her books of prayer poems. One of my favourites seemed most fitting over recent days as I've left for school and returned both ways in dismal, dull foggy days of Winter.

Today I rejoice, Master,
I glory in You and in Your love,
It bathes my soul with golden warmth;
 It quickens my pulse
 And lightens my step.
Praise be to Your holy Name!

This is the inward suffusion of God-presence.
Outside the world is cold and grey,
 the sun hidden behind thick clouds.
The garden wilts under frost crystals,
 trees stand stark and grim,
yet in my heart, Lord, there is this glow
 of glory,
 this feeling of union,
 of acceptance,
 of receiving vital strength
 straight from Your heart to mine,
O Sun of my soul.

I feel God-bathed!
And as the solar sun invigorates my body
so does this contact with You brace
 and strengthen my spirit.
Would I could always live in this heavenly rapture,
Receptive to Your action on my life.
 The spiritual glow will fade
But my soul is left re-invigorated,
replenished and *alive*.
 Thank you, Lord.

Have a blessed and refreshing holiday.

School News

Fantastic News and cause for great rejoicing. Please take a look at the graph relating to our excellent results for Progress and Achievement Tests (PAT) this year.

Fantastic Friday this week is a “Japan Day.” Children do not have to wear school uniform. We suggest that everyone should dress in red and white to match the Japanese flag, but remember! For the privilege you need to bring a donation for our sponsored boy. The day will honour Mrs Davison who recently returned from her scholarship visit to Japan, and also, Carlos, who is one of our new enrolments. Many thanks go to Carlos’s Mum and her friends who are helping us to prepare for the day.

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.

We offer our apologies to those of you who use the little gate to the side of the main one. It has been too frozen to open on occasions. Sorry.

The Longest Docket Competition: Southern Lakes Christian won the New World \$10, 000 promotion. Praise God for His goodness.

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 position is becoming less and less tenable. Increasing patronage of the current bus service is an 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. 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..

Plastic shopping bags: Please! We need some more!

Found: A small amount of money in the car park on Monday morning. Please contact the office if you think it might be yours.

Absences: Please remember to phone school before 8:50 a.m. with a message if your child is going to be absent. It takes longer for us to phone you than it does for you to phone the office and leave a message.

The Car Park: Word is to hand that building consent for the car park is now approved. We expect to receive a work schedule later today with a programme that will see drainage work commence next week. Thank you, CCSA members for your tenacity.

Now, dear hearts and gentle people! Although the work is starting in holiday time, we cannot anticipate the implications of e.g. bad weather. Let’s remember how far we’ve come should we arrive next term to some disruptions. Rejoice and be glad in the Lord for the evidence of the unveiling of His mighty plans for this school.

Winter Sports Results: In atrocious conditions.

Netball: Senior v Aranui 5-10

Junior v Waltham 18 -8

Soccer: Senior v Wharenui 2-5

Junior v Bromley 3-2

Builder Needed: A school family needs a builder. Please contact the office.

Student Achievement

Room 1 Katy and Carlos who are new to our school.

Room 2 Isaac for his art work and Rebekah for her story recount.

Room 3 Abby for working hard and being helpful in her new class. Mia for settling cheerfully

Room 4 Joshua and Emma for writing some wonderful recounts.

Room 5 Charlotte and Melissa for an excellent start to book reviews

Room 6 Ezra for learning behavior. Aaron for publishing an amazing recount.

Lighthouse awards: Serena, Ja'ed, **Sports Award:** Caleb **Achievement:** Melissa

Curriculum Report to the Community							
Emmanuel Christian School's Progress and Achievement Test Results as at March 2008 (for Years 4 – 8)							
Verbal Description	Percentile Rank	Stanines	NZ Expectation	Emmanuel Christian School			
				Maths	Listening	Reading Comp	Reading Vocab.
				% 69 students	% 67 students	% 69 students	% 69 students
Superior (4%)	96 +	9	4%	3 %	9 %	1 %	4 %
Above Ave (19%)	89-95	8	7%	12 %	9 %	25 %	13 %
	77-88	7	12%	17 %	12 %	16 %	15 %
Average (54%)	60-76	6	17%	9 %	12 %	12 %	20 %
	40-59	5	20%	28 %	31 %	11 %	19 %
	23-39	4	17%	26 %	12 %	16 %	15 %
Below Ave (19%)	11-22	3	12%	3%	6 %	16 %	10 %
	4-10	2	7%	1 %	6 %	3 %	4 %
Low (4%)	Less than 4	1	4%	1 %	3 %	0 %	

Please note: ECS Results as compared with National Expectations

National	ECS	Maths	Listening	Reading Comprehension	Reading Vocab
Stanine 7-9 (Above average 23%)	32%	30%	42%	31%	
4-6 (Average 54%)	63%	55%	39%	54%	
1-3 (Below average 23%)	5 %	15%	19%	14%	

Term 2/3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Friday July 4	Fantastic Friday. Last day of Term 2. NO SPORTS COMPETITION
Monday July 21	First Day of Term 3
Friday, July 25	Rm 4 assembly
Friday, August 1	Rm 2 assembly
Friday, August 8	Rm 5 assembly
Tuesday, August 12	Rms 1-3 Library Roadshow at school
August 14 - 18	Cycle Safe
Friday, August 22	Fantastic Friday
Friday, August 29	Last day of Winter Sport
Friday, September 5	Rm 3 Assembly
Friday, September 12	Rm 4 Assembly
September 15 - 18	Life Education Caravan