



### *Tena koutou te whanau*

#### **From the Acting Principal**

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Sir, how often should I forgive a brother who sins against me? Seven times?"

Matthew 18 v21,22.

In assembly this week we are learning that even amongst Christians we need to repair relationships by giving people a second chance. Saul was given a second chance on the road to Damascus and was later renamed Paul. Jesus gave Zacchaeus a second chance by going to his house for a meal which eventuated in his conversion.

The rabbis taught that Jews should forgive those who offend them three times. Peter, in trying to be especially generous asked Jesus if seven (the "perfect" number) was enough times to forgive someone. But Jesus answered, "**No! seventy times seven!**" This meant that we shouldn't keep a track of how many times we forgive

those who are truly repentant, no matter how many times they ask.

On Monday in assembly with the help of willing students we re-enacted the story Jesus told about the king who forgave a man with a very large debt. The forgiven man however did not show the same kindness when someone else owed him a small sum of money so the king ensured, that he went to prison after all.

We are learning that because God has forgiven all our sins, we should not withhold forgiveness from others. When someone wrongs us, we often do the opposite of what Jesus recommends. We turn away in hatred or resentment, seek revenge or gossip. By contrast we should go to the person first, as difficult as that may be. We shall be reinforcing this in the classroom and also in the playground where disputes can arise quickly. This may be something you are working on at home too.

**Winter Sports:** The first game of the season, at Hagley Park sports field, is this Friday 27th. We have coaches for all teams **but we still need team managers.** If you can help please see Mr Walmisley Room 6. The students in Y3-8 who remain at school will be involved in Kiwi Sport from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Please ensure your child has shorts, top and comfortable shoes to wear. If it is very cold track pants may be worn.



This weekend **27th-29th May 2011.** Please consider sponsoring a child who is taking part in this event.

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As an important part of our continued communication with families we are using email more and more. If you have an email contact address would you please email **office@emmanuelchristian.school.nz** with this contact information, to be updated on your child's records. Even if you think we have your email address please still send this as many email addresses we have on file are not valid now. It is really imperative to have updated contact information— including address, telephone number and mobile numbers and email contact - as soon as these changes take place — thank you for keeping us up to date with changes in your family contact information.

## Calendar Term 2

**Friday 3rd June** Room 3 assembly

**Monday 6th June**

Queens Birthday Holiday

**Friday 10th June** Room 5 assembly  
Fantastic Friday

**Friday 17th June** Room 1 assembly

**Friday 24th June** Room 2 assembly

**Friday 1st July** Room 4 assembly

**Friday 8th July** Room 7 assembly

Girls with long hair are asked to keep hair tied back with red, blue, white or school fabric style hair ties or head band.



**Head lice** have been appearing at our school recently. There is no cause for alarm, their presence is no reflection on a child's general health and the condition is easily cleared up.

In most cases one simple treatment is all that is necessary. If re infestation 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

Christian Schools Network Cross Coun-

try races.

Last Friday, almost 30 students left Emmanuel and took the bus to Hillview CS. We had a great day, with sun in the sky and dry grounds to use. Many of our students were able to place in their races and the following is our list of results. If you see these people around give them a pat on the back for a determined and successful effort. Certificates were awarded for the first 10 people across the line which seemed to equate to being in the top third or quarter. These will be handed out in the special assembly on Friday next week, and although 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> certificates were presented on the day these students will come up on the stage too.

Reuben J came in 9<sup>th</sup> place

Poppy S came in 7<sup>th</sup> place

Faith M came in 8<sup>th</sup> place (800m race, year 1&2)

Jasmyn B came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (1200m race, year 3&4)

Jessie J came in 5<sup>th</sup> place

Joshua H came in 9<sup>th</sup> place (2000m race, 9 years old)

Matthew M came in 10<sup>th</sup> place

Rowan M came in 6<sup>th</sup> place (2000m race, 10 years old)

Jack M came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place: (time 11:35)

Jordan G came in 6<sup>th</sup> place (3000m race, 11 years old)

There were several 'almost placements' through the day too and it was exciting to see Emmanuel represented in so many of the races. Congratulations are in order for all of them, and also for everyone who competed – all the students did their very best, in competing and encouraging each other. My thanks also to all the parents who came to support the event, including those who ran with me in the parent/teacher race – Peter Freeman and Sarah Waldron. No placement for us but we did all finish!

God Bless.

Simon Walmisley



Walk as  
Children  
of Light

