



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

On the way into school last week one of our teachers greeted a wee fellow who was standing on the path gazing smilingly at the Principal's window. "I'm just waiting for Mrs G to look at me," he replied, smiling on.

He's a dear wee chap and I've been trying to encourage him in his walk with Jesus. Clearly it's struck a chord. It doesn't take much to reach the hearts of children and when we do the reward is far greater than we deserve.

The Message translation of Mark 10:13-16 has encouragement for all of us. "The people brought children to Jesus, hoping He might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: 'Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very centre of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in.'

Then, gathering the children up in His arms, He laid His hands of blessing on them."

Oh that the world would love and honour children with the heart of Christ.

Operation Christmas Child. Maybe we take the time to reach out to the heart of a needy child this year. Gift boxes are available **now** through the office. These boxes are due back to school by **Friday 16th October**, the first week of term four, which makes this an ideal school holiday activity for our children.

Talent Quest results: What a great time we had watching the performances. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Special mention was made of Rachael, John-Luke and Joshua, Emma, Ho'soo and Serena.

Pick ups after school: We are becoming increasingly concerned about the numbers of

children who are not being picked up on time after school. The school day finishes at 2:45 pm. Unless you have made prior arrangements with the school, please collect your children by 3:00 pm. The teachers often have meetings to attend, sometimes off site, and we cannot guarantee we will be able to supervise the children left in the grounds.

KiwiSaver: Andrew is likely to be making contact with you over the next few days. He has made the generous offer to donate \$20 to the school for **every person** (adult or child) who signs up to a **KiwiSaver** account or transfers out of their default fund through Insurance Services.

World Vision:



Emmanuel Christian School is supporting an eight year old boy, Mamane Issoufou, who lives in Niger with his parents in the Chadakori community. Mamane has two sisters and three brothers. His favourite school subject is drawing and he helps his father with chores around his home. When we have fantastic Fridays the money raise from the children wearing mufti goes toward our support of Mamane. Thank you all for sharing in this.

Prayer group: Continues to meet on Monday mornings in Room 4 during assembly – 8:50-9:20. All welcome.

School Sports Teams Photos: Proofs are available for inspection at the office. Should you wish to place an order the photos are \$8 each on a pre payment basis. Final day to place orders is **Friday 25th September**.

Baking Contest: Winner: Samara,
Highly commended: Laura, Natasha P, Rebecca, Keighlee. **Youngest entrant:** Layla.
Oldest entrant: Mr Hadfield

Thank you to all our bakers for your contribution to the car boot sale.

Celebration Assembly Awards were not given out this week but awards were given to Olivia, Grace, Alanna, Tralyse, Chaydee, and Abigail D who showed servant hearts by spending most of their free time tidying up the playhouse.

Choir: Emmanuel Christian School choir children will be performing in the Christchurch Schools' Music festival on Tuesday 20 October. Those of you who ordered tickets will find them enclosed with this newsletter.



Coffee morning: This week we will meet at Sub Zero, Bishopdale shopping centre, after assembly on Friday. All welcome. This is a valuable time of getting to know other parents. See you there.

Term 3 Calendar

Date	School Event
Thursday, Sept 24	Board of Trustees Meeting in the Staffroom @ 7:30pm
Friday, Sept 25	End of Term. School finishes at the usual time.
Monday, October 12	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday, October 13	New Term begins. MONDAY is Teacher Only Day
October 13-16	Life Education Caravan
Tues, Oct 20	Choir Festival
Oct 29/30	School Athletic Sports
Monday, Dec 14	Last day for the year. Finishing at 1:00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christchurch Gluten-Free and allergy show will be held at the Christchurch Convention Centre October 3-4, 10am-5pm each day.

Re: Access to School Dental Services over the September/October school holiday period
8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times.

Monday, 28th September – 9th October 2009 (excluding weekends)

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.

KINGS KIDS OUTREACH: Last weeks to get your application forms in for the King's Kids outreach 'What is love' tour from 26 September to 4 October. Application forms at kingskidssouthisland.co.nz
King's Kids is a branch of YWAM. Phone Mike or Fe Brown 359 7696

Parents Inc. HOT TIPS SEMINARS:

Growing Boys – Wednesday 23 September, Raising Girls – Thursday 24 September

7:30 to 10 pm each night., La Vida Community Centre, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch.

\$20 single or \$35 couple per seminar These sessions bring practical advise to parents and caregivers (0-18 year olds) on how to build healthy families and strengthen relationships, including special insights into the nature of boys and girls. Phone Parents Inc 0800 53 56 59 Online: www.theparentingplace.com
Email: bookings@ParentsInc.org.nz

Olympia Gymnastics: Enrolments for Term 4 of 2009 are being taken now. We have recreation classes in Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline and Rhythmic Gymnastics for children aged 3 years and over.
OR.....Would you like your child to join a competitive Gymnastics, Rhythmic or Trampoline Squad next year? We have a testing day on Saturday 17 Oct from 3-4.30pm. For more information please call the office on 344 6060, check out our website www.olympia.org.nz or email marketing@olympia.org.nz – cnr Springs Road & Corsair Drive, Wigram.

Fee Friendly Drama Clubs Coming in Our Area!

Fendalton Community Centre, Clyde Road

6-8 yr olds 3.45-4.30pm

9-12 yr olds 4.30-5.30pm

\$40 for 8 weeks starting on Tuesday 20th October

For more information and details of other venues please contact Janet on 387 0635 (0211 034303) or email drama_for_all@hotmail.com.

Te Koru Youth Centre – Sept/Oct Holiday Programmes – **STILL PLACES AVAILABLE**

Papanui Pirates – Year 1 – 6 5th – 9th Oct \$15 a day

Te Koru Toasters – Year 9 & 10, 5th – 9th Oct \$20 a day

Great programme with dedicated leaders Email: office@pyd.org.nz www.tekoru.org.nz

or phone 354 9381 to book, 1a Harewood Road, Papanui, Christchurch, 8053

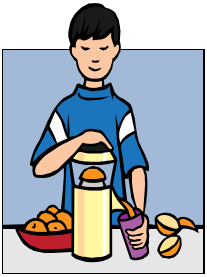


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“Walk as children of light”



The Fundraising Committee Conference Dinner



Thank you, to all those who have already offered to help with the conference dinner catering opportunity
You will be receiving a timetable today.

From Thursday & Friday, October 15 & 16 and then again Monday to Thursday, October 19-22 we still need people to help at the Highsted Road Reformed Church. Please indicate below by ticking the green boxes if you are available during that time. We need just one extra person for each of the times indicated by the green boxes unless stated otherwise.

For those of you who have children performing in the Music Festival, please remember that October 20 is our night on stage.

 and return to school please

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	Thursday, Oct 15	Friday, Oct 16	Monday, Oct 19	Tuesday, Oct 20	Wednesday, Oct 21	Thursday, Oct 22
9:00 – 10:am Set tables						
1:00 – 2:30pm Food prep						
4:45-8:00pm Finishing touches Serving Dishes		2 more helpers required				

ALSO ! Would you be able to help by offering after school care to release others to work?

Are you able to help in any other way? _____

Your Name _____ (Please Print) Phone _____

**Also the fundraising committee is looking for helpers for this Saturday 1:30-4:00pm.
If you can help please ring Desiree on 354 9650.**