

Newsletter

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



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You were sometimes darkness but now you are light in the
Lord.

Walk as children of light.....proving what is acceptable unto
the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

John 21:1-25 (The Message)

Jesus appeared again to the disciples. Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?"

They answered, "No."

He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens."

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!"

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dived into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master. Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep."

Then he said it a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go." He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."

We have learned that Jesus died on the cross because He loves us, no matter what bad things we do! Now we need to love Jesus no matter what. Here are some questions to think about:

Would you still love/follow Jesus if...

- your mom or dad got very sick
- you had no friends
- you became blind, or couldn't walk anymore
- everything was going wrong
- you had to move away from all your friends
- you were poor and never got any Christmas presents

Some kids just like you have these problems, and much worse and they still love Jesus! We need to remember that no matter what Jesus loves us, and He will never ever stop loving us! Sometimes things happen that we don't understand, but Jesus knows everything and He will help us if we ask Him to.

School News

School Achievement:

Room 1

Room 2 Natasha for wonderful positive attitude. Holly for great reading.

Room 3 Tyla – reading award for being a first rate reader. Gabrielle for being a wonderful friend and treating others like Jesus teaches us to.

Room 4 Jeremy for being polite and enthusiastic. Leesha – welcome to room 4.

Room 5 Anthony for an excellent production of a film review. Daniel K for great drum playing.

Room 6 Abby and Rena for writing fabulous reports.

Lighthouse awards: Jessie and Matthew

School Photographs: Fill in the yellow slip and return to the office to take advantage of family photo while the school photos are being taken next Wednesday 13 August.

SPORTS: Winter tournament 18 August. An afternoon of netball and football at Hagley and Burnside Parks for years 5 to 8.

Guitar Lessons: For 7 years and older - Monday lunchtime (12:40 – 1:10) There will be both Christian and an appropriate range of songs taught. Please see Mrs Kleinedeters.

Dinner in Italy!! The venue is booked the Chefs are ready to go – there is an air of excitement as we look forward to our Italian night out 6th September at 7:00 pm. Don't leave it to the last minute, arrange your babysitter and book your place at the dinner NOW! Phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900

To assist in the success of the evening whether you are able to attend or not, we would be grateful for donations of grocery and toiletry items for gift hampers to be auctioned on the night. One item per family placed in the boxes provided in the reception area at school would be a wonderful help. If you know of anyone or any business who is able to donate vouchers, small appliances, gift certificates etc these would be a wonderful help. A big thank you in advance from the fundraising committee.

Operation Christmas Child: Once again we have the opportunity to take part in this annual event to bless those less fortunate than ourselves. This is a great opportunity for all ages to participate in a practical demonstration of our faith. Keep an eye on our newsletter as we will let you know when the boxes are available. A launch evening is planned by Operation Christmas Child for August 11 – if you are interested in attending this evening please telephone the school office for further details.

Term 3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Thursday August 7	Rm 5 assembly
Tuesday August 12	Rms 1-3 Library Road show at school
Wednesday August 13	School Photos - NOTE NEW DATE
August 14 – 18	Cycle safe. 14 th Board of Trustees in the staffroom at 7.30pm
Monday August 18	Afternoon of football and netball at Hagley and Burnside Parks
Friday August 22	Fantastic Friday
Friday August 29	Last day of Winter sport
Friday September 5	Rm 3 assembly
Saturday September 6	7 pm School Dinner – Italian theme. BOOK NOW
Friday September 12	Rm 4 assembly
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan

Community News

Turn your energy Bill into a Book.

If you're a Mercury Energy residential customer, you can donate a book to our school just by switching from paper bills to getting them online. It's a promotion called 'Bills for Books' and for everyone who switches from paper bills to online bills by 30 September 2008, Mercury Energy will give us a book. That's a much better use for all that paper. So if you're a Mercury energy residential customer, why not visit www.mercury.co.nz/onlinbill or call 0800 10 18.