

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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(Matthew 7: 24-25)

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

This weekend is Father's Day - begun in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day, to celebrate fatherhood and male parenting, and to honour and commemorate fathers and forefathers.

On June 15, Father's Day in USA, Senator Barack Obama, Democratic candidate for the Presidency spoke at the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago. He began by quoting the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus closes by saying, "Whoever hears these words of mine, and does them, shall be likened to a wise man who built his house upon a rock: the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." (Matthew 7: 24-25)

Obama went on to say, "Of all the rocks upon which we build our lives, we are reminded today that family is most important. And we are called to recognize and honour how critical every father is to that foundation. They're teachers and coaches. They're mentors and role models. They are examples of success and the men who constantly push us toward it. But if we are honest with ourselves, we'll admit that too many fathers are also missing..... missing from too many lives and too many homes. They have abandoned their responsibilities, they're acting like boys instead of men. And the foundations of our families have suffered because of it."

The Senator spoke of his own life as the son of an absent father and went on to say that because of that experience he realised it was his obligation to break the cycle. He resolved that if he could be anything in life, he would be a good father to his children; that if he could give them anything, he would give them that rock – that foundation – on which to build their lives. He believed that would be the greatest gift he could offer them

You can hear Obama's speech on the web on *YouTube*.

Towards the conclusion Senator Barack Obama says this.

We do what we can to build our house upon the sturdiest rock on the foundation of Jesus Christ....I'm gonna make mistakes.... but if I can instill in my children that sense that God is looking out for us, that He's gonna be there for us during the darkest hours, that He's gonna be there for us no matter what happens, no matter what winds blow, then I know that I can succeed and I know they'll (my children) will succeed. We keep faith that our Father will be there to guide us, and watch over us, and protect us, and lead His children through the darkest of storms into the light of a better day.

We love you Emmanuel Christian School Dads!!!

We give God honour and glory and praise for the God-fearing men that you are.

We thank you for the influence you are in the lives of our children.

Happy, Happy Father's Day!!!

School News

School Photos: Please return your order envelope and payment to the school office by Wednesday 3rd September (this week) as they will be sent away to be processed on Thursday. If your child has been in the Soccer or netball teams there are group photographs in the foyer to be viewed and/or ordered.

World Vision Kids for Kids Choir singers have notices with this newsletter. If any of you are interested in attending this wonderful concert with Suzanne Prentice it is on Wednesday, September 10 in the James Hay Theatre at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at Ticketek.

School Achievement:

Room 1 Brianna and Carlos for great knowledge of Olympics.

Room 2 Rachael M for story writing. Amy for reading.

Room 3 Serena for leading a group in creative dance. Piper, welcome to ECS

Room 4 Breanna for improvement in maths. Liné for working hard in maths.

Room 5 Nicola for good work and a wonderful presentation of Maori art.

Room 6 Zack for settling well in a new school. Abby and Emily for a good job as art monitors, cleaning oh so many paint brushes.

Thank you to all the senior students who look out for younger and smaller students around our school and especially in the playground. You are wonderful role models.

There are exciting **skipping** things happening around ECS. It brings a smile to our faces to see all of our students out skipping after assembly this week. This is a lead up to Jump Rope for Heart to be held on the last day of term

Talent Quest: All school Students. Remember the Talent Quest 23 September.

WINTER SPORTS

Thank you

To those parents who assisted in training our teams for the winter sports tournaments. We appreciate your giving of your time and abilities to help our teams learn some great skills in their chosen sport. A big thank you also to all of those who came to watch and support our teams during the weeks we were actually able to play sport during the winter months.

Operation Christmas Child: 'Shoe boxes' can now be picked up at the office for those who wish to participate. This is a fantastic opportunity to give to those in need in cultures and countries less fortunate than ourselves. The children really enjoyed the project and participation last year and responded with enthusiasm and we had a fabulous response. There are pamphlets available at the office should you wish to know more about Operation Christmas child

Italian night out



Una splendida festa
attende!!

Our Italian 'Restaurant' is now booked out and plans are underway for a truly magnificent night out. If you have been unable to attend the dinner this year please consider making a donation to the auction. Two containers are situated in the foyer in which to place auction items. Wouldn't it be great if we could overflow these containers. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to your school. Thank you for your valuable support.

Term 3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Friday September 5	Room 3 assembly
Saturday September 6	School Dinner 7:00 pm 90 Highsted Road
Wednesday, Sept 10	Kids for Kids practice during the morning Concert at James Hay Theatre 7:30pm
Friday September 12	Room 4 assembly
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan
Tuesday September 23	Talent Quest in assembly
Friday September 26	Last day of term 3 – Jump Rope for Heart
Monday October 13	First day of term 4

Community News

Access to School Dental Services over the holiday periods

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Oral Health Centre, 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch for the following times.

Monday, 29th September to Friday, 3rd October 2008 inclusive
Monday, 6th October – Friday 10th October 2008 inclusive

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.

Pottery classes for children: After school classes available. Pick up a brochure from the office or telephone Michael Michaels on 358 9467