

# Newsletter

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



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The Godly walk with integrity;  
blessed are their children who follow them.

Proverbs 20:7  
New Living Translation

“Walk as children of light”

## From the Principal's Heart

What was it the politician said? "This election is about trust." And the interviewer made some comment to the effect that this would be true of any campaign. Well, it ought to be! But in reality, trust is reciprocal to honesty and integrity. Where there is no honesty, no integrity, there can be no trust.

One of our neighbours commented recently that honesty and integrity are the basis of everything and there's certainly truth in that.

Here we are - a community of teachers, parents, extended family and friends quietly striving to build the leaders of tomorrow. In this society of decaying values how can we be successful? One way is to demonstrate and instill a sense of honesty and integrity in our youth. In order to do this we need to offer opportunities for children to prove themselves trustworthy. We need to expect integrity. But is it really that easy? Unfortunately no. Here that old adage "actions speak louder than words" comes in to play and we, by our actions, sometimes say to our children, "Do what I say...not what I do." If we, as parents and educators, don't model honesty and integrity we are damaging our children. We need to risk being real with our youth, admitting our mistakes and accepting responsibility. Only then can we ask our youth to do the same.

This is what God's Word means when it says: *The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.* Proverbs 20:7 (New King James Version)

### School News

School **instruction** begins each day at **8:50 am**. Please have your child at school ahead of time, as a late arrival is distressing to the child, unsettles the class and often means an interruption to the crucial start for the day. *Train a child in the way he/she should go, and when he/she is old he/she will not turn from it.* Proverbs 22:6

**Talent Quest:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – during assembly. Don't miss next week's talent quest when we will see talented performers from ECS presenting very entertaining items.

#### **Student Awards:**

**Room 1** Joshua a big welcome to ECS.

Ivan and Adam for making great progress in reading.

**Room 2** Olivia for great progress in reading. Joshua for great story writing

**Room 4** Jordan for great art work. Esther for persistence and patience in art.

**Room 5** Daniel L for excellence in written presentation. Nicola for leadership in sports.

**Room 6** Joseph S for poetry writing. Aaron W for writing during topic time.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Be in early to pick up your shoe box – available at the office.

**The Car Park:** We now have the base fill on the car park and would really appreciate it, if many people would drive over the surface whenever dropping children at school. This will help to compact it. So please use the Emmanuel Car Park as a drop off zone for the next two weeks – **EXCLUDING Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> when there is no access for the day.** Unfortunately we still can't accommodate parking. Those of you who are coming in and parking around the back in the staff parking area make it really difficult for the staff to find parks. Please refrain.

**Message from a concerned parent:** Parents are still stopping on the yellow lines to drop off children. I know it was mentioned in the last newsletter, but it looks really dangerous, especially with the larger vehicles that pull up by the island. They all but block the road. This morning I thought there was going to be a pile up.

**Harold is here:** Life Education lessons are given to the children using qualified teachers and very modern technological equipment. The aim is to provide children in their formative years, from 5 to 12 years, with an awareness of themselves by getting to know the human body, how it functions and how and why it is affected by substances that upset its balance. The lessons link into our Health curriculum and each class has the

opportunity to be involved in pre-visit and follow-up activities. We are very keen that all children take part in the Life Education lessons. We have arranged lessons for all classes in the Life Education mobile class room this week 15-18 September.

**Parent Session: This year we are offering a parent session on Wednesday, Sept 17 at 2:20 and finishing in time for you to meet your children after school.**



**World Vision:** Have written to thank all those who took part in the 40 hour famine this year. Emmanuel Christian School pupils raised \$915.90. We are so proud of all of you who took part – well done. A big thank you also to all those who sponsored our students.

**Southern Lakes Christian School,** who won the New World ‘longest docket’ competition, have written to thank us for our assistance in their efforts. Once we had collected all our dockets and realized that we would not be able to match the length of docket that Southern Lakes Christian School already had we decided to donate our dockets to them to insure that they would have an even greater chance to win this year. Isn’t it good to be able to work together to grow schools who encourage and teach children to follow God’s ways?

**Attendance dues** – have you paid via internet banking either \$950 or \$450 during August – no name given.. Please telephone Joseph McKone 3510890 or email [jmckone@clear.net.nz](mailto:jmckone@clear.net.nz) When making payments you may find that your account will not be credited if you do not enter a name in the information area of your deposit.

**Urgent help wanted** – The fundraising committee require urgent assistance for a catering job being done to raise funds for ECS (October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>). Please phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900 to offer your assistance.

### Term 3 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
September 15 – 18	Life Education Caravan, Parent Session 2:15 on Wednesday
Friday, September 19	Special Sports Assembly
Tuesday September 23	Talent Quest in assembly time
Wednesday September 24	Rm 6 Bottle Lake Forest trip
Thursday September 25	7:30 BOT meeting
Friday September 26	Last day of term 3 – Jump Rope for Heart
Monday October 13	First day of term 4

## From the Board of Trustees: Enrolment Scheme Consultation

As you will be aware, our school operates within a maximum roll set by the Ministry of Education. When a school's roll is near its maximum, the Ministry requires that the Board of Trustees put in place an enrolment scheme to provide a fair and transparent means of selecting pupils when there are more applicants than spaces available. Emmanuel Christian School has had an enrolment scheme in operation for several years.

The Christian schools in Christchurch<sup>1</sup> have been working more closely together over the past six years. In 2006 the principals, proprietors and boards of trustees of each school signed a formal agreement to work together as a Christian Schools Network (CSN). In 2007 Rangiora New Life School became part of the CSN. Each school within the CSN retains autonomy, but works cooperatively and supportively with the others –

*“to provide excellent all round Christian education at every year level,  
and to offer more places to families actively seeking Christian education”*

The CSN strategy, as it relates to enrolment schemes, has focussed on:

- Providing easier access for applicants desiring entry into a Christian school (including roll growth)
- A guaranteed pathway in Christian education from Year 0 to Year 13

As a consequence, each school is amending its enrolment scheme to assist in achieving these aims. The most important changes to the previous schemes are:

- Middleton Grange School will give very high priority to enrolment of graduating students from feeder schools, of which Emmanuel is one.
- Introduction of a higher priority inner zone for each school within a very large outer zone. A major advantage of this is that the Ministry is more likely to grant roll growth to schools serving areas of high demographic growth.

An important part of designing the new enrolment schemes has been honouring families already in our schools. ***It needs to be stressed that no family will be required to change school, and that siblings of current students will continue to have highest priority for enrolment in the school their siblings attend.***

If approved by the Ministry and adopted by each board, the schemes will come into effect in 2009 for pupils starting in 2010. Our proposed enrolment scheme is available for viewing at the school office. If you wish to make any comment, please respond in writing to the board by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Marriane Reinders  
Board Chairman

**Board of Trustees Meetings**

<b>Thursday, 7:30 pm</b>
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Sept 25· Oct 30· Nov 27
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<sup>1</sup> Canterbury Christian College, Emmanuel Christian School, Hillview Christian School, Middleton Grange School

## ATTENTION

This is a health and safety message

Wednesday 17 September

There will be no vehicle access into our driveway, for this one day only, while the drainage team (contracted by the Christchurch City Council) is working across the end of our drive.

Please, for the safety of your child/children, park in a safe zone and walk your child up to the driveway entrance. A staff member will be supervising this area from 8:30.

Alternatively the gate from the Working Mens club into ECS may be used for a kiss and drop zone.

Over the last few days Sawyers Arms Road has been difficult for traffic to negotiate and traffic has often been bottle necked near our entrance. Please set out from home earlier than usual and walk the extra distance from your vehicle to the gate to keep our/your children safe.