

Newsletter

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



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Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21-22

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

Here we go again! Back for the final count-down for the year and what a busy term it will be.

Following on from last term's Scripture lessons about first giving ourselves to the Lord, we're starting off this term in Scripture by talking about the three "t's" of stewardship – time, talents and treasure. We're going to be talking about giving to God in these different ways. Our lessons will help us to remember that God has given us everything, and it is only right that we should give back to Him in thanksgiving. We're nothing without God. All that is, God created, and all belongs to God. Even what we think belongs to us, really belongs to God.

In my research I came across this clever little discourse.

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays sixty minutes of sport.

Funny how long are a couple of hours spent at church, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how people get thrilled when a game goes into extra innings, but complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read one hundred pages of a best selling novel.

Funny how people can't think of anything to say when they pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how people need two or three weeks advance notice to fit a church event into their schedule, but can adjust their schedule for other events at the last moment.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a Scripture verse well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how people believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how a \$100 "looks" so big when taken to church, but so small when taken to the mall.

That's food for thought isn't it?

School News

The Car Park!!! Isn't it wonderful??? Thank you to our proprietors, the CCSA, for this great achievement. It makes our school look so much more professional and is definitely safer. Please avoid stopping in the drop off zone – parallel to the main footpath. Take an extra minute to park in the marked spaces and keep our access-ways clear.

Sample Books/Parent Interviews: Our mid-year conferences were cancelled this year because of the car park development causing difficulty with access to the school. Now the car park is completed, we would like to offer you the opportunity to meet with the teachers about your child's progress. To this end we will send out the children's Sample Books with the newsletters next Tuesday. With the Sample Books will be a timetable indicating when each teacher is available. If you would like to discuss what you see, please call at the office or phone and a time will be arranged for you. If you know you would like an interview, you can begin calling the office straight away.

School **instruction** begins each day at **8:50 am**. Please have your child at school ahead of this, as a late arrival is distressing to the child, unsettles the class and often means an interruption to the crucial start for the day. Sometimes an important teaching point is lost when there is a late arrival. *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

Jump Rope: Please bring any sponsorship money to the office as soon as possible.

School Camp: The Year 7 & 8 students will be at Living Springs from Monday, November 24 to Wednesday November 26. The cost is likely to be in the vicinity of \$125 – more information will be coming out soon.

Operation Christmas Child: *‘Shoe boxes’ are now due back at the office. We still have three boxes that remain empty. It’s not too late to pick one up and quickly fill it – a lovely opportunity for practicing stewardship as a family through service as you go about selecting goodies for a child in need.*

Before School Care: We need some more helpers for this please. If you could go on a regular roster or make yourself available to be on call at short notice, please ring Vicki on 3236671 or 348 8516

21st Birthday: Yes! Emmanuel Christian School is 21 years old. We will celebrate this on November 21. There will be:

- Fantastic Friday: Birthday Party for current students
- 6:00pm – Opening/blessing of the ‘factory’ and car park.
Group photo of attendees
- 6:30pm – BBQ.

Please pass the word around your friends, family and churches and keep the date free.

Catering: The Fundraising Committee urgently requires help with these jobs:

Friday, November 28

Church luncheon for about forty elderly people. Eight helpers needed.

Saturday, December 6

BBQ tea for Hillview School’s end of year staff function for 80 people.

4 or 5 people are needed from 5pm onwards

Saturday, December 13

BBQ tea for family reunion from 5:00pm onwards. 4 or 5 people needed.

Please phone Desiree 354 9650 or Georgette 354 2900, if you are able to lend a hand. It’s great fun and not too hard. The Committee is well organised and it’s just a matter of helping to put it all together. Good for a laugh and a great way of getting to know people.

Attendance Dues: Someone has paid either \$950 or \$450 via internet banking. No name has been given. Please call our bursar on 3510890 or email jmckone@clear.net.nz. When making payments you may find that your account will not be credited if you don’t enter a name in the information area of your deposit.

Newsletter: We enjoy producing a newsletter which we hope you find interesting and informative to read. As our roll grows the office is becoming an increasingly busy place. We start assembling the newsletter on a Monday in order to have it printed and distributed before the end of the School day on Tuesday. If you have items for the newsletter please will you have them to the office by Mid day Monday – the day before.

Term 4 Calendar 2008

Date	School Event
Tuesday, October 21	Christchurch Schools' Music Festival – rehearsal all morning Performance at night
Monday, October 27	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday, October 30	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30pm in the staffroom
Thursday, November 6	Kids in Town 12:30pm at the Art Gallery
Friday, November 7	Push Play Day at school
Friday, November 14	Christchurch Show Day Holiday
Friday November 21	Fantastic Friday – ECS 21 st Birthday Party
Monday, November 24 - Weds No,vember 26	School Camp for Years 7 & 8
Thursday, November 27	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 7:30pm in the staffroom
December 2-4	Athletics Sports depending on weather
December	School Production to be advised
Thursday, December 11	Last day of school – finishing at 1:00pm

The Starting Date for 2009 is: Tuesday, February 3

