



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

Tena koutou te whanau
Hello to the family.

Yesterday, as the teachers continued to work on the New Zealand Curriculum, we began to consider 2010's programme. During our devotions I shared my experience of attending two weddings – one in Auckland and the other in Invercargill the very next weekend. It was sheer joy to be able to spend time with young people with whom I've been privileged to work. I felt myself lifting my heart in praise to God for what they had become. There was a sense of "Aha! Now I see."

Traveling from place to place Mr G and I marveled over and over at the magnificence of God's handiwork. I found myself feeling frustrated with my little camera. I wanted to capture the wide view of the landscapes. In life that isn't possible. Only God, knows the end from the beginning.

Thinking on that we, as a staff, shared the following prayer. Called the Romero Prayer, it was actually composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Michigan.

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts. It is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the (school's) mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted knowing that they hold

future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. (A liberation) that enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

You might be interested in finding out more about Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez.

He gave his life for the cause of being a prophet of a future not his own. He was a peacemaker and we are going to be learning about such people in Assembly over the next weeks

Pick ups after school – Please be attentive to the time you pick up children from school this term. School 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.

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

Operation Christmas child – Please have boxes back to the school office by this Friday 16th at the latest. We aim to have a return of all boxes given out so as to bless as many children as possible.

Celebration Assembly Awards: Friday 25th October

Room 1: Sophia, for beautiful handwriting. Kemuel, for super progress in reading new words.

Room 2: Isabella, for great focussing on the mat. Evangeline, for fantastic story writing.

Room 3: India-Rose, for working hard in room 3 this year. Tralyse, for wonderful exciting stories.

Room 4: Joshua, for seeing a need and helping out.

100 nights reading: Jesse, John-Luke, Abbey, Natasha, Lara, Lana, Zara

Room 5: Tyla and Hannah T, for always working with diligence and enthusiasm.

Room 6: Bayley and Luke, for fabulous power point presentations on refugees.

Room 7: Nicola, for outstanding presentation of all her referendum work.

Choir: Tuesday 20th October the choir will be travelling by bus to the Town Hall for a rehearsal in the morning. Their performance will be at 7:30 pm that night.

Term 4 Calendar

Date	School Event
October 13-16	Life Education Caravan
Tues, Oct 20	Choir Festival
Thurs. Oct 29	Board of Trustees meeting 7:30 pm at School
Oct 29/30	School Athletic Sports
Thurs. Nov 26	Board of Trustees meeting 7:30 pm at School
Monday, Dec 14	Last day for the year. Finishing at 1:00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Adainfield Christian School fair: Saturday 31 October from 11am-3pm, at 2 Nash Road, Halswell. Entertainment includes free childrens games, Nickleby the Magician, dance demonstrations and the band Smashbox. Proceeds will be directed towards extra resources for our students

Fee Friendly Drama Clubs - Fendalton Community Centre

Age 6-8 3.45-4.30

Age 9-13 4.30-5.30pm

Both clubs cost \$40 for 8 weeks commencing 20th October.

Contact Janet on 387 0635 or email drama_for_all@hotmail.com

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