



# EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

**Tuesday 17th November 2009**

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

The Star of Bethlehem was God's signpost for the Wise Men. At His command it led them right to the palace of King Herod and into a very dark and difficult situation. Then and only then, when that mission was completed, the Star led the Wise Men to Jesus. For us today, our Guiding Light, through the Holy Spirit's power, is Jesus Himself. Indeed He walks before us and with us through the challenging situations. He intercedes for us, until we see Him face to face. It's always encouraging when we notice our Emmanuel Christian School students on this journey and experiencing the illuminating light of Jesus.

Some of the children have been swinging on a bar that was built for volley ball not gymnastics. They swing on the soccer goal posts too sometimes. The danger has been brought to their attention but not everyone understands the seriousness of the activity. We mentioned it again last week and after assembly one of the girls came to the front with soulful eyes. "It was me," she said. "I was doing that. And you were right. I hurt my back!" Wow! That sounds like speaking the truth in God's strength to me.

We're gathering in the trophies for the end of year prize-giving. One of last year's recipients came to the office. "Thank you," she said, "I've enjoyed looking at this trophy on my shelf. Thank you, for giving me the honour of having it. I've polished it up for the next person." Wow! That sounds like God's grace to me!

Then, in production practice we realised that one young person had missed out on a speaking part. She was in the scene with nothing to do. Quick as a flash came another burst of light. "She can have one of my parts!" Sounds like the kindness and gentleness of Christ to me.!

May the lessons learned at Emmanuel Christian School remain with our precious young people all of their lives. May they shine each in their own little corner for their Creator and King!

**School Production:** Production practices are in full swing now!!! Please! It is important that children are here for practices. Of course we understand it's not always possible if they are sick but if other arrangements can be made out of school times that would be helpful.

**Garage Boot Sale:** There is another school fundraising opportunity on Saturday, December 5. Elaine and Dao are regularly running a stall at this market and items for sale are always welcome. Please bring your contributions to school any day and leave them at the administration area. Any larger items can be picked up. If you would like to use this opportunity to fundraise for your youth group, sports team, missions etc please phone Elaine 359 6797 to book a site. The cost is a donation which goes to a mission in the Philippines. The organisers suggest \$10 minimum.

**"Kids in Town" Performance:** Our school choir, together with some students performing special items, will be performing at the Art Gallery, Gloucester Street, at **midday on Thursday 19th November**. Parents and friends are most welcome to come and be our audience. We will be the only school performing at that time, so we would appreciate a supportive crowd. Children will be travelling to the Art Gallery by bus.

**On Friday, November 20**, the same group of children will be performing at Papanui Baptist Church. They will be leaving school at 1:20pm and returning soon after 2:00pm



## End of Year Events

**School Production:** Tuesday, December 8 beginning at 7:00pm at St Christopher's. The children will be practising there throughout the day. They will travel by bus.

### Final Day for the Year:

**Friday, December 11:** Last day for the students. Student Reports will be issued

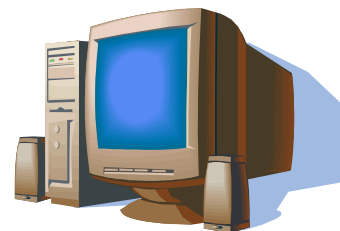
**NB: Monday, December 14 will be a Teacher Only Day**



### Coffee morning:

Another chance to meet other ECS parents over a cup of coffee. This Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, after you've dropped your children off at school. Please meet at 'Sub Zero', Bishopdale shopping centre.

**Computer e-waste collection:** Have you any old and unused ICT equipment cluttering your home? **Bring it to school before Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** and place it in the parking bay beside the big yellow clothing bin to be collected by Equico. Through Equico's new Eco program, they will recycle or dispose of the equipment responsibly, ensuring that 99% of all returned equipment does not go into landfill.



## Term 4 Calendar

Date	School Event
Thursday, Nov 19	"Kids in Town" Choir at the Art Gallery at 12:00 noon
<b>Friday, Nov 20</b>	<b>Choir to Papanui Baptist leaving at 1:20pm</b>
Tuesday, Nov 24	Pre-entry visit for children beginning at the start of next year
Tuesday, Nov 24	Pet Parade for Room 3
Thurs. Nov 26	Board of Trustees meeting 7:30 pm at School
Friday, Nov 27	Piano Recital by Mrs Mace's Music Pupils
Tuesday, December 8	School Production at St Christopher's 7:00pm. Practices throughout the day
<b>Friday, December 11</b>	<b>Last day for the students. Finishing at 1:00pm</b>
Monday, Dec 14	Teacher Only Day
Monday, February 1	First day back at school for students in 2010

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Scripture Union** is advertising Summer Camps. We have a small number of brochures available in the office.



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