



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

Sometimes when parents come visiting our school they ask if the younger children have a separate playground away from the Senior Students. When told that our students play together they are often taken aback and sometimes quite sceptical. The interaction between the different age groups is inspirational. For example, I was showing some people around recently and I noticed some of the five olds run up to a Year 8 girl and give her a hug. She greeted them warmly but then said something like, "It's lovely to see you but now you must do what your teacher is asking you to do." In a classroom just after the bell had rung to signal the end of playtime, there was one of our Senior girls comforting a child who can sometimes be distressed if things are out of the ordinary. Two classes had buddied up for an activity. An older boy was walking side by side with a smaller child chatting happily together. We don't always get it right. We have our hiccups like any other segment of society but these wonderful examples of mutual love and respect are not isolated incidents and they do encourage us. Surely they are further evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit growing in the hearts and lives of our precious young people. To God be all the honour and glory.

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

The show is on 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 at varying times during that day.

On the night we would like the children to come in party clothes. Those who are taking special parts will change into their costumes at the church.

Congratulations to Carlos who won first prize in the Harcourts "Design a Christmas Card" Competition.

Before School Care: Any parents wishing to use this service in 2010 are asked to contact Vicki 323 6671 so that we can decide if it is still needed next year.

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.

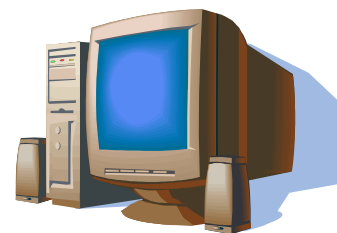
End of Year Events

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

Computer e-waste collection: Have you any old and unused ICT equipment cluttering your home? **Bring it to school before Monday 30th 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
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
Friday, December 11	Last day for the students. Finishing at 1:00pm
Monday, Dec 14	Teacher Only Day
Monday, February 1	First day back at school for students in 2010



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"

Tuesday, December 8th
Beginning at 7:00pm
At St Christopher's Church

All Emmanuel Christian School Children are participating

Please invite family members and friends to join us for a wonderful evening. Our children and staff are working hard to make this a memorable production.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Scripture Union is advertising Summer Camps. We have brochures available in the office.

Learning Centre: This excellent facility run by the City Council is again offering courses for next year. **Many are free.** Others are at a minimal cost.

You will have received this notice home on Friday 20th November.

Please note the dates these sittings are available and book as soon as possible to confirm your portrait session.

This is great value and a wonderful idea for presents for Christmas.

Family Portraits For Christmas

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SURVEY: LEARNING LANGUAGES

The New Zealand Curriculum requires that “All schools with students in years 7–10 should be working towards offering students opportunities for learning a second or subsequent language.” (*The New Zealand Curriculum, p44*). Knowing that children learn languages best if exposed from an early age, we have offered languages other than English, albeit more informally at the lower levels of the school, for the past three years.

We are interested in your anonymous thoughts and comments as we prepare for next year. Please take the time to complete this very brief survey and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Age of your child(ren)
Do you think your child(ren) benefit(s) from learning a language at school?
Which language(s) would you like to see your child learn? (Tick as appropriate)
<input type="checkbox"/> French
<input type="checkbox"/> German
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese
<input type="checkbox"/> Te Reo Māori
<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Specify

Bless you for your time!
Nicki Davison

EMMANUEL CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMME (ECAP)

In 2010 we are planning to offer extra cultural activities for our students. Which of any of the following would you be interested in for your child/ren?

Maori Kapa Haka

Dance

Guitar

Recorder

Ukulele

Other.....



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“Walk as children of light”