



# EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

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**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009**

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

"Good morning, my wee precious," I smiled as I opened the gate.

"Good morning," she grinned back. "That was good timing. You came. I stepped in. That deserves the thumbs up!"

We chuckled together at her clever words and I immediately felt this week's message coming on.

It was all clear in my mind by the time I'd parked my car.

Again and again God speaks to me through the words, the actions, the eyes of our children.

This time the prompting went like this. He comes. He waits and we step in to Him.

He deserves the thumbs up!

It is that time of year again when, with mixed feelings, we as a school must say "Goodbye" to some of our valued staff members. Mr Hadfield, Mrs Jongens, Mrs Sands and Mrs Marryatt are all leaving us at the end of term and we wish them warm best wishes for the days ahead. At our final assembly, 9:00a.m. on Thursday, December 10 we will, as a community, celebrate these wonderful people and the time they have spent with us. You are welcome to attend.

Thanks be to God for new people who will be joining our team in 2010. Mr Simon Walmisley has accepted the position of Teacher in Charge of Year 7 & 8 offered to him by Appointments' Committee. Simon comes to us from Rangiora High School and is now ready and excited about the new challenge we have presented to him at Emmanuel Christian School. The excitement is reciprocated in terms of our expectations about what Simon will bring to our school as we move forward in the development of Middle Schooling over the next few years.

From Australia comes Mr Timothy Bailey who has accepted a Long Term Relieving position to teach in the Senior School next year. Miss Diane Kitto, who will marry in January, and come to us as Mrs Woodlock, will teach in the Junior School. The actual classes have yet to be organised. More about that next year!

Mrs Thomas who is our Deputy Principal: Head of Primary will not be having full-time class contact time next year but will instead take overall responsibility for Teaching and Learning throughout the school.

There are exciting times ahead as God clearly reveals His plans and purposes to us. Praise be to Him.

J Garrett, Principal

R Moot, Chairman, Board of Trustees

**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 if 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, 244 Avonhead Road. The children will be practising there throughout the day. We 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:** Laura, Joshua J, Daniel K, Leticia, Matthew M, who are representing our Zone at the Canterbury Primary School Athletic Sports, today Wow! Go you good things!!!

**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.

**Headlice:** It has come to our attention that there are some cases of headlice in the school. This is the season that children’s hair needs checking on a regular basis. Please be vigilant in inspection and treatment to reduce the chance of this nuisance condition spreading and recurring. Should you have ongoing problems please feel free to contact the Public Health Nurse, Anne Braid, on 383 6877 ext.99624 for further advice.

**Coffee Morning:** The final get together for the year. Come and enjoy coffee and a catch up with other parents of ECS students. At Sub Zero café in the Bishoptdale shopping centre, after dropping off children at school on Friday morning.



**End of Year Events**

**Thursday, December 10:** Final assembly at 9:00am, Room 3’s Christmas presentation in the afternoon

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

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

*“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas”*



**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Beginning at 7:00pm**  
**At St Christopher’s Church**  
**244 Avonhead Road**  
**Entry: Gold coin donation please**

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.



**Term 4 Calendar**

Date	School Event
Tuesday, December 8	School Production at St Christopher’s 7:00pm. Practices throughout the day
<b>Thurs, December 10</b>	<b>Final Assembly at 9:00am</b> <b>Room 3’s Christmas presentation in the afternoon</b>
<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 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.

**LIVING SPRINGS KIDS CAMP** 24th - 29th January 2010 Age 8 - 12 years. Hugely reduce price of \$150 for 5 days!! Heaps of fun activities and adventures including rock climbing, kayaking, camp out, water games, farm park show along with the free time activities - monorail, swimming pool, flying fox, go-karts, mini-golf, trampolines, great food, great fun, cool leaders, lots of new friends, fun team games, daily auctions with rewards galore, a kids programme including puppets, crazy games, stories, drama, quiz games and more! For registration go to the website: [www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz) and look under NEWS to download a form, or phone Mel on 03 3299788 ext 6.

**OLYMPIA GYMNASTIC SPORTS** January Holiday Programme 18-29 January, two sessions available 10-12pm, 1-3pm. Trampoline & General Gymnastics Classes. Enquiries and bookings Ph 344 6060 or email [maria@olympia.org.nz](mailto:maria@olympia.org.nz)

**Christchurch City Libraries** - From 18 December 2009 to 22 January 2010 runs a Summertime Reading Club. All children have to do is visit the library website <http://christchurchcitylibraries/Events/HolidayProgrammes> to enter and download the reading log form. There are cool prizes and I am sure you know how important it is for children to keep reading between school terms.

**Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop:** Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this January. Other Science, Inventions & Technology courses on offer at a venue near you. Ages 6-17 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz) or Visit: [www.bubbledome.co.nz](http://www.bubbledome.co.nz)

**An outdoor Christmas concert** in Wainoni park, **3pm, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Featuring Christmas carols, singing dancing and performances. Bring the whole family. Wet weather venue is Aranui Primary School hall.

**The Great Car Boot Giveaway** at 5pm, also in Wainoni Park. Lots of free good quality stuff to giveaway for Christmas— clothes, shoes, toys, appliances, electronics, food and much more. Get there early to register for your tokens to get your free stuff. Sausages and soft drinks on sale. If you have any items you would like to donate to this event contact Jacqui on 3805099 or 0272346938. Wet Weather will postpone this event until further notice.

Both of the two events above are run by Christchurch Worship Centre Church



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**'Walk as children of light'**