



Tena koutou te whanau From the Acting Principal

"In the book written by the prophet Isaiah, God announced that he would send his Son to earth, and that a special messenger would arrive first to prepare the world for his coming."

As we draw near to the end of the term in assembly we will continue on the theme of promises kept and promises broken and how this relates to Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

I was reading the newspaper this weekend when a headline caught my eye. "The **happen-ing** is upon us but it doesn't just happen." The article, written by John Tamihere focuses on the voluntary work behind the Saturday winter sports competitions held for hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders over the winter sports season this year. He writes, "I struggle with the way in which parents send their kids along to these events **and just think they happen.**" He refers to the coaching staff who leave work early at the expense of their families to mentor, manage and transport children to and from training and to the game.

It is important our children

take on physical challenges and to explore their physical abilities and experience what it is to be courageous, well-disciplined and committed. Last year Emmanuel Christian School had teams to be proud of, winning awards for fair play, courage and preserving team ethics. **This did not just happen.** Parents and teachers supported teams as coaches, managers and spectators.

The interschool sports programme for Years 5-8 give opportunities for the selected players to experience rubbing shoulders with players from different backgrounds with a range of beliefs. We want our students to be confident and well equipped to relate to others in different environments and contexts.

The first year that the school had a Year 7 and 8 netball team the players lost every game and were described by other schools as the "scruffy team with some raw talent." At no point were the players discouraged. When asked why this could be so they simply replied that the experience of having a weekly practice, wearing a P.E uniform and being at the courts amongst other schools was rewarding in itself. The following year they wore the new netball uniform and began to win some games.

This year we are reviewing aspects of the curriculum and are deliberately lifting the profile of Kiwi Sport at Year 3 and 4 within ECS in 2011. It is important that our children learn physical skills that will allow them to be exposed to teamwork within the school community first. We want students to know we value their physical development and that we will provide team experiences for them. Part of the sporting experience is for students to know how to be ready. Students need to have appropriate footwear and clothing and be well hydrated. The introduction of the PE uniform at Years 3 and 4 is intended to give physical education and kiwi sport a higher profile and therefore provide a richer curriculum.

As a school we are reviewing our curriculum in other learning areas too. As we are part of the Christian Schools Network we are able to share resources and ideas across the schools to develop consistency and yet retain our own flavour for Years 1-6 and also for Years 7-10. These are exciting times and no doubt that over time there will be changes in other programmes too.



Fantastic Friday: This term's FF will be hosted by William, Jeremy, Joshua and Rhemard from Room 6. Get ready for the Ball World Cup! The boys have been coaching junior students throughout the school in cricket, tee-ball and soccer, so when the Big Day comes everyone should be ready and raring to go. They would love it if we could do a sausage sizzle – if anyone could offer this support for our young athletes at this time could you talk to Mr Walmisley please.

From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has a casual vacancy with the resignation of Tom Scollard (effective following the Board meeting on 17th February 2011). The Board of Trustees proposes to consider a motion to reduce the number of parent-elected representatives on the Board from four to three at it's next meeting (7pm on 19th May 2011). If you would like to make a submission on this proposed motion, you may write to the Board (care of the school office) or attend the meeting in person.

Thank you. Kris Morrison and Vaughan Langford, co-Chairs.

NEW PE UNIFORM

Yes it has finally arrived!

Our new PE uniform has arrived at Postie Plus Bishopdale.

It is compulsory for all pupils from year 3 and up.

From the beginning of Term Two all children will be required to bring their PE uniform to school (in a sports bag) on Mondays to be taken home on Fridays.

Please have the shorts and top clearly labeled with their name.

As of term two the PE shorts will be the **ONLY** shorts that can be worn under the girls uniform.

No other shorts will be allowed.

Don't forget to nominate Emmanuel School when purchasing the uniform, to earn points for the school.

Desiree Huls

COACHES! COACHES! COACHES!

We are looking for 2 quality coaches who meet the special character of our school, to coach our 2 netball teams for winter sports tournaments. They would need to be available for one lunch time practice a week and for Friday sport. Remuneration available.

Prayer Meeting: Mondays and Fridays
8:50 -9:30 a.m. during assembly. Please feel welcome to write any prayer requests in the book on the counter in the office reception area.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival 2011: Online applications for special groups are now open. Closing date is 8th April 2011. See Mrs Hawke for further information.



Senior School Expedition:
Climbing To New Heights!
Room 6 will be going to 'The Roxx' for their end of term trip. This will be on Tuesday 12 April.



Please continue to send a bottle of fresh **clean water** to school each day with your child.





CHANGE, LOSS & GRIEF

Free Seminar with Ainslee Coates

A passionate health educator & facilitator with 20 years experience in the education sector in health promotion. Ainslee was working in the CBD on 22 February.

Monday 4 April 6pm

Wednesday 6 April 6pm

Saturday 9 April 5.30pm

St Albans Baptist Church, 64 McFaddens Rd

The seminars will cover:

Understanding loss and grief

- *Developmental stages of children & their responses to loss*

- *Supporting ourselves & our children in loss*

Support resources & organisations

Participants will be provided with the opportunity to:

- *Understand the nature of change, loss & grief in our own & our children's lives*

- *Develop skills & strategies to support ourselves & our children during times of change, loss & grief*

Identify organisations & resources to provide support

The seminars begin with a light tea for all the family. Activities will be provided for children while the adults attend the seminar.

To book your place ring Ginny on 355 6522 or email ginny@nht.org.nz by Thursday 27 March.

Numbers strictly limited, so don't miss out.

Post Quake WORKSHOP

FREE workshop to assist adults & children under stress from the recent earthquake.

The workshop for adults is facilitated by Mary Ponder, counsellor and author of IgnitionPlus Personal and Professional Development Programmes

Children's Workshop also available and will be followed by a light lunch for all.

Sat 9th April 9.30am—12 noon

St Albans Baptist Church

64 McFaddens Road, Christchurch

Contact: Neighbourhood Trust

Ginny — 03 355 6522

Or txt 027 746 5168 to book

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 **Neighbourhood Trust**

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FROM THE PROPRIETOR

I have another unidentifiable payment :

It is 0816/8160000000/002 and it means nothing to me

If you recognise it please identify yourself to jmckon@clear.net.nz

PLEASE always identify all payments clearly. As the Proprietor accounts are done separately to the School accounts, and the student names are not familiar to the Proprietors, please use the name the account is addressed to as the identification/reference for your payment.

Calendar Term 1

Tuesday 12th April

Room 6 trip to 'The Roxx'

Friday 15th April

Last day of term 1 **Ball world cup day** for Fantastic Friday

Monday 2nd May

First day of Term 2



Cornerstone
Christian Early Learning Centres



We provide a warm, caring environment with structured morning and afternoon sessions.

We run a Christian curriculum and we extend children's learning through positive teaching and fun filled activities. If you would like to come and visit please feel free to phone us to make a time.

Places currently available at Cornerstone Papanui.

77 Windermere Road, Papanui
Phone: 03 352 7899
E-mail: cornerstone.celc@vodafone.co.nz

Cornerstone Aidanfield opening beginning of Term Two 2011. Expressions of interest invited.

2 Nash Road, Oaklands
Phone: 03 338 8153
Email: office@aidanfield.school.nz

Ages 2½-5 years
M-F: 8.30am-3pm
www.cornerstone.school.nz

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 18th April – 29th April 2011 (excluding weekends, Good Friday and Easter Monday)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 335 4222. Alternatively, your school dental clinic phone will have a message on how to access emergency care.

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JUST 4 HER

Northwest Women's Expo
193 Grahams Road.

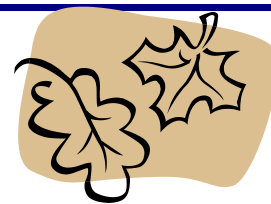
FREE ENTRY

Wearable Arts Show, free
pamper packs, spot prizes.

Friday 8th April 10-2 pm & 6-9pm

Saturday 9th April 10-2 pm

MERLINS NETBALL: *Calling all Year 6 & 7 netballers. Do you want to play netball on Saturday mornings? MERLINS NETBALL is looking for keen year 6 & 7 players to join our team. We are a friendly, family oriented club and would love to welcome you to our family. For more information please call Rane on 359 1989.*



Christchurch Botanic Gardens **School holiday activity** - Leaves of Gold April 16th to May 1st

A delightful discovery trail for 4 - 10yr olds focusing on collecting seeds and autumn leaves. Pick up the trail booklet from the Botanic Gardens Information Centre which is open everyday 10 - 4pm and from 9am on weekdays. The children's playground is also open.