



# Emmanuel Christian School

*newsletter*

Issue 5 Term 1

Tena koutou te whānau

From the Acting Principal

Dear families and friends of Emmanuel Christian School,

It was exciting to get up this morning and know that I would be at school amongst parents, teachers and students. There were 106 children today and I am so pleased that some parents stayed during assembly to be part of our first day back.

During assembly we sang the National Anthem and were very conscious of the fact that God had protected our school from major damage. Many of us have seen the devastation of our inner city and suburbs by the earthquake and we took time to show our respect for the loss of life, houses and services and things that were broken. Hearing students pray for others is precious. Scripture over the next week will be focused on recovery. Tomorrow students in assembly will build the

wall of recovery by writing prayers and thoughts for others on a paper brick and place them on the back wall of the hall.

As a school we are on the road to recovery. Some of us may have mourned and cried for the city for days, while others may have chosen to leave to get relief. Some may have dedicated themselves for prayer while others used their time to comfort others in practical ways. Some of our parents put on boots and got shovels out. All of these responses and more are found in the Bible. We are grateful for the work of others to have our school ready to open today. We have had a structural engineer confirm that our buildings are safe, we have had a team of volunteers alongside Mr Garrett to clear the school of liquefaction and had a drain fixed. The Christchurch City Council even cleared the footpath of the pile of liquefaction we left for them. We were told this would

Wednesday 9th March 2011

not happen in time but the request was still put through and they collected it yesterday. We have appreciated the offer of help from parents. Thank you.

Staff met together on Monday to pray for the school, our students and the school families. We had a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday to prepare for teaching and the cleaners were busy here too.

Now, more than never it is important to celebrate our progress. One of the events that had to be rescheduled was the farewell for Mrs Garrett. This has been rescheduled for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. Mrs Garrett leaves for an overseas holiday at the end of the week so this is the only time available this term.

## Farewell Assembly

On Wednesday 16th March at 9:00 a.m. a special assembly will be dedicated to Mrs Jill Garrett for her work at Emmanuel Christian School as Principal. Mrs Garrett has worked faithfully and with a passion for the students in her care and we are delighted that each class will have an opportunity to thank her in their own special way, for all she has done in their lives.

Colleagues will also take this time to formally farewell Mrs Garrett and thank her for all she has done during her time with us. We also know how much Mrs Garrett has appreciated the support of the parent community who have entrusted their children under her direction. This assembly time is also an opportunity for parents to participate with us. After the formal farewells are given we will finish with morning tea in the hall and

ask that parents bring a plate for this. We are sure that Mrs Garrett will enjoy chatting personally with each of you.



**Contact details:** If your address or telephone number have changed since the beginning of the year would you please send an email to [office@emmanuelchristian.school.nz](mailto:office@emmanuelchristian.school.nz) or telephone the office with the new information. In light of recent events it would also be helpful for us to have your email details.

**The Catering committee need your help:** As a vital part of our fundraising, a group of friends & parents of ECS do catering. There is an opportunity for you to assist with a catering event on the 15th and/or 16th April. This is in preparation of lunch and afternoon tea for 200-250 people so we require an many helpers as possible in the morning. Please contact Desiree on 354 9650 if you are able to help.

'More hands make light work.'

**HOT TIPS EVENT FOR PARENTS with Ian Grant - Cancelled until further notice.**

There has been a lot of interest from parents to find out more about the **National Standards** and the meeting to discuss this further has now been rescheduled for **Tuesday 29th March** to begin straight after assembly. I am sure you will find it informative and enjoyable.

**Swimming:** The Christchurch City Council has currently closed Jellie Park Aqualand and we will be notified when it is open again. For this reason it is unlikely that swimming lessons will occur this term.

### **Celebration Assembly Awards Friday 18th February 2011**

Room 1: Josie, for wonderful writing. Sean for trying hard and being caring and kind

Room 2: Izelna, for listening well and sharing great ideas in our Treaty of Waitangi work. Nanaia, for being a great leader and for helping others.

Room 3: Alyce, for amazing spelling. Sophia, for amazing reading.

Room 4: Levi, for being a fantastic role model. Gloria, welcome to Emmanuel Christian School.

Room 5: Samuel, for good listening. Lara, for improving behavior.

Room 6: Amber and Tyla, for being a good friend and helper.

Room 7: Abigail and Pearl for 'taking school outside the classroom'.

## Calendar Term 1

**Wednesday 16th March**  
**9:00 am Farewell assembly**  
**for Mrs Garrett**

**Thursday 24th March 7 pm**  
 BoT meeting in the staffroom

**Tuesday 29th March**  
 National Standards workshop  
 for parents following morning  
 assembly.

### Friday 15th April

Last day of term 1

The Teacher only day  
 planned for 15th April has  
 been cancelled. We will now  
 all attend school on this day.

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