

Newsletter

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



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“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.” (NKJV)

“Walk as children of light”

From the Principal's Heart

While the teachers have been thinking about ways of encouraging their students in “learning to learn,” I’ve been pondering thoughts of the New Year and fresh beginnings. When doodling on the web and wondering what people had to say about New Year’s resolutions, I came across this suggestion.

Ten Ways to Kick Start the New Year

Out With the Old

- * Quit Smoking
- * Exercise Your Brain
- * Get Better Grades
- * De-clutter Your House
- * Reduce the Risks of a Stroke

In With the New

- * Enjoy Winter
- * Create a Home Office
- * Save Gas and Money
- * Learn About Economics
- * Take a Family Holiday

The Bible is full of examples of people who needed a new beginning. All the dirty laundry is hung out, even on the heroes. Biblical characters are heroes, not because they are great and good, but because they learned to rely on God's greatness and goodness. Take David, for example. The king of Israel, a prophet of God, and ancestor of the Messiah, broke four of the six sociological commandments. He coveted. He committed adultery. He murdered. He bore false witness.

David found himself in need of a new beginning, of having to “kick start” a new life. In Psalm 32 he reflects on his experience and expresses what he learned from it.

The Psalm tells of David’s “Out with the Old” resolution: confession, repentance, forgiveness. It also tells of his “In with the New” transformation: prayer, praise, salvation and God’s ultimate blessing upon his life. In verse 8 God reminds us all of His promise to keep us and protect us.

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I particularly like that bit about God guiding us with His eye. The reminder of the magnificence of God’s all-seeing, omniscient eye brings great comfort. He knows the end from the beginning.

Therefore

Wherever He may guide me no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh. His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh and I will walk with Him.
Anna Laetitia Waring (1823-1910)

Walking with God! That’s the best way to learn how to learn.

Welcome back for the New School Year everybody!!

School News

A very special welcome to all children who have enrolled at Emmanuel Christian School this week, and in particular to new families who have joined our school community. It is our privilege to have you with us.

With this letter you will find the children's stationery order form. There are some student requirements that you can buy only through school. These will be issued and charged to your account.

March Market: Instead of a Fair this year we will be having a market in March. In the meantime we are accepting any donations of articles for the garage sale. Please put contributions in the first covered parking bay. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Before School Child Care: For this to be able to continue in 2009 we need more volunteers. If you can manage even one morning per fortnight this would be helpful. We will have a meeting soon to determine the future of this innovation. Should you be able to assist, please contact Vicki, over the holidays, ph 323 6671.

Christchurch City Council Refuse Bins: We understand that with the issue of the new bins for recycling, the old bins are no longer necessary, and we were wondering if anyone has bins that are in good condition but taking up too much room at home. School would be happy to receive a few for PE equipment.

Jump Rope for Heart: We have received a certificate and \$149:31 in appreciation for our contribution to Jump Rope. Well done.

Term 1 Calendar

Date	School Event
February 6	Waitangi Day. School is closed.
February 17	Parent response forms re student needs & interests go home
February 20	Meet the teacher BBQ
March 16 - 27	Swimming every afternoon 12:30 – 2:30pm
March 31	Sample Books go home
April 7 & 8	Parent Interviews
April 9	Term Ends

Community News

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter service is running it's annual Colouring Contest throughout this term. Entry forms may be collected from the office or downloaded from the website: www.airreescue.co.nz.

Junior and Intermediate Drama courses are available through Harlequin Players. The office has some information about this too.

