



Tena koutou te whanau
From the Acting Principal

Then God told Noah, "You may all go out."
Genesis 8v16

This week we have been learning about the perseverance of God and how this was also demonstrated through the acts of Noah while building an ark over many years. Noah persisted in his building project and now we are able to enjoy God's promises to us. He promised never again to send a flood to destroy the earth and that as long as the earth remains, there will be spring time and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer and day and night. He sealed his promise with the rainbow. I think of the rainbow as God's signature to his promises.

It is interesting that even after the rain stopped and the water could not be seen Noah and his family remained in the ark. It was only after the earth was dry that God command all to leave the ark. Timing is important.

Last year was our first year implementing the National Standards and as a school we shall persist to give you as parents the most accurate information about your children's progress and achievement. To this end we have analysed the feedback response forms you returned after reading your children's reports in 2010.

There were 34 responses made and almost all parents found the report helpful and understood how their children were achieving. There were some parents with

children in Years 1-3 who indicated that they would like to know more about the National Standards and some of the diagnostic tests that are used to measure progress and achievement.

If you are interested in attending a parent workshop on "unpacking" the National Standards for Years 1-3 or Years 4-8 please complete the slip and return to the office. At this stage Wednesday 16th March 9:20-10:40am has been put aside for Years 1-3 and Thursday 24th March 9:20-10:40am has been put aside for Years 4-8. A time after school can also be arranged if preferred for Years 4-8.

As a staff we have considered the timing of the reporting schedule for students and parents for 2011. We need to comply with the requirements set by the Ministry of Education but also want to retain what has been successful at Emmanuel Christian School. We hope this schedule, combined with an open door policy, will allow you to be well informed about your children's progress. There is a section on the report slip to comment on this. We value your feedback.

Coffee Group

Come along and meet up with other school Mums (or caregivers) for a chat and play for the little ones.



Thursday 17 February, McDonalds Merivale (in the kids play area), straight after school drop off (around 9am).

All welcome, whether you are new to the school or not, this is a chance for us to get to know each other.



Car Park: Please drive and park carefully as this is a busy car park. Usual road safety rules apply. Please avoid parking on footpath areas. Please also refrain from parking anywhere past the large skip at the edge of the staff parking area as this area is dangerous for any pedestrian use. As a safety priority only the pedestrian gate from the main car park is to be used to enter the grounds.

After school, if there is no space in the car park would you please park on the roadside in either Sawyers Arms Road or Cotswold Avenue.

Car pool: A family living in the Greers Road/Wairakei Road area are interested in a car pooling arrangement. If you live in the area and are interested in car pooling, please telephone the School Office.

Red Sports Shirts: A large number of small and medium size sports' shirts are missing. Please check if you have one at your home from last year. As these are expensive to replace we would appreciate each child from last years sports teams searching carefully in case you have forgotten to return a shirt to school. Thank you.

Swimming will be happening later this term. Dates and cost will be published in the newsletter as soon as they are confirmed. The cost to families will be to assist in the transportation, by bus, to and from the venue.

Scooter: A child's scooter has gone missing from the school grounds sometime last week. If you rode to school on your scooter last week please check that you have not taken the wrong one in error.

Keyboard tuition is available for years 3-8 at school on a Friday during the day—tutor is Mrs Grace Mace. To enquire please telephone 354 1949

Library Books: *Please look through all your books at home and return any that belong to school. We have many valuable books missing.*



Prayer meeting: Each Monday and Friday morning 8:50 a.m. in the School Library. All welcome.

HOT TIPS EVENT FOR PARENTS

Pamphlets are available in the administration foyer area for a 'Parents Inc.' event with Ian Grant. Subjects are Growing Boys - Wednesday 9th March. Raising Girls - Thursday 10th March 2011. Book now www.theparentingplace.com

Pamphlets also available

'A guide to community group programmes in Christchurch' Term 1 2011.



Netball registrations 2011

Belfast Netball Club registration day for all grades on Saturday 26th February 10am-12pm. A non refundable \$20 deposit must be paid on the day.

Proprietor representatives on the Board of Trustees

The Proprietors of Emmanuel Christian School are urgently looking for interested parents who would like to take an active part in the life of the school. The task requires people with a love for Christian education and who see this form service as a vocation.

The proprietor of an integrated school has two main areas of responsibility. One is the provision and maintenance of school property and the other is to define and supervise the special character of the school. Both these responsibilities are described in the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act and in the integration deed of agreement that the proprietor has with the Minister of Education. Special character responsibilities include defining requirements for enrolment and supervising enrolment accordingly. Also, proprietors approve the appointment of staff from a special character perspective. Proprietors are also required to participate in the governance of their schools, which is the role of boards of trustees. Therefore proprietors are required to appoint to their school boards representatives that can number up to four. These proprietor representatives have full trustee responsibilities and voting powers. They are required to protect the proprietors interests and to report to the proprietor on matters of interest to the proprietor. The Emmanuel Proprietor Trust (EPT) always invites its representatives to its meetings so that they can be fully aware of proprietor matters.

Currently the EPT is looking for another two proprietor representatives on the Emmanuel School Board of Trustees. If this interests you please give either the chairman, Fred Braam (phone 359 5543) or Joseph McKone, a trustee and proprietor executive officer (phone 351 0890) a call. You may like to attend the next BoT meeting on Thursday 17th February. The EPT meets again in May - on Thursday 12th May

Please give this your urgent and prayerful attention.

Yours in His Service

Fred Braam & Joseph McKone

Community Dental Service

Canterbury District Health Board's 'new look' Community Dental service has just been launched in your area and we will visit your child's school during the year.

This is part of a nation-wide upgrade of what was formerly known as the School Dental Service.

The service aim is to improve the delivery of dental care to your child by making access to check-ups available at every school and increasing our prevention work with pre-schoolers. This service will be provided through our new up-to-date facilities.

How will it affect you and your child?

All school age children enrolled in the service will have their dental check-ups at school in a mobile dental unit. The mobile dental unit will visit the school once a year.

Examinations, X-rays and preventative treatment such as fissure sealants and fluoride treatments will be available at school in the mobile dental unit.

If your child requires other operative work such as fillings or extractions they will bring home a Care Plan indicating the work required. This Care Plan will also provide a free phone number to call (0800 846 983) for you to arrange an appointment time when you are able to take your child to the new Community Dental Clinic as per the new delivery of care.

Preschoolers will have their dental checks at the Community Clinic. You will be contacted when your preschooler is due for a check-up.

For further information about the new facilities please visit the community Dental Service website:

<http://www.cdhb.govt.nz/dentalcare/child-adolescent-oral-health-development.htm>

or call 0800 846 983 if you wish to discuss care for your child.

Calendar Term 1

Thursday 17th February	7 pm BoT meeting in the staffroom
Friday 18th February	Room 6 Assembly
Friday 25th February	To be advised
Friday 4th March	Room 7 Assembly
Friday 11th March	Room 1 Assembly
Friday 18th March	Room 4 Assembly
Friday 25th March	Room 2 Assembly
Dates to be confirmed	Swimming
Thursday 25th March	7 pm BoT meeting in the staffroom
Friday 15th April	Last day of term 1

Walk as
Children
of Light

