



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

As we mentioned in the first newsletter of the year, we're learning about Creation. This week, in assembly, we're thinking about Genesis 1: 1-4 and the creation of light. Praise God for light. If truth be told, there is more that one of us who is a bit of a scaredy cat in the dark. This fear may very well be the result of a number of unpleasant encounters with things that go "bump" in the night, and the Bible does warn us that darkness is often the cover for sin. "Light has come into the world," says the Word of God, "But men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." John 3:19 But darkness, like light, is the gift of God. There was evening and there was day – a complete package which God called the first day. As we walk through this week, whatever we encounter, may we feed upon the Word and, by prayer and fellowship with our Father, walk spiritually in the Light of His love.

Meet the Teacher: Thank you for supporting your children and teachers on this important event. We as a staff appreciated your interest and look forward to working together over the year ahead.

Newsletter Distribution: Many times we receive feed-back that you have not received your newsletters. This is of great concern to us, as the weekly newsletter is our major form of communication with you. Should you wish to be sent our **newsletter by email** please **email us** with your reply and we will store your email address to use when sending your newsletter. That way it won't be buried in the bottom of the schoolbag nor left at the mercy of the elements in the car park.

It will save us money too \$\$\$\$.



The school email address is: office@emmanuelchristian.school.nz

Technology Lessons for Years 7 & 8. These will be on Wednesday morning this year – starting at 11:00am and returning after lunch. Lessons begin tomorrow Wednesday, February 10. We will travel by bus. Sadly there will be a partial cost for Technology this year for materials which will be added to your account. The cost to the school for each child will be approximately \$160 this year. We are, therefore asking for \$40 per child from you as parents. This will be to go towards the costs of materials for items which will belong to the children at the end of the project. We do apologise for this. Mr Walmisley and Mrs Garrett have met with the team at Seventh Day Adventist School and we have negotiated an Open Day for parents. More details about this later.

Monster Garage Sale: Keep Saturday, March 27 free. The Garage sale will run from 8:00a.m. to 12:30pm. We are now gathering bits and pieces for sale. If you have anything you want to get rid of, please leave it in the first staff parking bay. Thank you to the Mums who attended the Coffee Morning last week and put on their thinking hats to make initial arrangements.

Before School Care: Last year several families voiced a need for care before school for their children. The school offered a classroom for this and parents provided volunteer help each morning from 8am to 8.20am to supervise the children. This worked well and we would like to continue this service in 2010. It's free, and open to anyone in the school. However, we need more parents to volunteer 20 minutes of their time. Last year we had so much help parents needed to be present only 1 morning a fortnight. Some parents helped even though they didn't actually need the service. Thank you for your immense kindness in doing this. Please call Vicki 3236671, evenings or weekends if you are able to take a turn this year.

Head lice: Head lice have been appearing at our school recently. There is no cause for alarm. Their presence is no reflection on a child's general health and the condition is easily cleared up.

In most cases one simple treatment is all that is necessary. If re infestation does occur a further application will be required in 7 to 10 days. Due to the highly contagious nature of head lice we recommend everyone in your family is checked and also treated if the condition is evident. Itchiness and signs of silvery/white specks close to the scalp are the tell-tale signs. See your local chemist who will be able to recommend the most suitable treatment which will work quickly and efficiently.

Classroom Help: Teachers are always very grateful for any time you are able to spend helping in the classrooms. There is a real assortment of tasks to be done. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help. If they don't need your help someone else will. Thank you to the new faces we see appearing during the day. We are most grateful

Physical Education: We are requesting, please, that the Senior Girls (Rooms 5–7) bring shorts and T-shirts to school for PE. If these could be kept in their school bags everyday in readiness, that would be most helpful. Thank you.

Sunhats: We've a "No hats! No Play!" rule this year – even on cloudy days. Please encourage the children to keep their hats at school. If they go home at the end of the day they sometimes never return.

Swimming: This year swimming will be during the afternoons from March 15 – March 26. The school will again subsidise the cost, but the cost to parents will be to pay for transport. \$20 per child will be charged to your school account – approximately \$2 per swim.



Pre-School Swimming: Again Jellie Park is offering swimming for pre-schoolers. This will follow school swimming each day at 2:15pm. The cost is \$5 per swim for 10 swims. Numbers are restricted so the first to register with the total amount in cash i.e. \$50 will be included.

Sovereign Ocean Swim: We have details of an organised surf swim for children 10 years and under who can competently swim 200 metres and also for adults, on Saturday, February 27. We are looking for representatives from school. Mrs Woodlock has already indicated her interest. The first child to sign on with parent approval will swim free of charge. Further details are at the office.

Trip to Science Alive: On March 4 & 5 the whole school will be visiting Science Alive this term. Rooms 3,4,5 will attend on Thursday March 4 and Rooms 1,2,6,7 will go on Friday March 5. Teachers have already visited to evaluate the programme and have chosen to make this trip in support of our Term 1 studies. **The cost to families will be \$5 per child and it will also be charged to your accounts.** The cost to the school will be approximately a further \$7. We will travel by bus and be away for the whole day.

School Accounts: These will be sent home this week. Please be aware that the stationery, school donation payments, school trips, sunhats etc are paid through the school office. If you are paying by internet banking you will need to use the bank account number printed on the **school** statement. The School Donation is voluntary but it is also tax refundable. A receipt will be issued on payment to enable you to claim this donation on your tax refund. Your contribution to the school in this way is invaluable. Stationery, swimming transport, partial costs for trips and some other school costs are passed to be paid by families. Statements are to be paid by the end of each school term.

The Emmanuel Proprietor Trust will be sending out the accounts for **attendance dues**. Attendance dues are paid to the Emmanuel Proprietor Trust account, the number of which will appear on the bottom of their statement. Please ensure you use the correct bank account for your payments as Emmanuel Proprietor Trust is a separate entity and runs totally independently of the school accounting systems..

Payment of all school accounts may be made in full or by regular part payments. Thank you.

Parent Interviews this year will be held on Tues, Weds, Thurs, March 23, 24, 25. More details about this soon.

Coffee Morning and planning for the Market: Friday, February 26 at 9:30 after Celebration Assembly

Term dates for this year are: End of Term 1: Thursday, April 1
Beginning Term 2: Monday, April 19
End of Term 2: Friday, July 2
Beginning Term 3: Monday, July 19
End of Term 3: Friday, September 24
Beginning of Term 4: Monday, October 11

The end of the year will depend on whether or not we need any Teacher Only Days, but is likely to be Friday, December 10. Please note this will be subject to change.

Car pool required: Ilam/Upper Riccarton area. We are able transport children to school most mornings as our part of a car pool but require assistance with transport home in the afternoons. Please contact the office and leave your name and contact details if you are able to help.

ECS Polar fleece: There are a few people missing polar fleeces. Please check that you have the correct one at your house.

Missing is a pair of blue leather T-bar sandals belonging to a Year 1 student, approximately size 11. They have a brand new pair of prescription inner soles in them which are quite distinctive because of the lettering on them is so new. Please check your girls' sandals.

All school uniform items must be named to ensure they are returned to the rightful owner should they be lost. With over 130 students at Emmanuel it is difficult to find the owner of an unnamed uniform item.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Together Summer 2010: Lets join together at the start of the New Year for three Music, Worship and Healing events with high calibre people who will inspire, encourage and train our people.
Venue: Harmony Church, Oaklands School Auditorium, Cunningham Place, Halswell.
Friday 19th February, Saturday 20th February and Monday 22nd February for further information pick up a pamphlet at the School office phone Harmony ministries at 338 4253 or visit their web sit at www.harmony.org.nz

Westpac Rescue Primary School Colouring Competition: Open to all year 1 to 6 pupils. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.airrescue.co.nz can be collected from the School Office.

Para Plus Head Lice Treatment colouring competition: Entry forms can be collected from the School Office. One chance every month until December 2010, to win a \$50 Toyworld voucher.

Term 1 Calendar

| Date | School Event |
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| Thursday, March 4 | Rooms 3,4,5 Science Alive Trip |
| Friday, March 5 | Rooms 1,2,6,7 Science Alive Trip |
| Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26 | Swimming during the afternoon |
| Tues, Weds, Thursday March 23, 24, 25 | Parent interviews |
| Saturday, March 27 | Monster Garage Sale |

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