



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

In this world where disorder and chaos appear to the "order of the day" (read the daily news) it is comforting as Christians to note that Creation proves God loves order and planned everything perfectly for us. He still does! That is what we have been learning in our study of Creation. We've been praising God for His design for us and we were thinking about what our response ought to be and of ways we can show Him the highest respect. That led us to realising that we honour God when we respect others. There has been some property go missing over the last days. One thing was a key that belonged to me and someone thought they had seen it on the ground but had just left it there. Someone else has lost some very special shoes with prescription inner soles. I explained to the children that the child who has lost them may not be able to have a birthday present this year because the family will need to replace the shoes. A 5 year old boy sat up straighter. He put his hand up. He sat up on his heels – up on his knees. Eventually he got to his feet! "I have some money," he said. "I'm going to give it to her so she can have a present." It was a definite, "Aww!!" moment and we praised God for the heart of that little child. May he, and all of our students, always know their importance as individuals in the big plan of Creation.



Use of Car Park: Because the children are so precious to us, please park in the spaces marked for parking and take your children, or collect them, through the main gate. The side entrance past the skip is for staff only.

The space by the big garage is also for staff only. Please respect this as staff do value our children's safety and would be most unhappy to cause injury or harm to children scampering across as we are coming or going.

School Uniform: The school policy on school uniform for girls is very clear. Hair bands, ties, scrunchies in black, navy, red or white may be worn as may those made in the same fabric as the school uniform. Only small discreet keepers may be worn in pierced ears. Nail polish, ankle bracelets and other jewellery are **not** allowed – not under any circumstances.

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: 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, including transport. 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 Christchurch Adventist School and we have negotiated an Open Day for parents. More details about this later.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival: Online applications are now open for special groups. Closing date 1st April 2010. See Mrs Hawke for details and our school code.



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.

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

Before School Care: We still need 4 more people to take a turn supervising the early arrivers from 8:00am to 8:20am Please call Vicki 3236671, evenings or weekends if you are able to take a turn.

Swimming: This year swimming will be during the afternoons from March 15 – March 26. The school will again subsidise the cost. The cost to parents will help to pay for transport. \$20 per child will be charged to your school account – approximately \$2 per swim. All children will be charged amount as all children must go to swimming even if they are not swimming. There is no one at school to supervise children who are not swimming.



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.

Trip to Science Alive: On March 4 & 5 the whole school will be visiting Science Alive. 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. Science Alive! Have a brand new Space Dome and the tutors want to take photographs of our children for promotional purposes. Please return the attached permission slip for this to happen. It will be great publicity for us too!!!

School Accounts: Initial accounts have been sent home. 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. So school benefits and you get your money back! 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 have sent out the accounts for **attendance dues** to be 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 will be held on Tues, Weds, Thurs, March 23, 24, 25. More details about this soon.

Car pool required: Ilam/Upper Riccarton area. We are able to 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. This is particularly important at our school as all of our children appear to have the same sense of colour and style!!!! With over 130 students at Emmanuel it is difficult to find the owner of an unnamed uniform item.

From the Board of Trustees Chair

This year the triennial elections will be held to elect up to four parent representatives for the Board of Trustees. Nominations will be called next month up until the middle of April. If there are more than four nominations then the parent community will be asked to vote, with the newly elected Board taking office in early May. The current parent representatives are Tania Gilpin, Marrienne Reinders and myself.

Patricia Donaldson resigned from the Board at the start of this year and the Board thanks her for her contribution in 2009.

Marrienne Reinders is standing down after nine years of faithful service. Marrienne has been the stalwart of our Board and we will miss her dearly. We wish Marrienne and her family the LORD's blessing. I will also be standing down from the Board, which means we need three new parent representatives. Could this be you?

On Thursday 25th of March we will have our next Board meeting. This is a public meeting and you are welcome to attend. If you are thinking about standing for the Board then I encourage you to come to this meeting. Just let me know before hand. If you have any questions about the work of the Board, please feel free to contact me or any of the current Board members. My home email is ra.moot@xtra.co.nz and my number is 3424577.

Please remember to uphold the Board of Trustees in prayer. We know that many of you do and we really appreciate it. God does answer prayer.

Yours in Him,
Richard Moot
(Board Chair)

Term 1 Calendar

Date	School Event
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
Thursday, March 25	BOT Meeting in the staffroom at 7:30pm
Saturday, March 27	Monster Garage Sale

Term dates for this year are: End of Term 1: Thursday, April 1

Term 2: Monday, April 19 to Friday, July 2

Term 3: Monday, July 19 to Friday, September 24

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: The end date will be subject to change.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Emergency Services, Christchurch Central Police Station Open Day:

Saturday 27 February 2010 Hereford Street, 12 noon-6.00pm.

Gold coin donations supporting Neighbourhood Support and Victim Support
Christchurch Central Police Station Open for Business as Usual.

Bring the children and the camera!

- The Armed Offenders Squad
- Search and Rescue
- Police Dogs and their Handlers
- Mass Casualty Tent
- Visit the Cells
 - Mock Car Crash
 - Scene of Crime Officers
 - Fire Recruiting Test

“Tween” Girls and Celebrity Culture at the University of Canterbury Thursdays 18-25
March from 7:00-8:30pm. \$25 per head. Phone 364 2470 or visit:

www.communityeducation.canterbury.ac.nz

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‘Walk as children of light