



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

The great composer Haydn was inspired to write a large oratorio and his *The Creation* became a profound act of faith for this deeply religious man, who appended the words "Praise to God" at the end of every completed work. He later remarked, "I was never so devout as when I was at work on *The Creation*; I fell on my knees each day and begged God to give me the strength to finish it." It was the longest time Haydn had ever spent on a single piece of music. Explaining this, he wrote, "I spent much time over it because I expect it to last for a long time." In fact, he worked on the project to the point of exhaustion, and collapsed into a period of illness after conducting its premiere performance. The last performance Haydn attended was on March 27 1808, just a year before he died. The aged and ill Haydn was carried into the venue with great honour. According to one account, the audience broke into spontaneous applause at the coming of "light" and "Papa" Haydn. In a typical gesture Haydn weakly pointed upwards and said: "Not from me—everything comes from up there!"

Our Creation study, at school, has underlined again for all of us, the majesty of God our Creator. With the Psalmist we too look upwards and say, "With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever." (Psalm 86:12 New Living Translation)

Nuts at School: Just a reminder! We have a student who is severely allergic to nuts. For her protection the school is nut free. This means neither nuts nor nut products are to come to school. Seeds are fine. Thank you for your understanding.

Science Alive Trips: Each classroom teacher will have notified you of details about the trips on either Thursday or Friday this week. Rooms 3,4,5 will attend on Thursday March 4 and Rooms 1,2,6,7 will go on Friday March 5. As the children will be away all day please send their lunches in named plastic bags to be carried together in class boxes. Thank you to those who have responded with permission slips for photos at Science Alive. We are going to assume that unless you have told us otherwise in writing, permission is granted.

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. **Our next planning meeting for the Garage Sale** will be Friday, March 12 at 9:30 after Celebration Assembly. **Cake Trays and Fliers** will be sent home on Tuesday, March 16. Please fill up the cake trays with yummy baking and return to school on Friday, March 26. Pop the fliers into mailboxes in and around your street. **Wood for Sale:** One of our parents is kindly donating firewood for sale. If you are stocking up for Winter, please buy from us. There will be a quantity available at the Garage Sale and orders will be taken too.

Parent Interviews will be held on Tues, Weds, Thurs, March 23, 24, 25. Appointment forms will come out with next week's newsletter.



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.

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.



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.



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
Friday, March 12	Room 3's Celebration Assembly
Friday, March 19	Room 4's Celebration Assembly
Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26	Swimming during the afternoon
Friday, March 26	Room 2's Celebration Assembly
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

“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

ACTION INDOOR SPORTS



(Teams and Individuals Welcome)

Season Starts 2nd Term

Indoor Netball 7 aside

Indoor Football 6 aside

Indoor Cricket 6 aside

Last year was our largest season ever, things are heating up this season. So get your mates together, and get into the Action. Ages 7-18yrs competition. All officials and equipment provided. All children receive rewards.

3 Great Locations

Central City, 7 Iversen Tce

Ph 366-6601

Friday Evenings

Hornby, 81 Buchanans Rd

Ph 342-6800

Friday Evenings

Redwood, 67 Sturrocks Rd

Ph 354-1071

Friday Evenings

Phone to enter, or enter online

www.actionindoorsports.com

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Canada's number 1 learning Expert in his 'Mind Your Brain' NZ Tour

Wednesday 17th, March 7:00 - 9:00 pm and Thursday 18th March 9:00am - 5:30 pm

Parklands Baptist Church, 180 Queenspark Drive, Parklands, Christchurch.

A must for all teachers, parents and students.

Prices and bookings can be done online at www.learnex.co.nz or email nsjswatson@xtra.co.nz or

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'Walk as children of light