



# EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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

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**Tuesday 9th March 2010**

Tena koutou te whanau.

Hello to the family. The more we explore the glory of Creation and the majesty of the Creator, the more our hearts overflow in adoration and praise to Him. In 1 Chronicles 16: 31-33 we discover that it is the purpose of all Creation to worship Him.

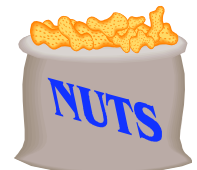
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it. Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth.

We do need to join in this collective, but sadly, it's only too possible to lose the sense of the infinite greatness and power that is God. This happens when we try to 'mortalise' God, to bring Him within the constraints of our understanding. Let's try to get our heads around it. He is the "Great God of Wonders." Even the heavens cannot contain Him. (1 Kings 8:27)

Chris Tomlins knows. His music constantly pulses with the beauty of God's holiness.

Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God.

**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:** Thank you so much to all the parents who helped with the trips to Science Alive. **Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the students had many questions answered.** We couldn't have managed without our Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Granddads. Thank you. Thank you.

**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. **Student Entrepreneurs:** If any of our children would like to make and sell things at the Garage Sale, they may "book a booth" for half an hour and sell anything they have made e.g. sweets, cards, jewellery etc. They will then be asked to give 10% of their takings to the school. We will have parents and staff helping supervise this.

**Parent Interviews** will be held on Tues, Weds, Thurs, March 23, 24, 25. Appointment notices are with this newsletter. Please return by Friday, March 12.

**Before School Care:** We need just two more parents to share the load and take a turn on morning duty.

**Uniform:** Please, please would you check your child/rens clothing. We have a number of people who are missing their uniform Polar Fleece. The missing garments are named so are easily identifiable. Should you find you have a stray piece of uniform clothing in your home please return to school where it will be re united with its owner.

**Shoes:** One of our students is missing a size 7, Black, lace up pair of 'Sketchers'. These shoes are brand new and the owner would be delighted to have them back.

**Kindercare Learning Centre.** We feel very privileged to be making links with this new centre which is on the corner of Gardiners and Sawyers Arms Road. Children and staff will, throughout the year be making regular visits to Emmanuel Christian School and we are very excited about that. At 6:30 pm on March 25 Kindercare will be holding a information evening for current and prospective parents. The evening is called "Parents at Play" and aims to share ideas about how to purposefully engage with your children as they play. You are most welcome to attend.

**Christchurch Schools Music Festival:** Online applications are now open for special groups. Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Middle School:** Someone has said that when you are planning an adventure, you need to have vision, strategy and tactics. The Emmanuel Proprietor Trust has always had the vision to grow Emmanuel Christian School to include a Middle School for Years 7 -10. A working party has been established to develop strategy and tactics and so we embark on a new and exciting adventure. Early next term we will be hosting a panel discussion where a group of experts will be available to answer your queries and questions. Please let us know what you would like to discover about Middle Schooling by returning the Return Form included with this newsletter.

### **A word from the Board of Trustees**

This year the triennial elections will be held to elect up to four parent representatives for the Board of Trustees. Nominations forms will be mailed out to eligible voters on the 15th of March, with nominations closing in mid April. Please consider prayerfully if this is God's calling for 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. 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
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
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	<b>Monster Garage Sale</b>

**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

### 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](http://www.actionindoorsports.com)

### Success is a skill anyone can learn

The Firelight Foundation is proud to present **Terry Small**.

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7:00 - 9:00 pm and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.learnex.co.nz) or email [nsjswatson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nsjswatson@xtra.co.nz) or

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'Walk as children of light

