



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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

Tuesday 16th March 2010

Tena koutou te whanau.

From the mailbox

From: Mother

To: Family

Subject: Back to Genesis

Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2010 5:47:28

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature."

From: Son-in-law

To: Mother-in-law

Subject: RE: Back to Genesis

Date: Wed, 3 Mar 2010 11:14:29

Yes, and He *stopped to look* and saw that it was *very good*, whereas before *our* creation He saw that it was only *good*.

From: Mother-in-law

To: Son-in-law

Subject: RE RE Back to Genesis

Date: Thurs, 4 March 2010 6:58:00

Yep! We'd better make sure He continues to delight in us.

Isn't that the most amazing thought? God *stopped to look at us* and pronounced us *very good* – *above all of His Creation??* Thanks, Craig, for the reminder.

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. There's not much there at the moment so if you could have a scout around for something to sell that would be brilliant. **Our next planning meeting for the Garage Sale** will be Tuesday, March 24 at 2:45. **Fliers for letter boxes in your neighbourhood** are with this newsletter. Pop them into mailboxes in and around your street **while you are out doing your power walking!!!!** **Cake Trays** will be sent home next week. Please fill them up with yummy baking and return to school on Friday, March 26.. **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. Ask at the office for a time slot. **Cardboard boxes and plastic supermarket bags** will be handy on the day too please. **Other notices** are available for churches, workplaces etc. Two are will every newsletter. Please ask if you need more.

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. **Only two more!!!** Please call Vicky on 323 6671 and help share the load.

Uniform: Please! Please! Make sure your children's clothing is clearly labelled! With swimming on it is so easy to get mixed up. Check your children's clothing to be certain they have brought home the right gear. We have a number of people who are missing their uniform Polar Fleece. The missing garments are named so are easily identifiable. **Also a pair of socks went missing from swimming labelled CA.**
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. 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.

Oh and by the way. Tights and t-shirts are not acceptable under school uniform. Girls may change for PE but may not stay in PE gear all day.

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 1st April 2010. See Mrs Hawke for details and our school code.



Swimming is now underway. The school will again subsidise the cost. Parents will be asked to pay for transport. \$20 per child will be charged to your school account – approximately \$2 per swim. All children will be charged for transport 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. Rooms 1 & 6 swim at 12:15, Rooms 2 & 7 at 12:45, 3 & 5 at 1:15 and Room 4 at 2:15.

Middle School: In God's creation, if something is not growing then it is either sick or dying. From the outset it has been the vision of those who hold the future of this school close to their hearts, to grow Emmanuel Christian School to include a Middle School. This is not just a whim or a suggestion to be tossed around to see if it has merit. Middle Schooling provides a better way for us to meet the needs of students as they go through those years in their lives that bring more change than any other except infancy. Middle School is about seeking to cater for the needs of adolescent young people. I remember my years in the 3rd and 4th Forms. In the 3rd Form I spent a great deal of time avoiding the seniors. In the 4th Form? Not doing an awful lot. This seems to be true of many of my friends. To have had to go through so much change in an environment that actually discriminated against us seems silly now. Alternatively, to have had the opportunity to be supported as seniors and leaders at the top of a Junior School would have empowered me to step forward, not back. It would have given me something of value to strive for. It is my intention that a Middle School at Emmanuel will provide students with responsibility in leadership, and will challenge them about their decisions so that they make good choices. Surrounding all this will be the love of Jesus and a nurturing Christian fellowship that, as much as possible, makes school a family affair.

Simon Walmisley.

Certificates presented in Friday assembly

Room 1: Reuben J, Bella

Room 2: Amy T, Zack

Room 3: Kemuel, Joanna C

Room 4: Isaac for being fantastic at helping others. Zara for being a great organiser.

Room 5: Jesse for enthusiasm in maths. Joel for great thinking in maths.

Room 7: Nicola and Luke for work habits Keighlee and Khalib for attitude.

From the Proprietors

I have received in the mail a Kiwi Bank cheque for \$1000. There is no explanation for the cheque. It may be an anonymous donation which is, of course very welcome as we have many demands upon our funds as the school develops. However, it may be for attendance dues. If you think this cheque came from you for attendance dues please contact me with proof that this is so and I will credit the amount accordingly. Once again I remind parents to read the explanation and instructions on the reverse of the invoices. Our account is not the school account and I need identification of payments. Saying is "For George" is not sufficient identification

Joseph McKone

Executive Officer, EPT

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 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



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