



EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

Tuesday June 22, 2010

Message from our Board of Trustees Chairperson

Over recent months, you will have heard much about the National Standards. The intent of the National Standards is to provide for a more formal and consistent method of reporting primary school students' progress to parents, family and whanau especially in the key areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Schools will be required to report to parents on their child's progress against the standards as well as their individual learning goals in order to give a fuller understanding of their progress.

Our role as the Board of Trustees is to ensure that parents are provided with relevant information and consulted in the process of the National Standards implementation. This certainly provides for a greater partnership between a school and parents in relation to student learning. We believe that clear reporting to parents on their child's progress is paramount to a student's ongoing education, and that family support is a vital component for their learning success. Therefore, we view this development as an opportunity to work more closely in partnership with you.

This year is a 'bedding in' year for the National Standards so there will no doubt be some challenges along the way. However, we are committed to this process and its successful implementation. We will be seeking opportunities to support and encourage our staff through this whole process as well.

Our principal and staff will be communicating with you throughout the rest of the year and will be seeking your input. As a board, we value and want to encourage your feedback in relation to your children's learning. While we are sure there are unknowns, we are excited about the opportunities that the National Standards will bring in working more closely with you as parents.

Tom Scollard on behalf of Emmanuel School Board of Trustees

Fantastic Friday: FIFA at Emmanuel!!!! Last day of Term!!! The first soccer game kicks off at 9:30. All ECS students may come in mufti. The colours for the day are red, white and/or blue with a gold coin donation for the privilege. In the afternoon, after the finals, there will be a parent/teacher team play-off against a team made up of our Senior Students. If you, as a parent, would like to be part of this game, please let Mr Walsmisley know. All parents and friends are welcome to come in and out throughout the day to share in the fun. Children of all year levels will be in the teams and others will be "the crowd." A big, "Thank you!" to the Joseph, Luke, Daniel and John who have organised this as part of their Student Directed Learning project for the term. Well done, boys!!

Ski Trip: Room 7 will be heading off to Porter Heights on Tuesday, June 29 for a day on the slopes. We will be leaving by bus at 8:30am and are hoping and praying for good weather! We will, of course, remember all those left behind. We will look down from on high as we wind our way around the snowy mountain tops!

Hillview Production: Room 6 will be going to watch the performance of “Sound of Music” on June 30 leaving at 9:30 and returning in time for lunch.

Congratulations!!!! Brianna and Meg have been chosen from many young people throughout the city who have auditioned for the special choir for the Festival in August. Well done, girls. And!!! John is into the orchestra this year. As far as we are aware this is a first for Emmanuel Christian School! Brilliant, John!! We are proud of all of our students who auditioned. Sincerely!! You are all winners!!!

Middle School: Education Focus Group meeting with parents. **Please note change of date** to Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30pm in the school hall to talk about our plans for the Middle School Curriculum.

Before School Care: A small group of dedicated Mums and Dads offer “before school care” from 8:00-8:20 each morning in Room 7. We need one more person for Tuesday once a fortnight. We will then have the required number to cover two weeks with one turn each. If anyone can help, please call Vicki on 323 6671. It is very easy to do – no programme needed.

Library News: Parent Shelf. We have set up a shelf in our library of books just for you. Popular authors like Barbara Johnson who wrote ‘Stick a Geranium in Your Hat,’ and Dr James Dobson of ‘Focus on the Family.’ There are also very topical subjects like after school activities, Christian living for families, and craft books. We would gratefully receive any books you have read, enjoyed and/or found helpful but would now like to donate. If parents, grandparents or caregivers would like to borrow from this stock please pop into our library and put your name on the clipboard so that we can give you a barcode for the issue of the books.

On a sad and rather distressing note! School library books have gone missing, including two brand new purchases. Please have a really good search at home for:

- I Wonder Why Stars Twinkle.....
- Ben and Mark: Boys of the High Country
- Watch it Grow for Young Gardeners
- Flowers
- Clocks, Scales and Measurement
- Creature Features
- Bird
- A Storm Rages
- Bible Smugglers
- The Children’s Illustrated Bible
- Salmagundi
- Space and Air Craft

Christian Catering Services (Fundraising for School) In July we have two events to cater for and we need helpers. We have a wedding on the 10th July for which we need 4 helpers, and possibly an 80th birthday on the 17th July, if we can get 4 helpers for that too. If you are able to help or would like to know more about this please ring Desiree Huls 3549650 or 0277246342

Celebration Assembly Certificates

Room 1: Abigael for fabulous reading and pointing with your finger.
Alexia for super sitting on the mat.

Room 2: Natalie for working so hard in reading.
Gracie for working well at sounding out in writing.

Room 3: Quinn for always taking a keen interest in his studies.
Joshua for good work at writing time.

Room 4: Rachael for great comments on other people's published writing.
Amy for fabulous handwriting.

Room 5: Hannah T and Ruthie for enthusiasm for learning. Lara for enthusiasm for maths.

Room 6: Tim for an excellent research project. Jordan for being a sports superstar.

Room 7: A big thank you to the students in room 7 for a wonderful assembly.
You are All Stars.

Lighthouse awards: Ruthie and Lana

Principal's award: Isabella

Sports Results:

Netball Boom Town: 8-16 loss against Middleton Grange

Netball Fern-a-licious: 21-4 win against Ilam School

Soccer Dream team: Bye

Term 2 Calendar

Thursday, June 24	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom
Tuesday, June 29	Room 7 Ski Trip leaving 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 30	Room 6 will be going to Hillview's Production – all morning
Friday, July 2	Fantastic Friday and End of Term
Monday, July 19	Beginning of Term 3

Community Notices

Holiday Programmes

Float that Boat' July 8 & 9, 10am – 12 noon cost \$5 per child per day, maximum \$20 per family for two days. An awesome holiday programme for primary school aged boys and girls Ages 5 - 11. Come and find out all about the boat that Noah built. Float that Boat has funny dramas, challenges, stories, songs, games, woodworking and arts and crafts. Make your own boats, enjoy a yummy morning tea and make incredible Lego creations. Bookings are essential. Download a registration form from the website www.stchristophers.org.nz or pick one up at Emmanuel Christian School office.

Wise-Up is an 8-week course for children aged 7 – 12 years, teaching skills for everyday life We look at how to recognise feelings & emotions and explore new and different ways of dealing with these. Wise-Up aims to teach children to maintain self-care, self-confidence, self-respect and self-control.

In Linwood, Addington, Shirley and Hornby from 3:30-5:00 pm, groups start July 26. For information & enrolments contact Sarah Rawson @ Methodist Mission. Phone 366 8839 ext. 845

Email sarahR@mmsi.org.nz

Papanui Youth Development Trust at Te Koru Youth Centre, Papanui

Papanui Pirates (Year 1 – 6) July 5-9 @ \$22 per day or \$90 for the whole week (Mad Scientist theme)

Casebrook Cruisers (Year 7 & 8) July 5-9 @ \$22 per day or \$90 for the whole week (includes trips to Hanmer Springs and a city-wide Scavenger Hunt)

Te Koru Toasters (Year 9 & 10) July 12-16 @ \$25 per day or \$100 for the whole week (includes trips to Hanmer Springs and Lake Lyndon)

Registrations forms are available from the office 354 9381 or from our website: www.pyd.org.nz Bookings can be paid by post, email or in person.

Special WINZ booking sessions are Thursday June 10 and Monday June 14 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.



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