



# 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, February 9, 2010**

Tena koutou te whanau. Hello to the family.

Mrs Garrett sends you her love and assures you of her prayers.

**Meet the Teacher:** We have a special evening at this time each year when parents have the opportunity to meet as a group with the classroom teachers. The date chosen this year is this Friday, February 12.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic tea. The children play in the grounds while parents meet with the teachers. And everyone eats their tea in between meetings! Oh! And it **never** rains! The timetable is as follows: Room 1 with Mrs Woodlock (5:00pm), Room 2 with Mrs Read (5:20pm), Room 3 with Mrs Hawke (5:40pm), Room 4 with Miiss Nicholson (6:00pm) Room 5 with Mrs Down (6:40pm) Room 6 with Mr Bailey (7:00pm) Room 7 with Mr Walmisley (7:20pm). At 5:40 and again at 6:20pm our Board of Trustees Chairperson, Mr Richard Moot, would like to meet with as many people as are available to talk about the Board of Trustees elections which are coming up soon. This meeting will be in the hall. All of these meetings are for parents and teachers – not the children this time.

**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](mailto:office@emmanuelchristian.school.nz)

**Attendance:** We are now fully electronic with our attendance registers. This means that student attendance will be logged on to the computer at 8:50am, the time we officially begin instruction. Any child not present when the roll is called will be marked absent. All latecomers must report to the office. It will then be on record that the student arrived late. Children must be in attendance at school for four hours in order to be marked present for the day. Arrival after 10:00am will be classed as absent for the morning. These are government regulations. A phone call or email to school to advise your child's absence is very important. You need to ring us **each day** your child is absent unless you can tell us ahead of time that it is going to be for more than one day. Please follow the phone call with a written note or email.

**Technology Lessons for Years 7 & 8.** These will be on Wednesday morning this year – starting at 11:00am and returning after lunch. Lessons begin tomorrow Wednesday, February 10. We will travel by bus. Sadly there will be a partial cost for Technology this year for materials which will be added to your account. We will advise you of the amount when we have information of how much this will be. Mr Walmisley and Mrs Garrett have met with the team at Seventh Day Adventist school and we have negotiated an Open Day for parents. More details about this later.

**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. Thank you to the Mums who attended the Coffee Morning last week and put on their thinking hats to make initial arrangements.

**Before School Care:** Last year several families voiced a need for care before school for their children. The school offered a classroom for this and parents provided volunteer help each morning from 8am to 8.20am to supervise the children. This worked well and we would like to continue this service in 2010. It's free, and open to anyone in the school. However, we need more parents to volunteer 20 minutes of their time. Last year we had so much help parents needed to be present only 1 morning a fortnight. Some parents helped even though they didn't actually need the service. Thank you for your immense kindness in doing this. Please call Vicki 3236671, evenings or weekends if you are able to take a turn this year.

**Alert:** The staff will be leaving school straight after school for a meeting on **Monday, February 15.** The gates will be locked at that time. The prompt pick-up of your children is essential as there will be **no one at school to care for the children after 3:00pm.**

**Classroom Help:** Teachers are always very grateful for any time you are able to spend helping in the classrooms. There is a real assortment of tasks to be done. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help. If they don't need your help someone else will.

**Physical Education:** We are requesting, please, that the Senior Girls (Rooms 5–7) bring shorts and T-shirts to school for PE. If these could be kept in their school bags everyday in readiness, that would be most helpful. Thank you.

**Sunhats:** We've a "No hats! No Play!" rule this year – even on cloudy days. Please encourage the children to keep their hats at school. If they go home at the end of the day they sometimes never return.

**Swimming:** This year swimming will be during the afternoons from March 15 – March 26. The school will again subsidise the cost, but the cost to parents will be to pay for transport. \$20 per child will be charged to your school account – approximately \$2 per swim.



**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.

**Sovereign Ocean Swim:** We have details of an organised surf swim for children 10 years and under who can competently swim 200 metres and also for adults, on Saturday, February 27. We are looking for representatives from school. Mrs Woodlock has already indicated her interest. The first child to sign on with parent approval will swim free of charge. Further details are at the office.

**Trip to Science Alive:** On March 4 & 5 the whole school will be visiting Science Alive this term. 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.

**School Accounts:** These will be sent home this week. 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. 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** will be sending out the accounts for **attendance dues**. Attendance dues are 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.

**Car pool required:** Ilam/Upper Riccarton area. We are able 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.

**Mrs Sands**, teacher in Room 1 on Fridays last year, has had a baby boy. Micha Timothy Sands was welcomed into the Sands family on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**ECS Polar fleece:** One of our students from 2009 has lost her Polar fleece which is **well named** 'Heather Millar'. This would be a size 6 approximately. Please would you check your child's polar fleece to make sure this item has not strayed into your home. Should you find this piece of clothing, please return it to the School Office. Thank you.

All school uniform items must be named to ensure they are returned to the rightful owner should they be lost. With over 130 students at Emmanuel it is difficult to find the owner of an unnamed uniform item.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### **Keyboard lessons ECS - Fridays.**

Mrs Mace has spaces available for new pupils in 2010. Yr 4 and upwards may apply. A keyboard at home is essential for practice. The Tuition fee is \$10 per 1/2 hr and an invoice will be given. Phone Grace at 354 1949 to register. Thank you.

**Belfast Netball Club:** The registration day for all grades is 10-12pm Saturday, February 27 at the Club Courts, Sheldon Park, behind Belfast Primary School.

**Sovereign Ocean Swim** is an event for children aged 10 years and under who can competently swim 200m. It's on Saturday, February 27 and we have fliers and entry details if you are interested. One teacher and one student from our school may enter free of charge! First in first served.

**Hey Kids** - Come and Join our Fun **Keyboard Classes!** Lessons are after school hours in and around your area!

**Where:** Tuesday@ Linwood North primary school, Wednesday@ Chch south intermediate Spreydon, Thursday@ Kings church St Albans.

**Age:** These lessons are designed to cater for 5 year olds through to 13year olds!

**Length:** The classes are 30 mins long.

**Times:** Three classes available from 315pm through til 5pm

**Per class:** A maximum of five students per class

**Cost,** The cost is \$110 per term (weekly payments of \$10 accepted)

**Resources:** Keyboards are provided and all books are sold separately from kids on keys website or from the tutor!

**Contact details:** Anton Mclean Phone: 0272784143 **Email:easykeys@ymail.com**

## Term 1 Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Event</b>
Weds, February 10	Technology lessons begin for Years 7 & 8
Friday, February 12	Meet the Teacher Picnic. Please see the times in the newsletter
Monday, February 15	Staff leaving school early to attend a meeting. Children need to be picked up before 3:00pm.
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
<b>Saturday, March 27</b>	<b>Monster Garage Sale</b>



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