



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

*To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him*

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Dear Parents

## WELCOME

I welcome back to Hebron Christian College all our families from last year and extend a warm welcome to all our new families for the 2011 school year. And a "Happy New Chinese Year" greeting to all our families of Chinese origin.

The New Year has got off to a good start and classes are already churning out some great work including the 11 New Entrants starting school for the first time in Mrs Seah's New Entrant class (above).



## NEW STAFF

We welcome two newly appointed staff members to our school:



### Mr Darrell Crisp

Darrell takes up the Junior Science (Y9 &10) and the Senior Chemistry classes (Y11 & 12) vacated by Mr Pyne. Darrell is the husband of Elizabeth (a former Hebron teacher) and the father of Stephanie (15), Katie (13), twins Joshua & Ben (12) and Hannah (9). The family live in Avondale and attend Life Church

### Miss Renee Harris

Renee is a graduate of Auckland University Faculty of Education specializing in secondary English. She currently lives with her parents in Cockle Bay and is engaged to marry. Renee enjoys yachting, netball and plays summer hockey. Renee will teach our Y9, Y11 and Y12 secondary English classes.



Two staff members have expanded roles on the staff:

**Mrs Ruth Scott** has taken up a long term relieving position while Mrs Longdon takes maternity leave for a year. She will be, along with Mrs Dye, teaching our Year 4 class in Room 14 as well as mentoring our beginning teachers.

**Mrs Sarah Rauch**, our primary music specialist teacher, will take up the music and drama teaching duties that previously were taken by Mr Stafford. Sarah's two daughters Hannah and Lydia have also joined our school. Sarah has some exciting plans for the school (see later in newsletter).



## GET-TOGETHER FOR NEW FAMILIES

A special evening is being planned for new Hebron families on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**. If your family is new to the school, circle this date on your calendar and ensure that you come. An invitation will be sent to new families explaining the nature of the evening, meal arrangements, etc.

## START & FINISH TIMES

Start and finish times for primary and secondary children are:

**Primary (NE – Y8)** Start 8:45am Finish 3:00pm (On Thursday, Y7 & Y8 will finish at 3:15pm)

**Secondary (Y9-Y12)** Start 8:45am Finish 3:15pm

## PICKUP TIMES

The finish times for primary and secondary students have been purposely staggered in order to reduce traffic congestion. Would parents please note the following advice for picking up children:

1. **Parents of ONLY primary (Junior and Middle School) children** are asked to pick up their children between **3:00pm and 3:15pm**.
2. **Parents/drivers of Secondary (or Primary AND Secondary children)** are asked to pick up their children **after 3:15pm. Preferably after 3:20pm**. (Please refrain from coming to school before 3:15pm).

## CHANGING SHEDS

Mr Dave Simpson, our resident Hebron builder (and father of Sophie & Hannah) has finished the changing sheds and they are now in use. No longer will the children have to troop down to our changing rooms near the office dripping water on the floor and creating a hazard. So thanks to Dave, and "Thanks" to all the Hebron families that helped raise the money at the school gala to fund the project.



## LATENESS & ABSENCES

### LATENESS

All children (primary and secondary) arriving to school after the start time **MUST** report to the school office and sign in. This needs to be done for safety and security reasons. Regular lateness is not acceptable and parents are required to have their children in class **BEFORE** the start time each day.

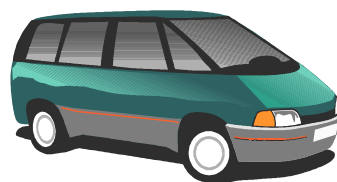
### ABSENCES

If your child is sick and cannot attend school or will be late for some unavoidable reason, you must inform the classroom teacher or the school office (ph 846-2159) **before school starts**. If your child has to leave school during the day or is required to leave early, the school needs to be informed prior to the departure. Secondary students are also required to sign out (and if returning, sign in) at the school office.

## TRAFFIC & PARKING

For the benefit of new families, I would bring to your attention traffic and parking arrangements that **must be observed in and around the school**. The **Auckland City Council** requires these rules be followed:

- Endeavour to drop off and pick up your child(ren) **outside** the school grounds
- **Only** park on the **SCHOOL SIDE** of **McLean St and Allendale Rd**. The Council does **NOT** permit Hebron families to park on the other side of the road during dropoff and pickup time.
- New Entrant families should park on Allendale Rd and use the perimeter gate beside the New Entrant room, thus avoiding using the back carpark
- If using the front entrance in McLean St, **do not park your car and leave it**, but drop off or pick up your child(ren) and leave the carpark immediately. Cars can only be parked for a **maximum of 5mins** in the front carpark – this is an Auckland City requirement in allowing us extra pupils on the site.
- **Drive around the school in an anti-clockwise direction** ie up Allendale Rd and down McLean St
- Do not **block cars in the school garage or the driveway leading down to the back of the school where the staff park their cars**. The staff and service vehicles need to use this driveway between the hours of 7.00am to 10.00pm.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM



By now, all students should be dressed in the correct summer school uniform. All items **must be named** as items found in and around the school are very hard to return to the rightful owner if un-named.

A primary uniform check will be undertaken next **Monday** (7<sup>th</sup> February) and parents will be informed of uniform deficiencies if applicable.

Students and parents are reminded that the uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including the home-to-school and school-to-home times. In particular, boys' shirts must be tucked into their pants/ trousers and boys' socks must be pulled up and not worn around the ankles.



**Reminder...** The only sandal permitted to be worn at Hebron Christian College is the **McKinley Black Safari** sandal. They can only be worn in Terms 1 and 4 and only without socks.

### NEW UNIFORM SHOP HOURS ARE:

Monday 8.30 - 9.30

Tuesday 2.30 - 3.30

If Monday is a public holiday, the shop will open on **Tuesday morning and afternoon.**

## COMMUNICATION

I endeavour to communicate with the parent body as regularly as possible and therefore publish a newsletter **every Friday afternoon** as:

1. as a pdf document attached to an email
2. as an ebook with a link given in the email
3. A download off the school website. Go to: <http://www.hebron.ac.nz/newsletter/>

Families who don't have internet/email facilities can obtain a paper newsletter from the school office each Friday afternoon or the following Monday morning.

## INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS

Student photos will be taken **next Friday 11th February**. Families will be given a consent form today in which they consent to/consent NOT to have a photo pack produced and hand out for purchase consideration (no obligation to buy).

### Secondary ID Cards

Secondary students (Y9-13) require an ID card which will double as a Hebron library card. **\$5.30** needs to be handed into their home room teachers next week to pay for it.

## MINIBALL COMPETITION

The Basketball Auckland Summer Miniball Competition at the UNITEC Stadium starts on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February afternoon and will go through to 9<sup>th</sup> May (10 games). Miniball is a junior version of basketball played with lower hoops, a smaller ball and less emphasis on technical rules. There will be 3 "leagues" during the year (see dates below). Each league will be approx 10 games.

The 26-min games will be played between **4pm and 6pm** on **Wednesday afternoons for both primary and intermediate teams.**

**Costs:** \$60 per player



## Uniform:

Years 5 & 6 School PE uniform, sports shoes & supplied bib

Years 7 & 8 School PE uniform, sports shoes & supplied bib

**Training** No basketball experience required. Lunchtimes and after school. Days and times to be advised when teams are formed.

**Transport to Stadium & Home** Parents of players will need to arrange transport to the stadium and from the stadium to home at the end of the game.

**Application:** Complete the form at the end of this newsletter and hand to Mr Matthews

## PERFORMING ARTS

### DANCE

I (Sarah Rauch) would like to start up a Ministry Worship dance group, based in Hebron. This group would aim to travel to different churches in the latter part of the year, and also be used for Mission purposes. As an advanced ballerina, I would spend the first term on basic ballet strengthening, foot and arm positions and flexibility. There would be a strong Worship focus in all the music used (though some faster Praise songs and choreography would be considered – possibly making it more interesting for some).

Term 2 would be choreography and then we will see where God will take us! I believe we can be used of God to not only introduce Hebron Christian College to others, but minister to others through our talents. The Ministry Worship dance group would take place on Tuesday after school in the hall for approx 45 to an hour (ending 4pm). Cost would be \$7 per class.

### MUSICAL THEATRE

Well done to the students who sat their International exams through Trinity Guildhall last year! Yes – Musical Theatre is continuing – but this time, after school. This is to ensure that teachers and students have continuity in lessons without large groups of students leaving class!

Thursdays and Fridays are available, with 2 half hour lessons offered after school each day...3 – 3.30 and 3.30 to 4pm. This is flexible, with one day being able to carry on a bit later than the other. There will be meeting for Musical Theatre students during the week in lunchtimes to sort this out.

Students who wish to be involved will have to audition with a short song (as singing, dancing and acting are the disciplines involved), no dance experience is required.

The cost is \$7 per class (\$70 per term) with a one-off cost for exam fees later in the year.

### DRAMA

I am pleased to introduce the choice of Trinity Guildhall group devised drama at Years 7/8 and 9 levels this year. ALL preparation of students and groups will be given in class time, although students may wish to practise independently outside class time. This is not compulsory, as a one-off exam fee is involved for the exam later in the year, and students who do not participate will still prepare performances as part of the curriculum this year.

Years 7/8 will aim for grades 3 or 4, with Year 9s aiming for grades 4 to 5. These are International speech and Drama exams, hence a great opportunity to grasp.



### SONGWRITING

Hebron Christian College Choir had an exciting year last year with their appearance on Jules Riding's Cataclysm album, (available to view on [www.youtube.com/julesriding](http://www.youtube.com/julesriding) and the double album (cd/dvd) is available for a special on-off price over Feb for \$20 post paid from [julesriding@gmail.com](mailto:julesriding@gmail.com)) as well as the Suzanne Prentice Kids for Kids (World Vision) concert.

This year, we are aiming for the Suzanne Prentice Christmas Concert in November – which will be a lot of fun with Christmas songs and Carols. We also aim to sing Christmas songs in our community...so watch this space! If anyone knows of any events where a Christmas Choir would be welcome, let us know!

Songwriting will be the focus of students in choir time for term 2 this year. Probably the first part of a Thursday lunchtime. Students are encouraged to bring songs they have written (please note lyrics and/or melody may be incorporated into another song, or changed) – even lyrics they have written, or just an enthusiasm for original songs! We will also brainstorm as a group.

As a tutor at Kiwi Song (Christian Songwriting Conferences) and a song writer and singer myself, I would love to grow the talents of the children here at Hebron Christian College. The aim would be eventually to record a CD later this year.

Choir (just singing) officially would start in term 3 and continue to the end of the year – but I would encourage students to join in with the original songs too!

## VIOLIN

As a violinist, I would love to see a small group of interested students play together (starting at beginners level) for just half an hour a week. This would be during class time....but will just have to see if there is any interest! Reorders and flautists are most welcome to consider joining also....

LISTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WALL OF ROOM 8 (MUSIC ROOM) for students to add their names, classes and details to show their interest in

DANCE

SONGWRITING

VIOLIN

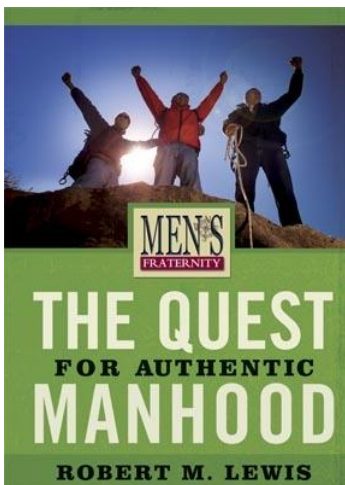
MUSICAL THEATRE

This list will be checked at the end of week 1.

Any questions (or encouragement) – please contact Sarah Rauch,  
[sarahr@hebron.ac.nz](mailto:sarahr@hebron.ac.nz)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD



#### Men's Ministry "Quest for Authentic Manhood" Course – starting in two weeks!

The Hebron Ironmen would like to invite Hebron fathers, family and friends to participate in the "Quest for Authentic Manhood" 2011 course. This is a 24 session course that is run on a Wednesday night every fortnight from 7.30 – 9.30 pm at Rahiri House, Hebron, **starting in two weeks.**

The Quest for Authentic Manhood is the foundational level or ground floor of manhood. This 24-session study focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. Throughout the course of the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?" This captivating journey helps men to deal issues from their past, embrace a

biblical definition of manhood and develop their own personal plan. These men's courses are highly recommended. Previous participants comments include: "**good solid all-round teaching, that is very practical**", "**excellent teaching and presentation**" and "**a wealth of wisdom with sound advice, biblically delivered**".

- ❖ Topics covered include: **Five Manhood Promises, The Four Faces of Manhood, A Biblical Definition of Manhood, Fathers and Sons, Fathers and Daughters, A Man and His Wife, Genesis and Manhood, Implications of the Heart Wound, 25 Practical Ways to be a Servant Leader, A Man and His Life Journey...** among many others.

There are limited places available, enrol today online at <http://www.ironmen.org.nz> or complete the form below to enrol for this year's course or email George Douglas [george@ironmen.org.nz](mailto:george@ironmen.org.nz) or phone 0274 724 663

## WANTED

The Soft Materials Technology classes are always in need of good pieces of fabric, buttons, trimmings, motifs, zips, Dacron stuffing, etc. If you can help with any of these, Mrs Hart would be most grateful to receive them from you. She is also on the lookout for a mum with a little (or lot) of sewing skill to help with our sewing classes in Terms 1 & 2. If available and willing, please contact Barbara at [barbarah@hebron.ac.nz](mailto:barbarah@hebron.ac.nz) or phone her via the school phone (846-2159).

Have an enjoyable Waitangi Weekend with the family.

*Geoff Matthews*

Principal

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## MINIBALL COMPETITION

Student's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_ Boy/Girl \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes, my son(s)/daughter(s) would like to play in the Summer Miniball Competition for...

Yes, I am willing to be a game scorer.

Player fee(s) enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD COURSE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information, please contact me

I would like to enrol for The Quest for Authentic Manhood course