



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Hebron Christian College for Term 2, 2011. We have exciting activities planned for the students this term, some of which have already taken place (see below) and others diarised on our Term 2 calendar (see further on). With winter now around the corner, the weather will get colder and wetter so the winter uniform is a must, keeping off wet and muddy grass is essential, and activities and supervision for wet morning intervals and lunchtimes are in place.

WELCOME

We welcome 3 new students to our school and welcome back 2 students who left our school last year to attend other schools but have returned to Hebron.



Joy Wang starts her school career in our New Entrant class



Suhyun Kim is 6 years old and joins Mrs Sellar's Year 2 class in Room 7



Alice Kang has just arrived from Korea and joins our Year 7 /8 class in Room 12



Ivy Hu returns to her friends at Hebron after a term in a state school.



Alisha Moraji also returns from a term at Diocesan School.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS



Mrs Ruth Scott, the teacher job sharing with Mrs Dye teaching our Year 4 class in Room 14, has been appointed Senior Teacher of the Middle School (Y4-Y8 classes). Ruth actually filled this very position many years ago before resigning to start her family and complete her degree in teaching.

Ruth is married to Craig, pastor of the Peninsula Harvest Church and also NZ manager of Samaritans Purse which oversees the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. They have 3 children – Joshua 12yrs, Sarah 10yrs & David 8yrs. Ruth enjoys swimming twice a week, fun times with family & friends, running an after-school Kids club, baking, growing fruit & making jam and being involved in mission endeavours.

Mrs Rachel Setters has been appointed as teacher of our Year 7 and 8 class based in Room 12. Rachel is a young married woman with two pre-schoolers living in Epsom. Her husband, Darian, is a builder/kitchen installer and will be a stay-at-home dad/worker looking after the children while Rachel is teaching. Rachel taught 4 years at 3 Kings Primary School before she and Darian moved to the UK where they worked for 7 years. Rachel taught at a private church girls school. They attended Hillsong London where they pastored Connect group leaders. They attend Life, the Auckland church they attended before shifting to the UK. Rachel enjoys sports, especially netball, basketball and athletics. She is looking forward to being around extended family again and enjoying the relaxed New Zealand lifestyle.



HEBRON HAPPENINGS

\$1,100 for Orphanage

In the first weekend of the school holidays, mother and daughter, Chelsea and Debbie Gill along with five other Year 13 students and an ex-student ran a sausage sizzle at the Henderson Mitre 10 Mega store to raise money for the New Life Foundation orphanage in Tanzania. Working over the two weekend days, they sold enough sausages to raise **\$1,100...Wow...that is awesome guys!**



Dawn Chen, Daisy Heald-Steward, Clarence Molinyawe, Tian Wei Liu & Chelsea Gill in action at the sausage sizzle stall

Mission Boot Camp

Our senior secondary Africa mission team gave up the first week of their holidays for intensive training at the Campbell Park Christian Camp at Mangawhai Heads. Hebron staff members Cassie Hart, Bruce Breetvelt, Vic Burrows, Ruth Scott, Cathy Gillies and myself trained them up in drama, puppets, Kapahaka, etc in preparation for this year's mission to Tanzania leaving Auckland on 13th July. The students have also been training after school every Tuesday and will soon be meeting for further training during weekends.



Miss Hart teaching a Swahili song



A walk along the Mangawhai Heads cliff tops

The staff and parents helpers are all very impressed with this group of 21 teenagers and we are all sure they will be a shining example during their 3 week overseas trip, outstanding representatives of their families, their Christian school, the nation of New Zealand and the Lord Almighty!

Hair Removal at a Cost

We take our hair hat off to Mr Breetvelt, our Deputy Principal for faithfully keeping his promise to have his head shaved bald if \$1,000 was raised from donations from students, parents and teachers. The donations flooded in and we actually raised **\$1,002**. Half his hair was shaved off at the Primary assembly and the other half at the secondary assembly. Well done donators and Mr Breetvelt. Who's next?



TERM 2 DATES & EVENTS

Day	Date	Activity	Day	Date	Activity
Monday	9 May	Launch of Geographathon	Monday	13 June	Start of Intermediate Sports Camp
Thursday	12 May	Y7 Immunisations	Thursday	23 June	Y9-Y10 Scripture Essay
Saturday	14 May	Mission Team Market Day	Friday	24 June	Y11-Y13 Scripture Essay
Monday	16 May	National Standards parent mtg 7:30pm	Friday	24 June	Primary Reports Issued
Thursday	19 May	Rippa Rugby Tournament	Monday	27 June	Y9-Y13 Reports Issued
Thursday	26 May	Eden/Albert Primary X-country champs	Monday	4 July	Primary Parent/Tch Interviews
Monday	30 May	Y9-Y13 Exams begin	Tuesday	5 July	Ak Chr Schs Soccer & Netball Day
Monday	30 May	Life Education Trust Roadshow	Wednesday	6 July	Secondary School Speech Finals
Friday	3 June	Primary Geographathon test	Thursday	7 July	Y9-Y13 Parent/Tch interviews
Monday	6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday	Tuesday	12 July	Primary Speech Finals
Tuesday	7 June	Secondary Geographathon test	Wednesday	13 July	Africa Mission Team departs
Friday	10 June	Bible Scholar Finals	Thursday	14 July	End of Term
			Friday	15 July	Teacher-only-day

National Standards Reporting Meeting

You would have seen media reports about the "National Standards" which the National Government want schools to report on when reporting student progress to parents and may have wondered what Hebron is doing about this. Private schools like Hebron are not required to comply with this Ministry of Education directive but the Senior staff and I have decided to adopt this report format so that our formal written reports are comparable with state school reports and parents familiar with the new "state" reporting format will more easily understand our Hebron report (and vice versa).

Hebron staff and I have been spending considerable time modifying our primary (NE-Y8) mid-year and end-of-year report to take on board the National Standards and we now have a report that we would like to show to and discuss with the parents of our primary children. A meeting of parents will take place in the school hall on **Monday 16th May 7:30pm** to explain the National Standards and show the changes in our reports. Please circle this date on your term calendar and make every effort to attend.

WINTER UNIFORM INSPECTION

Thanks to all the families who ensured their children were attired in the correct winter uniform items at the start of this week. Primary and secondary children's uniforms will be checked by class teachers on Monday to ensure all items are correct AND ARE NAMED.

A few reminders:

1. No sandals to be worn for Terms 2 & 3 – school black leather lace-up shoes only
2. Girls socks are white ANKLE socks ie covering the ankles
3. Girls' tunics to be at knee length – not above, not below.
4. Girls' underwear/bike pants NOT to be seen below the tunic hemline
5. Singlets or T-shirts worn under the shirt not to show at the neckline
6. Jewellery NOT permitted except for watches and/or plain gold or silver stud in ear lobes (girls only)
7. Ribbons and clips must be plain (unadorned) navy blue or black in colour
8. Only the school jacket is permitted to be worn. No other jackets can be worn to/in/from school



GALA SPENDING RE-THINK



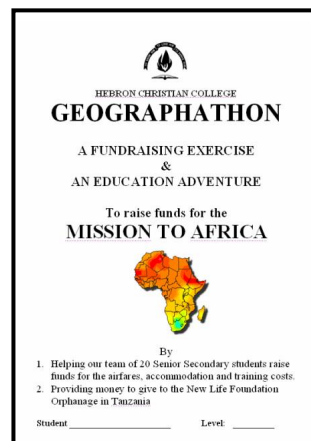
Half of last year's Gala income (\$21,000) was spent on new changing sheds in the swimming pool enclosure and these were well utilised by our primary classes towards the end of the swimming season. The gala Committee planned to spend the other half (\$10,500) on a 12-seater van for the secondary subject/class teachers to use for trips, etc. They (and the staff) have had a re-think on this as \$10,500 won't buy a very reliable and newish van. The secondary students have been surveyed on the best use of the money and it has been decided to use the money on updating our computers in the school computer room. The computer committee are now considering the best way to spend this money to modernise our computers/servers/cabling, etc to give us a state-of-the-art workroom.

MISSION FUNDRAISING

Geographathon Launch

In all past bi-annual missions, one school-wide fundraising activity is organised in the year of the mission to raise funds for the mission and provide a gift of money to the ministries we visit.

This year, the staff and I agreed on a repeat of the very successful 2005, 2007 and 2009 fundraising activity...the Geographathon! Every child (and teacher) is encouraged to learn the place names of countries and cities appropriate to their age level and then gain sponsorship for the final test from family, relatives, friends and neighbours. In 2009 one student raised over \$600 and eight students raised over \$300! We were able to give approx \$15,000 to the New Life Foundation orphanage as a result of this splendid effort from our children, parents and teachers.



This year's Geographathon will be launched on Monday and the booklet given to each child will explain everything to the students, their parents and sponsors. We hope you will all support this VERY worthy humanitarian cause and help your child(ren) learn their place names, gather sponsors (or donations) and prepare for the final test (see term calendar above).

Tanzania Mission Market

The families of our Africa Mission students and adult helps are organising a Market on **Saturday 14th May starting at 11am on the school grounds**. Check out the attached newsletter and help by:

1. Offerings goods to sell on the day (bring to the school foyer)
2. Coming along with your bags of money to buy up the goodies.

Vege & Fruit Co-op

The fruit and vegetable boxes now contain MORE produce and are a brilliant buy.

- Three different size boxes are available:
 1. small family box **\$30**;
 2. large family box **\$40**;
 3. fruit box **\$30** and
 4. potatoes (10 kg bag) **\$15**.
- Pay for ten weeks and get 5% discount.
- Three methods of ordering...
 1. Dropping form into box in school foyer (available in the foyer or click "Newsletters" on the school website) or
 2. Phoning Kathy 0211132090 or Donna 0211833876 or
 3. Emailing kathyb@maxnet.co.nz.
- Payment on collection of order or before preferably. Cheques, cash acceptable or eftpos available on Wednesday.
- Please support the Hebron Mission Trip and encourage orders from neighbours, relatives and others.



MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted...Old Cellphones

The "Phones for Rewards" programme enables students to play a valuable role in a nationwide fundraising campaign for Starship's Air Ambulance Service, while also increasing their awareness of environmental issues, community giving and having some fun along the way. The good news is that our school gets to benefit too.



Parent Help Needed

Miss Hart needs parent help for the Rippa Rugby tournament coming up on the 19th May. Please see Miss Hart (or email cassieh@hebron.ac.nz) if you can assist.

Geoff Matthews
Principal