



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

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Dear Parents

Some time ago, I read a book entitled "Indicators of a Healthy Spiritual Culture in a Christian School" by Dr. Janet Lowrie Nason, Chair of Philadelphia College of the Bible Graduate School. Janet visited and surveyed many Christian schools throughout North America and identified common characteristics of successful Christian schools. They were:

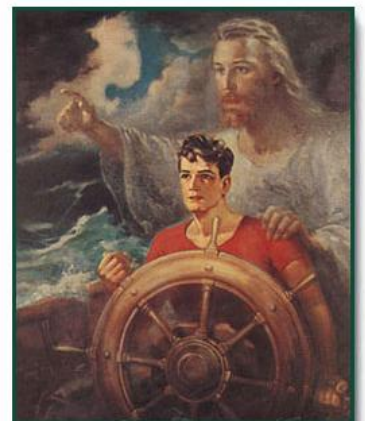
## The Christian school and teachers...

- Evaluate the spiritual climate of the classroom by being aware of class dynamics and interrupt the planned curriculum to deal with problems and facilitate forgiveness when necessary.
- Generously show love to others instead of dispensing it as a limited commodity
- Practise kindness, tenderheartedly forgiving others
- Exhibit a healthy model of the body of Christ, knowing that children watch and learn from the daily interaction of adults
- Constantly ask, *How would Jesus teach and administer justice and mercy in this classroom?*
- Pray for courage and wisdom in discussing student problems with parents
- Ensure that testing, records and lesson plans are accurate, orderly and accessible
- Physically demonstrate the joy of the Lord by consciously looking and smiling at students in such areas as the hallways, playground and gymnasium



- Retreat to the mountains or other locations to be led by "still waters" and have their souls restored, being aware of their human limitations
- Find identity and significance in Jesus Christ, not in a co-dependency relationship within the school
- Guard against any immorality or sexual temptation, including pornography
- Discipline their lives to have a healthy, growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Discern when a student is under spiritual conviction in order to lead him or her to salvation or recommitment
- Draw strength from the "emotional scars" of past pain as they represent God's grace and power.

- Say no to worthy Christian causes in church and parachurch organisations in order to meet their primary spiritual responsibilities in home and school
- Identify manipulative devices of dysfunctional people who try to influence and control behaviour through guilt, assertiveness, or position; discerning godly ways to deal with them by setting personal boundaries
- Practise sending "flare prayers" during emergencies such as confrontations with irate parents, loss of electrical power and playground accidents



I have challenged myself and my staff to practice these attributes so that all children at Hebron Christian College gain the most benefit from their Christian schooling at this school. Furthermore, Jesus said, *A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.* Luke 6:40 Our staff should live a life that portrays godliness and Christian joy; a life which inspires our students to live for Christ.

## HEBRON HAPPENINGS

### National Standards Reporting Meeting

A meeting of parents of primary children (Y1-8) took place in the school hall on Monday night this week to explain the National Standards and show the changes in our reports. These changes will only occur in Year 1 – year 8 reports and will only cover the topics Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

We are hoping the change will allow parents reading their child's report to more fully understand their level of achievement in relation to national benchmarks, give you a better idea of the next steps in their learning and give you suggestions and ideas on what you can do in the home to improve learning and achievement.

Feedback will be sought from you after the report is distributed in late June and parent comments and suggestions will help us to further modify the report to everyone's liking.

### Basketball Bake Stall

Thursday's cake Stall raised \$320 which will largely pay for the manufacture and printing of singlets and shorts for our newly formed Secondary Boys' Basketball team. Special thanks to Debbie Airey who helped us and baked some amazing Gingerbread men that were a big hit!

### Rippa Rugby Tournament

The students played extremely well in the first official local tournament for Rippa Rugby in our area. With the help of Rodd Jacques and the Auckland Rugby Union, we trained for several weeks. We had some good game results with the girls' team playing in the semi finals. The teams played against each other in the quarter finals.

#### Girls Team:

Player of the Day: Jayna Bennett

Most Improved Player: Grace Twigley

#### Boys Blue Team:

Player of the Day: Tukua Raea

Most Improved Player: Cole Henderson

#### Boys White Team:

Player of the Day: Aaron Muir

Most Improved Player: Freeman Abrahams



They have certainly learnt a lot more skills as a result of the day. Thanks to Mrs Matthews, Mr Jacques, Mrs Schnell, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Murphy, Mr Raea, Mrs Mulu, Miss Tavulo, Mr Pole & Mrs Muir with help with transport and supervision.



### Soft Toys for Africa

Our Year 7 and 8 students have been using their "soft material technology" (plain English = sewing) skills to bless the orphans at the New Life Foundation orphanage by making soft toys. They will give these to the Mission team to take to Africa in July. The team will hand them over to the children at the "Fountain of Zoe" baby hospital.

## Secondary Boys' Basketball Team



Our newly formed Secondary Boys' basketball team took to the courts last Tuesday afternoon at the ASB Stadium, Remuera, for their first basketball game of the season. Coached by Miss Hart's cousin and member of the 2009 New Zealand Development Team and the North Island Basketball Team, Richard Barlow, the team performed admirably against opponents Michael Park School but were eventually beaten 36-24. The boys are full of enthusiasm and are now training twice a week. They all believe they are going to play for the Breakers one day!



## Visit from Theo

The children in Room 6 had a visit from Theo, a dog for the blind. The Horst family are currently looking after Theo while waiting placement with a blind person. We don't normally allow dogs on our property but special exemptions are made for dogs for the blind...even unaccompanied by a blind person!

The photo shows (clockwise) Victoria Oltay, Chloe Boyce, Ethan Welch, Caleb Susabda, Danielle Welch, Alexander Horst, Mrs Jenny Horst, Roman Bilos, Lydia Rauch and Hannah Tomlinson

## Year 3-4 Netball



The Year 3 and 4 netball team played a wonderful game of netball for their first game of the season at Mangawhau Primary School.

Although they lost 5-3, we were very impressed with their performance, especially after they had only had two practices and some of the children had not played netball before this. We look forward to the game next week. Thank you too, for the great support of parents and an efficient referee- Mrs Roberts.



## Mission Market day



The Mission Market day took place last Saturday. The weather was amazing, 15 mission families ran their own stalls and sold a huge variety of items from jewellery to sausages, bouncy castle, steady hand game, juice etc. Thanks to all the Hebron families that came to support and also the local community. Funds raised will help to support the orphanage and students mission expenses.

## Miniball David v Goliath

Our Intermediate (Y7&8) Miniball team lack height BUT not skill. Last Wednesday afternoon, they played Pasadena Intermediate School, a team made up of very tall, largely Polynesian students. It

often looked like a David v Goliath scenario but the superior ball handling skills and speed and acceleration help the Hebron team win the game. Score: 37-24



Team: (l to r): Ryan Primrose, Luda Lin, Peter Biondic, Oliver Butler, Bayden Ah Sam-Thomson, Brendon Matthews, Rebekah Cummins



Luda Lin begins a jump shot

## AFRICA MISSION

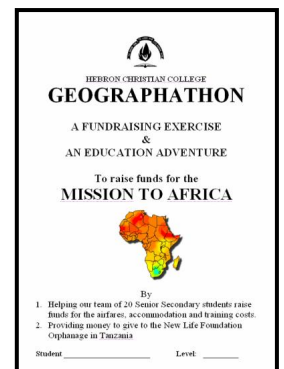
### Entertainment Books



An Entertainment Book has been given to each Hebron family to buy or sell to a friend or neighbour. Once sold, please have your eldest child bring the **\$65 to the office**, not his/her classroom teacher. A receipt will be given when the money is handed over. If you don't buy the book or cannot sell it, can you return it to the school office so it can be passed onto another family wanting it or returned to the company. Again, a receipt will be given when the book is returned.

### Geographathon Launch

The Geographathon has been launched! The pre-test has been undertaken and every student has now received their Geographathon booklet. Every child (and teacher) is encouraged to learn the place names of countries and cities appropriate to their age level and then gain sponsorship from family, relatives, friends and neighbours before sitting the final test. 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. 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).



## 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](mailto: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.



### Worth a Visit

For this month of May you are able to get into the Maritime Museum for free. You will have to show some proof of an Auckland address. You could experience the Waitemata Harbour on a heritage vessel sailing. \$10 adults \$5 children . Sailing operate on Wednesdays and Sundays only .Open from 9 am-5pm daily. For more details, go to: [www.maritimemuseum.co.nz](http://www.maritimemuseum.co.nz)

Have a blessed weekend.

*Geoff Matthews*

**Principal**