



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

Every so often, an article in the newspaper unwittingly proves the Bible to be true and accurate, reaffirming the nature of man and the wisdom of God. Last Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, the NZ Herald featured the article **"Kids taught control do well as adults"** with the sub heading **"Teaching children to control emotions can set them up for health and wealth"**. The articles went onto to say, *Physical health, alcohol and drug addictions, personal finances and criminal offending in adulthood can be "significantly predicted" by how a child acts up to 11 years old.* It went on to say, *Children in the Dunedin study who grew up without self-control were significantly more likely to be smokers by age 15, to leave school with no qualifications and to become teenage mothers.*



I seem to remember reading similar statements and sentiments in the Bible! Solomon said in Proverbs *The waywardness (lacking self-control) of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whosoever listens to me (God) will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm (Pr 1:32-33) For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. (Pr 2:6-8) Blessed is the man (and boy and girl) who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding...long life is in her (wisdom) right hand, in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed! ( Pr 3:13-18).*

One of the 8 aims of our school is to *Cultivate Christ-like character in students.* We know for sure, when parents and teachers cultivate Christ-like character in their children, those children will be set up for happiness, health, prosperity and success. And I have seen the fruit of it in my own children's lives and the many godly children that have left this school and stayed close to God. Past students regularly thank me and the staff for this godly training and character development and tell us it literally saved their lives and brought them into prosperity and success on all levels. Yes, children who are taught self-control do well as adults but children who are taught and encouraged to live a life that is pleasing to God will prosper in all areas of life.

## HEBRON HAPPENINGS

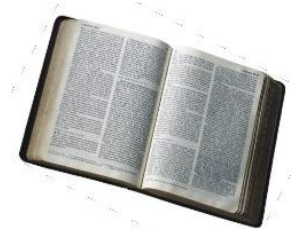
### Kids' Lit Quiz

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, eight Hebron students from Years 6, 7 & 8 competed in the Kids' Lit Quiz, against about 50 other schools. This is an annual literature-based competition. The Hebron teams consisted of Elliot Paton-Simpson, Juliet Douglas, Emily Clague, Ivy Hu, Matthew Long, Ryan Primrose, Sarah Scott and Yong Shan Zhao, with reserves Josiah Laing and Rebecca Cummins. The questions were very hard, but our teams were very enthusiastic and had a lot of fun. In fact, Hebron's only prize was won by Josiah, our reserve when he answered an audience question. The quiz master, Wayne Mills, was very impressed, because this question was meant for adults. (Question: Which Israelite tribe had a lion as an emblem?) All in all, it was a great night.



## Bible Scholar Finals

The Bible Scholar Finals took place in the school hall today and it was a delight to see and hear our primary students answering very detailed questions about general Bible knowledge and quizzed on topics in the Bible of their own choosing.



We congratulate the following students who were placegetters for their divisions:

Junior Primary Y1-3

Senior Primary Year 4-6

Intermediate Y7-8



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Kareena David    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Katie Conway     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Ishmerai Sherwen |



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| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Sarah Scott    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> = | Eden Laing and |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> = | Sun Jin Kim    |



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Elliot Paton-Simpson |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Juliet Douglas       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rebekah Cummins      |

## Year 13 Careers Expo



This afternoon, the Year 13s braved the cold and rain to visit the Coca Cola Careers Expo. Despite the dismal weather, spirits were high. For some it reinforced career paths, for some it challenged their pre-conceived ideas, and for some others it stimulated new ideas. All in all it opened their eyes to the numerous career options available from serving in the army to theology to medicine.

### Student Comments:

Aimee Humphries: *"It inspired me to pursue my career path in medicine".*

Scott Jones: *"It was interesting and opened up my mind to a variety of courses I would previously not inclined to."*

## "Oceans" Film Trip

On Wednesday morning students from Room 11 and 12 visited the Rialto theatre to see the documentary "Oceans", a fantastic conclusion to their current study of sea creatures. The documentary shows vivid images: clownfish hiding in the tentacles of anemones, spider crabs massing like two ancient armies, waiting to attack, a mother walrus cuddling her child. Produced by Disneynature, it brings to life what we have only read about, the amazing aquatic creatures that God has created.

### Student Comments

- *"The cuttlefish were so cool – it was hypnotising its prey and then grabbing it with its tentacles"* – Brendan Matthews and Justin Low.
- *"I liked it when the Humpback whales came into the summer grounds, leaping out of the water"* – Emily Clague
- *"The blanket octopus was best ... it looked just like a scarf. The film took you right under the sea, You got really close to the creatures."* – Alisha Morarji



## COMING UP

### Intermediate Sports Camp

On Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 13 year 7-8 students from Hebron Christian College are heading off to Sports Camp at Totara Springs in Matamata. Sports camp is an excellent way in getting the children involved in new sports and encouraging them to try new things and push their limits.

All students that have been selected for camp have a passion for sport, work well as a team and play sport regularly.

We will be joining with Elim Christian College to make up a team of 37. We will be competing against 6 other schools such as Patarau and KingsWay College. Students who are attending 2011 Sports Camp:

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| Lafi Aso         | Samuel Griffiths       |
| Rebekah Cummins  | Naomi Toluta'u         |
| Luda Lin         | Annalina Crosbie       |
| Peter Biondic    | Bayden Ah Sam-Thompson |
| Oliver Butler    | Eilish Ah Sam-Thompson |
| Brendan Matthews |                        |
| Zachariah Turner |                        |



## JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE HELP



Vanessa Leaver, Mrs Jones married daughter living in Tokyo, Japan with her husband, has been in touch with me asking if Hebron Christian College can help Japanese students from the Tohoku region, devastated by the recent earthquake and tsunami.

She writes: We have set up a homestay program for the young people up north, some now orphans to go to Australia and New Zealand for 2-4 weeks over our summer here (July-August) These young people have been displaced from their home towns, families and life in Tohoku. The idea is to send around 200 of

these young people to Australia and NZ where they will be set up in an English Language school during this time, as well as have a NZ experience by being with a host family. Jesus Lifehouse, our church, would ideally like to have 5 or more students at one church/christian school to create a sense of community. This is the homestay website - <http://www.tohokureliefhomestay.com/eng/> It has all the details. The New Zealand Commissioner goes to our church and has organized New Zealand visas for these students, and Air New Zealand has organized deals with flights. The families are responsible to pay for living costs, food and other activities they want to do with the young people. It is completely free for the students. Its an exciting step to see these relations between Japan and NZ and Australia emerge and a great opportunity to show God after the events of March 11.

Would YOUR family be willing to take one of these students into your home for 4 weeks at the beginning of Term 3? Please contact me or leave a note at the school office to let us know you can help. Thank you.

## AFRICA MISSION

### Entertainment Books

Thanks to all the families who have bought or sold Entertainment Books AND have handed the money into the school office.

We still have 48 books still outstanding and would ask these families to endeavour to buy/sell their book this weekend and bring the money to the school office otherwise return the unsold book. Many thanks



## Geographathon Launch

Geographathon money is now starting to roll in and one boy has handed over \$127. Well done. Can parents encourage their children to collect the sponsor money and/or donations this weekend and bring their money and booklets to the school foyer early next week. Many thanks.

## Vege & Fruit Co-op

There are now only 6 weeks of Vege & Fruit Orders to go before the mission team flies off to Africa so we encourage YOU to PURCHASE a box each week for the next 5 weeks to maximise the money the team earn through this fundraiser AND have your family eat very fresh and abundant fruit and vegetables. 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**.
- 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.

## First Mission Team Performance

This year's mission team will be performing publicly for the first time at St.Johns Presbyterian Church, Mt.Roskill starting at 10am. Hebron families are encouraged to pop along to the service and see this awesome group of students raising the banner for missions and their school.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Homestay Wanted

Two homestays are wanted for two international students:

1. A Hebron family is needed from the beginning of Term 3 to homestay an 11 year old Chinese boy studying at our school. The boy speaks good English and has a delightful personality.

Homestay families are paid approx \$200/week. Contact me for more details or to register your interest.

Have a relaxing weekend

*Geoff Matthews*

**Principal**