



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

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Dear Parents

The staff and I are very pleased with the way school has started this year and this includes a lovely work ethic and peaceful presence in the school. We have a great bunch of students who are keen to learn and who are well motivated and enthusiastic. "Thank You" Mums and Dads for getting their uniforms all sorted out, stationery purchased, etc. We are all believing that 2011 is going to be a GREAT year!

## WELCOME

Hebron Christian College began accepting overseas trainee teachers in 2004 and since that time, has become very popular among American trainee teachers as the place to go! This term we have two trainee teachers with us for approx 7 weeks. I have asked them to write a little about themselves...

### Lyndsey Oldham



Kia Ora, Hebron community! My name is Lyndsey Oldham and I have been allowed the wonderful opportunity of student teaching secondary English classes at Hebron Christian College. I come all the way from the frozen land of Ohio, where I left behind snow and ice for the temperate and beautiful land of Auckland. I am in my last term at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and will graduate in May with an English Education and Music degree. I was born to a youth minister, my father, who is now a Christian education professor, and a wonderful mother who works as a Christian higher education counsellor. My brother is a 26 year old youth/music pastor and currently resides in the

same state as my parents, Kansas (home to Dorothy and Toto). My interests include swimming, singing, reading, analysing confusing movies, walking, and writing. The students at Hebron are so lovely and I thank God everyday for leading me here to New Zealand! Thank you for all your prayers and support!

### Lane Smith

Hi there! My name is Lane Smith and I have the privilege of completing half of my student teaching here at Hebron Christian College, in beautiful Mt. Albert! I am an American from the small town of Mt. Vernon, Ohio and a student attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University. What led me here? I have long heard whispers of the hospitality of the Kiwis, the beauty of the country and the wonders of education in New Zealand and I thought, 'God willing, I must see this wonderful place!' I am in the wonderful Room 7, with the outstanding Mrs. Sellar and look forward to my 7 weeks spent in her classroom. I am going to school to earn my degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. I love the outdoors, and my interests include photography, playing basketball, practising art, viewing movies and listening to music. I want to thank Mrs. Sellar and, of course, Mr. Matthews for inviting me to come and be a part of the Hebron community!



## HEBRON HAPPENINGS

### NEW FAMILIES GET-TOGETHER

Approx 45 parents and children attended last Wednesday's New Families Get-together and a good time was had by all. The Thai food was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. The Senior staff explained the various departments in the school and I spoke of the success we gain with our students when the school and staff work closely together supporting one another.



### PHOTOGRAPHS



PhotoLife Studios spent the morning taking class, individual and sibling photos today. As explained in the Wednesday handout and email from myself, photo packs will not be distributed for you to view before deciding to purchase or not – photos need to be purchased BEFORE you get the photos BUT you can return them if you don't want them.

Because of the short notice, we will take orders through to NEXT FRIDAY

## UPGRADE OF SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION

Two accommodation areas in the school have become available for renting and are currently being upgraded to a suitable tenancy standard. Once ready, both units will be rented to safe and responsible Christian families. Interested renters should contact the Principal for more info.

### Rahiri Mansion Flat



#### 3 bedroom flat

The third floor of the Rahiri mansion is made up of 2x large bedrooms and 1x smaller bedroom (hexagonal turret), a combined kitchen dining room, a bathroom/shower, separate toilet, study room, and a separate downstairs laundry. The unit also comes with a swimming pool, tennis court, spacious grounds and is very close to a top Christian school!



#### Panoramic views from the flat

### Caretaker's House



The "Caretaker's House" is no longer being used by our caretaker and will be available for rent soon. It has 4 large bedrooms with built in wardrobes, a lounge, a kitchen/dining room and a bathroom/toilet/laundry. It too comes with a swimming pool, tennis court, spacious grounds and is very close to a top Christian school!



Mr MacDonald, our all-round "Mr Fixit" is currently re-plastering walls and ceiling and giving it a lick of paint. A new carpet and curtains will be installed also.

## SUPERB NCEA RESULTS

2010 again saw Hebron students achieving in NCEA well above the national average.

Provisional analysis of results shows that we are holding our own against top decile 10 schools.

Pass rates for our 3 levels were:

Year 11	Level 1	83%
Year 12	Level 2	100%
Year 13	level 3	70%

These results are most impressive considering Hebron does not, like some private schools, select students on academic performance but has a policy of allowing all students the opportunity to attempt the standards offered in their courses.

NZQA recognise the outstanding achievement of students who gain 50 or more credits at Merit by endorsing their NCEA Certificate with Merit and endorsing with Excellence students certificates of those students who gain 50 or more credits with Excellence. During 2010, 23% of Hebron students had their certificate endorsed with Merit and 14% with Excellence.

Overall 2010 was a very successful academic year for our senior secondary school.

## SCHOOL FEES

Approximately 98% of Hebron families pay their school fees and other charges (trips, camps, etc) on time and we are so appreciative of their commitment and faithfulness in doing this.

Unfortunately our Bursars, in previous years, have had to chase up a very small group of families who default on payments falsely assuming the school has the ability to carry their debt and may even believe the school will waive their debt if they cannot or chose not to pay. The school **cannot** carry or waive the debt of individual families – the very low private school fees and extremely tight budget means that the school suffers and needed purchases cannot proceed or programmes are reduced in size or quality.

The School Board requires ALL families to pay their monthly or term fees in advance and on the day it is due. Families unable to meet a particular payment at a particular time **MUST** arrange an alternative payment schedule with the Bursar or Principal **BEFORE** the payment is defaulted and the agreed re-scheduling of the payment will only be undertaken for a short-term “financial hiccup” and will not allow families to go into deeper debt.

Families defaulting on due payments **WITHOUT** an agreed payment scheme will be asked to keep their child(ren) at home until the due amount is honored.

Once again, “Thanks” to all those families who pay their dues on time – your commitment and faithfulness is greatly appreciated.

## SENIOR BLOUSE/SHIRT

Secondary students wanting **long-sleeve** shirts or blouses for terms 2 & 3, need to order them by **NEXT FRIDAY**

Girls \$67.00

Boys \$62.00

Close date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. See Lisa Wong, Uniform Shop.

## MISCELLANEOUS

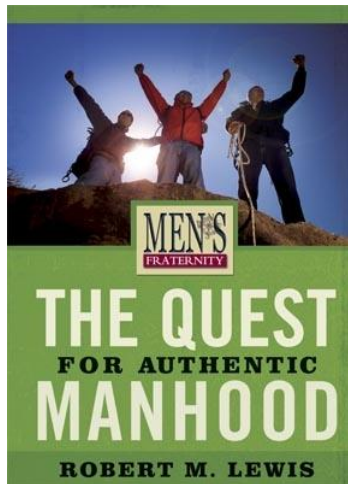
### WANTED

Mrs Hart is still 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).

## WANTED

We have a group of 3 students who need help with their classroom activities at various times throughout the week. We already have some Mums who have offered to help them in a voluntary, unpaid manner. We are needing to fill some gaps and wondered if YOU could give us some of your time? Please contact me (Mr Matthews) to let me know of your availability or to seek more information.

## 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 with 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

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

*Geoff Matthews*

Principal

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## QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD COURSE

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I would like more information, please contact me

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