



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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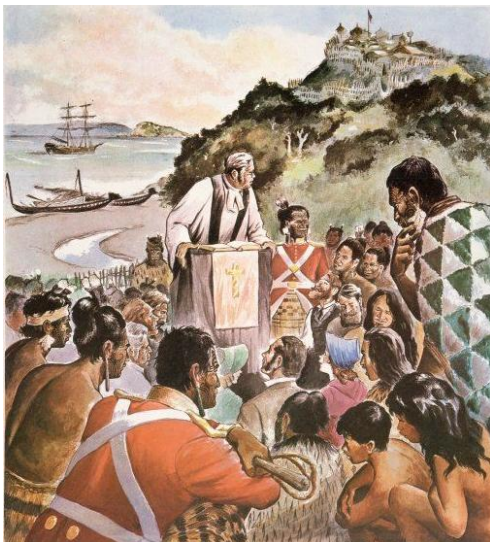
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Dear Parents

Hebron Christian College is very blessed to use the “Interact” curriculum – a curriculum that doesn’t just “Christianise” normal school subjects but is based on God and his character so that *they (our children) may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge* Colossians 2:3 The Apostle Paul tells us in the book of Romans that when we understand the nature of God and his invisible qualities, we will see these qualities displayed in everyday creation, in the world around us Romans 1:20 So the author of this curriculum, Mrs Helen Pearson, ex-Principal of KingsWay Christian School, selects a quality of God and from that quality, highlights units in oral and written language, reading, social studies, health, science and art that amplify that quality. Consequently, the children learn about God and the world around them in a “synchronised” manner where God receives the credit for his creation and unlike state curriculum, is recognised for who he is – the Lord of all creation in whom we live and breathe and have our being. Acts 17:28



Our primary and intermediate students have the theme “God is Peace” running through their Term 1 studies. The word which the Bible uses to describe the peace of God is *shalom*, which means to be *well, happy, complete, in good health, prosperous, to be whole, and wholly* [Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance]. God wants us to know that kind of peace, through a relationship with God.



God is also a peacemaking God. The stories throughout the Bible show how God tries to bring peace to people when they are hurt, angry, fearful, despondent, or just feeling generally unhappy and unwell. God enables us to become *peacemakers* who help to reconcile people with God and with each other. The books of the Bible we will focus on are *Exodus 1-18* and *Mark*, both of which focus on the saving grace of a God who reaches into our world to bring peace to difficult situations.

The story of New Zealand’s early history is, as in most countries, a story of conflict and attempts at resolution. However, the history of Aotearoa is also an amazing story of the influence of the gospel on the founding of a nation. In *Social Science*, we will learn about conflicts and peacemakers in our nation’s past.

Our *Health* study this term teaches us how to deal with conflicts within ourselves and with others, helping us to restore peace in our relationships.

In *Science*, we will focus on Sound and Electrical Energy. In passing, we are reminded that just as electrical energy is harnessed for good, so our energy can be harnessed for the benefit of others and not their harm.

Our investigations will help us to learn new habits such as *Diplomacy and Finding Humour*. Often we find that the ability to find humour in difficult situations softens our relationships and lays a foundation for peace and joy.

As we learn this term, we can celebrate the power of the gospel in changing lives, in bringing people to peace with God and with each other, be inspired by *peacemakers* of the past, to be the *peacemakers* of the future.

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

THE QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

22 men have registered for and attended the first workshop working their way through the "Quest for Authentic Manhood" series. I attended the first meeting last Wednesday night and was thoroughly blessed to mix with these men who desire to be better men, better fathers and better husbands.



The Ironmen Group is capably led by our Hebron dad, George Douglas, who has put considerable effort into running the group and workshops such as these. More information on the workshop and the other activities promoted by Ironmen can be accessed from their website at <http://www.ironmen.org.nz>

or twitter <http://www.twitter.com/nzironmen>

YEAR 13 COMMUNITY SERVICE

This afternoon, the Year 13 students visited the Everill Orr Village as part of their community service activity. Some girls from the class baked muffins, some baked scones with fresh cream and jam, some made fudge and also cakes. They served their baking with juice whilst serenading them with the violin, piano and the guitar. They also mixed and chatted with the residents, bringing a smile to some faces. They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and are grateful for the experience. They were a testimony to God's love and grace.



The students singing to the residents



Aimee Humphries chatting with a lady

SCHOOL POOL CLOSED THIS WEEK

The school swimming had to be closed this week because of the cloudiness of the water. Pool experts now believe the problem is within our filtering system and is nothing to do with chemical imbalance, etc. A company is quoting on vacuuming out all the sand in the filter and replacing with new sand. We are hoping the work will be done very soon and the pool can be opened up for swimming during these very hot weeks.

GUITAR TUITION

We have found a replacement for our very popular guitar tutor, Mr Christian Stafford, who is now teaching fulltime in the Waiarapa. Here are the details:

Hi there! I'm **Avril Greybe** and I'm going to be taking guitar lessons at Hebron Christian College starting this term. I've recently married Byron, the Hebron English/Classics/German teacher's son.

I currently teach singing at Kingsway School and teach guitar from my home studio and I'm excited about teaching guitar at Hebron this year. I started teaching after I studied vocals & guitar at Excel School of Performing arts in 2005. I have been



singing and playing guitar as a worship leader for about 9 years, so I am looking forward to being involved with the worship bands at Hebron. I am also a singer/songwriter. I recorded and released a small album in 2008. You can listen to some of my music and see me if you go to www.avrilmoore.com. I have been writing and performing my own songs since I was about 14. This includes playing at Parachute Music Festival 4 years in a row from 2006.

Lessons will take place on **Tuesdays** only between **9:00am and 4:00pm**. Lessons are 30mins and cost \$16 in a group of 2 and \$27 for an individual lesson.

If you would like to sign up for guitar lessons, please contact me: Email: avril@nznet.co.nz or Phone: (09) 441 2371 or 021 025 60 300

The details I will need are:

- That you are wanting your child to have lessons at Hebron
- Parent/guardians name
- Childs name, age and classroom
- Your contact details - phone number and email address
- If you would like your child to have a one on one lesson or a lesson in a group of 2

SCHOOL PHOTO

A high quality photo was taken of the school today after we had successfully completed a fire evacuation drill. Copies can be produced for parent purchase. More details later.



CAMP & ACTIVITY FEES

Parents of Year 5 – Year 13 students attending our camps this year from 1st-4th March will be direct debited for these camps on **1st March**. The Activity Fee which covers items such as cooking ingredients, art material taken home, Hard Materials Technology projects, etc will not be direct debited to parents of Year 7-10 students **until 1st April** as we are aware the start of the year is an expensive time for parents of school children and spreading the costs can be a life saver!

Please contact the school bursar, Mrs Jan Nyemetz, if you wish to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

MISCELLANEOUS

Missing

Boys PE Shirt named "Michael Tassie" and school cap went missing this week. Please check your son/ Daughters PE gear.

Mothers help needed

I am looking for a responsible mature teenager to help out with my 3 pre-school children, several times a week after school. This will not be a sole charge position. My preference would be that you are within close walking distance from 54 Allendale Road. If you are interested please contact Rachel on 815 70 30 or rgoulter@gmail.com for more information. (Mission team members...here's a good way to raise your trip funds!)

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews

Principal