



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

The terrible earthquake in Christchurch and the loss of life has been on all our minds and there has been much discussion in classes and devotion times about this event. We have received written and oral reports from families living in Christchurch who are connected with Hebron staff, students or are ex-Hebron staff/students. I include an email received today from Christchurch Christian School principals:



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Christchurch Christian School principals met this morning and wish to convey our deep gratitude for the messages of support and particularly the prayers that are coming before the throne of our Almighty God.

This earthquake as you already know, is so different to the September earthquake. The loss of life and tragic circumstances many people in Christchurch are in is at times unbelievable. We do not fully know of the impact on our school community as many are unable to make contact and indeed have greater priorities to deal with at present.

A summary of what we know currently for the Christian Schools in Christchurch is as follows:

For all schools – each school has a number of staff and pupil families whose houses range from severely damaged (uninhabitable) to slight damage. I won't repeat information regarding water, power etc that you can glean from the TV/radio.

- Hillview Christian School – property damage at this school is the greatest from amongst the Christian schools. A number of buildings will require repair, large internal contents damage (eg Science Lab equipment), and a lot of silt in the school grounds. There has been great support from within their school community and other Christian schools to clean up their grounds.*
- Rangiora New Life School – no damage*
- Aidanfield Christian School – minimal damage to buildings, some damage to grounds (silting etc).*
- Emmanuel Christian School – minimal damage to buildings, some damage to grounds (silting etc)*
- Middleton Grange School – no structural damage, minor internal.*

In terms of support for the schools in Christchurch, the principals are asked for the following: first and foremost for prayer! Pray that God would guide us all as we deal with the inevitable grief of dealing with lost ones, with staff and children who are unsettled physically and emotionally (this earthquake is much more severe than the first one).

There is no immediate need for material items (food etc) as the support agencies in Christchurch have this well in hand. We would also find it difficult to get these items to the right people as the roading system in the areas of highest need is practically impassable.

If a school community wishes to do some form of tangible support our suggestion is messages of support to the schools, in time cards could be written to pupils showing their support (we can distribute these amongst the schools) and financial support.

We decided that if a school wishes to raise funds for staff and families in our school communities who have need, the best option is to direct these funds to John Norsworthy, NZACS bank account. NZ Association for Christian Schools, ANZ, Mt Roskill, 01 0183 0171370 00, Reference: EQ Funds. The Christchurch principals will then get together to distribute these funds as appropriate.

It will take quite some time before we get back to any form of normality in Christchurch however our hope and trust is in our Faithful God and that He watches over us. Some parts of Christchurch are severely damaged (as per the media), but many other parts are relatively unscathed.

We are blessed in Christchurch with a strong sense of unity and community amongst the Christian Schools and we are seeing the strength of that in these difficult times. Having a formal network of schools in place with a coordinator is very helpful in such circumstances.

Given the circumstances we also decided to cancel the South Island Christian Teachers Conference. This is because facilities will not be ready, the need for the planning committee to focus on their schools etc. We will encourage a number of our staff to go to the North Island Conference at the end of term 2.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ

Christchurch Principals

Classes have been discussing ways of helping our “brothers and sisters” in the city and activities are starting to happen. Our Year 8 class brought baking today which they sold to staff and students and raised **\$362**. Wow...great work Room 11. Our Year 9 class have been emailing all the Christian schools in Christchurch offering their condolences and support, telling them they have been praying for them. Awesome Year 9s! There will be more activities in the coming days and weeks so watch this space.

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

JUNIOR ATHLETIC SPORTS

On Thursday 24 February, the Junior School had their 2011 Athletics Day. The fantastic weather brought many parents and friends to support our future "Olympians" in action. Many records were broken, to the delight of our young athletes. Mrs Sharon Turner, Hebron mother, proved once again to be the “MC extraordinaire” for our annual event. A most wonderful and successful day was enjoyed by all. House points are (for Sprints & relays):

First Green with 18 points
Second Blue with 17 points
Third Yellow with 12 points
Fourth Red with 7 points.



HEBRON POOL UP AND RUNNING



The school swimming pool is now back in operation after it was completely drained and refilled. On Tuesday next week, the filter tank will be completely emptied of sand and replaced with a new filter product. This will, we believe, give us sparkling crystal clear water. We plan to paint the interior and exterior of the pool at the close of the swimming season.

Our pool, originally built for Karitane nurses to swim in is costly to run and maintain but invaluable in teaching Hebron students to swim and build water confidence.

COMING UP...

MIDDLE AND SECONDARY CAMPS

Next week our Middle School children (Y5-Y8) will head off to their annual school camp at Willow Park Camp, Eastern Beach for 4 days starting on Tuesday. On the same day our secondary students (Y9-Y13) head off to Raglan to stay at Karakariki Christian Camp, returning on Friday.

Why do we organise camps during school time? Our “Education Outside the Classroom” policy document states the following rationale and goals:

RATIONALE

Social, emotional, physical and spiritual development, and learning in all curriculum areas, are enhanced by providing relevant, enjoyable opportunities to explore and learn beyond the normal school environment.



GOALS

- To encourage children's learning through firsthand experiences which cannot be duplicated within the classroom
- To assist the social development of our children by giving them the opportunity to live, work and co-operate with others
- To assist in increasing confidence, independence and responsibility through meeting new challenges and taking appropriate risks
- To develop skills in observation, recording, reporting and organisation
- To increase knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the school area, local district, and other places, including some unfamiliar places
- To develop an attitude and awareness of taking some responsibility towards their own safety and that of others
- To enhance spiritual development through Bible study, worship and guest speakers
- To provide an opportunity for our students to serve others in need.



Please prayer with us that both camps will be successful ventures and all participants will have a fruitful and enjoyable time. And...special thanks to the teachers for giving up family time to run these camps and for the parents who are attending to assist with supervision and help.

BOOKS CHANGE LIVES



Jaime Sisarich relaxing with her book in the library

March is New Zealand Book Month. To celebrate this, all schools have been sent free vouchers to give to every student. This voucher is valid for the month of March and gives \$5 off any book worth \$10 or more from a participating bookshop.

The primary school were given their vouchers this Friday at their afternoon assembly. The rest of the school will be given their vouchers during form time on Monday.

There is also a competition for students to write about their Reading Superheroes – that is, the person who works at their school who reads to them and makes books exciting. Please see Mrs Huston for more details.

MISSION FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for our bi-annual Mission Trip is about to get underway. Twenty-two students and 4 teachers will be travelling to Tanzania in mid-July to work in the New Life Foundation Orphanage, serving the very poorest of this world. Our fundraising will not only help the students with their travel costs but will also help us raise a sizeable donation to go towards the orphanage for their work with 450+ children.

VEGETABLE CO-OP

- A Vege Co-op commences on **Wednesday 9th March and every Wednesday thereafter.**
- Orders must be received **by Monday** prior to Wednesday delivery
- 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.(See attached Publisher document for more details or click "Newsletters" on the school website).
- Pay for ten weeks and get 5% discount.



- Three methods of ordering...
 1. Dropping form into box in school foyer (attached 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

HEBRON DANCE GROUP

The Hebron Dance Group has started – after school in the school hall, Tuesdays 3 – 3.45pm. We are doing ribbon dancing this term, with an aim for an Easter Performance at the end of the term. New members welcome! Come along (with parental permission) and learn new skills and flexibility as we worship God.

LYNFIELD HONEY SALE



I have started harvesting my honey crop and the new season's honey will be available from Monday. The crop is slightly darker this year due to the reduced Pohutakawa honey intake because of the rain and wind at the time of the Pohutakawa bloom.



The 1kg pots are available in the foyer.

Cost for Hebron families will be:

500g Pot	\$4:50 (inc 50c Hebron discount)
1kg Pot	\$7.00 (inc \$1.00 Hebron discount)

All profits from the honey sales go to the New Life Foundation orphanage in Tanzania.

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews

Principal