



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

It has been my pleasure to visit our Middle School and Secondary camps during this week. Both camps led by our senior teachers, Mr Bruce Breetvelt and Mr Allan Randall, supported by enthusiastic teachers and parent volunteers, were packed with exciting activities and many outdoor learning experiences, challenging the students to “step up a gear”.

The teachers and students at the secondary camp at Karakariki (between Hamilton and Raglan) had just emerged from underground caves when I arrived and were all quite excited about squirming through muddy caverns and wading through underground streams, seeing glow worms, etc. None seemed to suffer from claustrophobia and all spoke positively about the experience.



After a delicious meal and some free time, the students assembled for camp devotions. The guest speaker was Cindy Ruakere, a NZ evangelist and gospel singer (see: <http://www.cindyruakere.com>) who not only sang some of her amazing songs but challenged the students to live wholeheartedly for God. Cindy's recently released rendition of the NZ National Anthem is, as a result of the Christchurch earthquake, being constantly played on most NZ radio stations – it is the No.1 song! You can listen to all 5 verses of the song by going to Cindy's website (see above). On Thursday morning I accompanied the staff and students on a tour of the Hamilton museum while others undertook rock climbing at the

local Rocknasium). Then it was off to the Middle School camp at Eastern Beach.

The Middle School staff had a whole lot of activities planned for the Y5-8 students accommodated at Willow Park Christian Camp. Upon arriving, I found groups kayaking, swimming, painting, sand sculpturing, playing golf, volleyball badminton and soccer. I did not hear the camp speaker, Mr Lew Meyer, speak but was told by many teachers and parents that his talks were excellent and very well received by the students. I did stay for the concert and we all had a few chuckles with some of the antics of our students.



Kayaking



Thursday night concert

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

2 MINUTE SILENCE FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The 4 Junior classes remaining in the school this week, along with staff, held a 2-minute prayer time for the Christchurch earthquake victims at 12:09pm on Tuesday, exactly 1 week after the earthquake struck.

The children have been praying for the Christ-church families regularly.



HEBRON POOL FILTER UPGRADE



The school swimming pool filter sand was emptied out of the holding tank and replaced with a superior product that will keep our pool water completely filtered from all manner of gremlins. The water is now crystal clear.

Once the swimming season is over, we hope to empty the pool and repaint the internal and exterior walls. We may also change the configuration of the pool cover and re-position it at the other end of the pool. More about this later...

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**.
- 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

Family Carnival at Potters Park

Date: Sunday 6th March 2011

Time: 3.00 pm to 6.30 pm

Venue: Potters Park, Corner of Dominion & Balmoral Roads, Mt Eden

Come and celebrate NZ National Children's Day while enjoying a day of fabulous fun, food & entertainment for the whole family!

Fun Zone: Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Pin the Tail, Magnetic Fishing, Grid Hunt & more!

Games / Sports for the family - hosted by the Crackerjack Kids team, their Sports Ambassadors and Members of the Burger King Breakers basketball team

Food Stalls, Sausage sizzle, Coffee, Ice-Creamor simply '**Pack a Picnic**'!

Live Entertainment from Aqstik Soul

Charity Auction & Fun Prizes to be won!

Have an enjoyable weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews

Principal

