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Dear Parents

SEVEN THINGS YOU'LL NEVER REGRET

We mortal do many things we later regret. Our less-than-perfect human natures are such that we disappoint God, others and ourselves on a regular basis. There are things we can do, however, that are guaranteed never to disappoint . never to bring regrets:

1) Worship God.

A.W. Towser said, %Worship should be the normal employment of the Christian.+

The highest form of human expression is our praise to God. Consider the following phrases from the Bible:

- *“Give unto the Lord the glory due His name”* 1Chron.16:29
- *“Oh come, let us worship...”* Ps95:6
- *“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve”* Matt 4:10

If you are a born again believer in Jesus Christ . worship the Lord. Youd never regret it! Read Rev 5:12

2) Show kindness to an aged person:

The Psalmist David wrote, *“Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth”* Ps 71:9. We have a special obligation to not only provide materially for the aged, but to show love and compassion for them. We would do well to ask for their counsel from time to time. They have accumulated wisdom over the years that can be extremely valuable to use if we will take time to listen. We should train our children to respect not only their %parent eldersqbut also their %grandparent elders+Wed not regret it in our old age.



3) Lead another person to Jesus.

I am sure you have seen bumper stickers that read, %Smile . God loves you+or %Jesus Lives.+Bumper sticker evangelism is good but it can never take the place of a bornqagain believer leading someone to Jesus. If you have experienced the remarkable release of sins forgiven and the inner peace that only Christ gives, then share your experience with others. Begin with your own family. Lead your children to Jesus. Youd never regret it.

4) Do not react with anger to an injustice.

Wise King Solomon wrote, *“The discretion of a man deferreth his anger, and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.”* Prov 19:11. People hurt people . sometimes intentionally and sometimes unintentionally. The Bible again and again admonishes us to react not in anger but with kindness. *“...Do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you...”* Matt 5:44. If you are tempted to write a letter in anger . dond do it. Draw upon the grace of God and learn to %pass over a transgression.+Train your children to do the same. Youd never regret it.

5) Provide you children with a Christian education.



Have you heard the phrase, %Christian education doesnq cost . it pays+? Its true! Nearly all of us who send our children to Christian schools do so at considerable financial sacrifice. However, the down-range benefits are well worth the investment. Even more important than the academic advantage of Christian school education is the daily instruction of Biblical principles. Academics stripped of Bible-centred moral instruction is cruel and heartless. Cold academics without Christ deprives children and young people of a complete education. Christian school education brings it all together. It provides children with the total picture. It is well worth the investment.

7) Show kindness to your children.

The apostle Paul wrote, *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly (sisterly) love; in honour preferring one another”* Rom 12:10. Do things on purpose for your children that can only be regarded as acts of kindness. We need to balance our role as parent drill sergeants with genuine parental love and kindness. Hug and kiss your kids often. Tell them that you love and care for them. I am absolutely sure . youd never regret it.



Because we are still on planet earth and less than perfect, we will have regrets along the way. We often learn the hard way. Someone said, *“Experience is the only teacher who gives the test before explaining the lesson.”* But we can minimize the regrets of life if we will lean heavily upon the Lord for His daily direction¹.

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

Our Reward Has Arrive!

Our reward for the collection of 1000+ old & retired cellphones has arrivedō a Smartboard! And what is a Smartboard (brand name for an activeboard)??? It is a PC, a VCR, a flipchart, a PowerPoint, a DVD player, the Internet, a TV for special events and more. An activeboard is attached to a PC, either a laptop or a desktop and a digital projector. They come with speakers to project sound to the audience. Can you imagine showing a video or DVD of Martin Luther King, pausing the DVD during *“Have a Dream”*, changing to the PC in two clicks where you have flipchart or a web page showing something that you want to focus on at that point in the speech, then switching back to the DVD to continue where you stopped? You can even have the students use the activeboard to answer questions about the DVD and the Flipchart lesson afterwards using handheld devices that captures student responses by asking students to make a choice. A mini quiz without the students knowing it. The kids think it’s a game, answer the question right and be the first or get the most questions correct.



The children in all the Hebron classes who have used the activeboard have gained great enjoyment and stimulation from it. It’s interactive, it’s entertaining, they get to use it and most important, they listen to the lesson. From my life experiences, when someone enjoys doing something they tend to pay better attention, learn more and retain it better. The activeboards are by no means the only way we should teach, not at all. We should be doing some things the old fashioned way, like writing and reading. We shouldn’t stop going on field trips just because the activeboards can go just about anywhere, while it doesn’t have to move from the room. We shouldn’t stop going outside, sitting at a set of lunch benches and reading out loud with our students.

Two more activeboards will be installed in the school on trial and with fundraising hope to, one day, have one in every classroom in the school.

UNITEC Partnership

Hebron Christian College has, for some years, been involved in a partnership with the UNITEC School of Sports whereby UNITEC students practise their sport teaching skills on our students under the supervision of Hebron & UNITEC staff. Our secondary students benefit from this partnership greatly but our Middle school students received the benefit today and will do again on Monday next week. Under the direction of Hebron mum and UNITEC lecturer, Cheryl Henderson, 20 students worked with our Year 5 and 6 students today, teaching them ball handling and kicking skills.



Immunisation Records

Thank you to those parents who have forwarded their child/ren's immunisation records so that we can get our immunisation register up-to-date. This information is essential in light of a recent measles outbreak in our school and the need to protect those who aren't (or cannot be) immunised. If you haven't already passed this information onto the school office, could you do so please.

COMING UP

Market Day



Market Day is coming around again **on Tuesday** for Year 9 and Year 10 students in Consumer Economics. Our emerging entrepreneurs will make Market Day a fun experience for the primary students to buy all sorts of treats and novelties at lunchtime, so bring some spending money!

As you can see in this photo of a previous market day, the hall was absolutely buzzing at lunchtime with the sale of good wholesome food and drinks (or not!) along with a range of other activities, until most of the stalls eventually sold out.

Market day is a great confidence builder for the students involved and after repaying expenses, they get to keep the profits.

Kids for Kids Concert

Our school choir have been learning songs to perform in the World Vision **Kids for Kids Concert** next Tuesday evening at the Bruce Mason Centre. World Vision's Kids for Kids is a popular concert series that has been held around New Zealand every year for the last 18 years, and involves thousands of Kiwi kids. Led by Suzanne Prentice, OBE, the event is a unique opportunity for children to participate in an inspirational mass choir performance that not only celebrates their musical achievements, but also encourages them, their families and school communities to make a difference in the lives of children around the globe. During the concert, Suzanne will talk about her own experience as a child sponsor, and share how Child Sponsorship not only changes the lives of children living in poverty, but also has a positive impact on the lives of Kiwi kids.



Hebron Dads Night...Mon 28th Nov

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Calling all Hebron Fathers + friends . Final Hebron Dads Night for 2011, circle Monday 28th November in your calendar now, you will not want to miss this one!

As men we like to finish strong and that is what we are doing on Monday 28th November with the final Hebron Dads night for 2011, come along and hear a fantastic, high impact guest speaker . Pat Buckley and enjoy a night of great fellowship with other men.



Our special guest speaker is Pat Buckley, one of the founding members of Amped4Life Trust, Tauranga. In 1977 at the age of 12 he started using drugs. At the age of 14 he started injecting narcotics. He spent 18 years stuck in the drug world, hopelessly addicted and looking for answers. Over the years he's buried 52 of his friends as a result of drug abuse. Pat himself has flat lined clinically died three times. After this third experience, he knew enough was enough and decided to face his addiction or die. After two and a half years in rehab and finding Jesus Christ, he emerged a changed man. Now he speaks to thousands of young people across New Zealand every year, giving them the critical life skills and insights they needed to make informed and healthy choices for their lives. Come along and hear Pat, it will be challenging and encouraging.

This will be an encouraging and helpful evening for all fathers, a good opportunity to have supper and catch up with some of the other Dads in the school. Please feel free to invite your friends to this men's event. We hope to see you all there. please RSVP to scott@ironmen.org.nz or phone Scott on 0274 845 773 or George on 0274 724 663 or george@ironmen.org.nz or at the school office for catering purposes.

Christmas in Rocket Park

Hebron Christian College, for the last 3 years, has supported and performed in the local Mt. Albert Christmas in Rocket Park and it has been a wonderful opportunity for the school to witness to the love of God in our local community and allow the same community to see and hear a little more of our school. We will, again, perform at this year's event which will occur on **Sunday 27th November starting around 6:30pm**. So circle this date on the family calendar and come along for a great night's Christmas entertainment.



Old **jandals** are needed for party of this event. Can you drop any old jandals in the box in the foyer as they are urgently needed for one of the items?



HELP NEEDED

Help is requested in by two Hebron staff

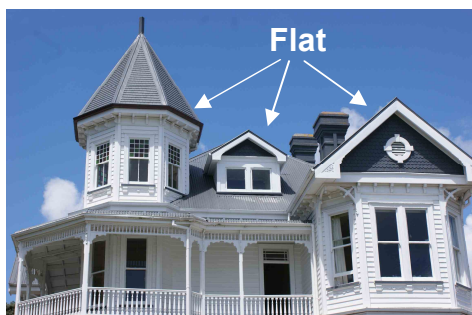
- 1. Touch Rugby Coaching** We have entered teams in the upcoming Auckland Christian Schools Touch Rugby Tournament on 22nd November but need some volunteer coaches to help the staff train up our teams. Can YOU commit to a session or two with one or some of our teams during school time or after school? Please contact Miss Hart or email cassieh@hebron.ac.nz Thanks
- 2. Intermediate Club Programme** Next year's intermediate classes will be having a club programme on Wednesday afternoons and adult volunteers are needed to help with some of the options such as ice skating, robotics/lego, chess, gardening and garden to table enviro concept, garden art including mosaics, painting on iron, Trash to Fashion and any suggestions would be most welcome. Please contact Mrs Scott if you can help at ruths@hebron.ac.nz

Miscellaneous

TO RENT

Two accommodation areas in the school will become available soon:

Rahiri Mansion Flat



The Conways have bought a house and are vacating the Rahiri flat around mid-December. 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!

School House

The teacher and 3 university students currently renting the school house are vacating it in 2 weeks time and it will be available for rent. 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! Contact me for more information if interested.



Geoff Matthews
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