



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

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Dear Parents

## WELCOME

I welcome back to Hebron Christian College all our families from last year and extend a warm welcome to all our new families for the 2008 school year. Our roll is **308**, the largest starting roll ever. The New Year has got off to a good start and classes are already churning out some great work including Mrs Seah's New Entrant class (right).



## NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN



Our past School Board Chairman, Mr John Blaiklock, resigned from his position at our December Board meeting after leading the school for 4 years. Mr **Adam Berry**, has taken up the role of Board Chairman and **Mr Gary Shuttleworth** will be the Deputy Chairman.

## FAREWELL

We farewell our long-serving Junior School teacher aide, **Mrs Gael Laughland** next Friday. Gael is already working at the local Salvation Army Church in youth ministry and needs more flexibility with her hours. We thank Gael for her huge contribution to the school and her awesome support of our Junior School teachers.



### **New Teacher Aide Needed**

We are now on the lookout for a new teacher aide. Hours would be 9:00am to 12:10pm from Monday to Friday (or could be reduced to Wednesday to Friday). Training given on the job. If interested, ask the office staff for a Job Description.

## TREMENDOUS NCEA RESULTS

Our senior secondary students who studied for National Certificate of Education Achievement gained commendable results, overall, in last year's examinations, the results of which were recently released to schools. Our Year 11 students gained a 96% pass rate with only 1 new student to the school not passing. The Year 13 pass rate was 83% with 50% of the students being Endorse with Merit. Well done students and teachers – your efforts have been crowned with success.

## NEW FAMILIES GET-TOGETHER

A special evening is being planned for new Hebron families on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**. If your family is new to the school, circle this date on your calendar and ensure that you come. An invitation will accompany this newsletter explaining the nature of the evening, meal arrangements, etc.

## START & FINISH TIMES

Start and finish times for primary and secondary children are:

### Primary (NE – Y7/Y8)

Start 8:45am                      Finish              3:00pm

### Secondary (Y8-Y12)

Start 8:45am                      Finish              3:15pm

## PICKUP TIMES

The finish times for primary and secondary students have been purposely staggered in order to reduce traffic congestion. Would parents please note the following advice for picking up children:

1. **Parents of ONLY primary (Junior and Middle School) children** are asked to pick up their children between **3:00pm and 3:15pm**.
2. **Parents/drivers of Secondary (or Primary AND Secondary children)** are asked to pick up their children **after 3:15pm. Preferably after 3:20pm**. (Please refrain from coming to school before 3:15pm).

## LATENESS & ABSENCES

### LATENESS

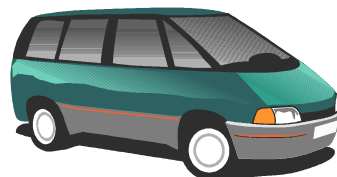
All children (primary and secondary) arriving to school after the start time **MUST** report to the school office and sign in. This needs to be done for safety and security reasons. Regular lateness is not acceptable and parents are required to have their children in class **BEFORE** the start time each day.

### ABSENCES

If your child is sick and cannot attend school or will be late for some unavoidable reason, you must inform the classroom teacher or the school office (ph 846-2159) **before school starts**. If your child has to leave school during the day or is required to leave early, the school needs to be informed prior to the departure. Secondary students are also required to sign out (and if returning, sign in) at the school office.

## TRAFFIC & PARKING

For the benefit of new families, I would bring to your attention traffic and parking arrangements that **must be observed in and around the school**. The Auckland City Council requires these rules be followed as a result of the 350 roll maximum that was allowed.



- Endeavour to drop off and pick up your child(ren) **outside** the school grounds
- **Only** park on the **SCHOOL SIDE** of **McLean St and Allendale Rd**. The Council does NOT permit Hebron families to park on the other side of the road during dropoff and pickup time.
- New Entrant families should park on Allendale Rd and use the perimeter gate beside the New Entrant room, thus avoiding using the back carpark

- If using the front entrance in McLean St, **do not park your car and leave it**, but drop off or pick up your child(ren) and leave the carpark immediately. Cars can only be parked for a **maximum of 5mins** in the front carpark – this is an Auckland City requirement in allowing us extra pupils on the site.
- **Drive around the school in an anti-clockwise direction** ie up Allendale Rd and down McLean St
- Do not **block cars in the school garage or the driveway leading down to the back of the school where the staff park their cars**. The staff and service vehicles need to use this driveway between the hours of 7.00am to 10.00pm.

**PLEASE DRIVE ULTRA SLOWLY** in and around the school to avoid accidents. Be **SUPER CAREFUL** when reversing as some of our very young children walk/run very close to parked cars!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



By now, all students should be dressed in the correct summer school uniform. All items **must be named** as items found in and around the school are very hard to return to the rightful owner if un-named.

A primary uniform check will be undertaken next **Monday** (9<sup>th</sup> February) and parents will be informed of uniform deficiencies if applicable.

Students and parents are reminded that the uniform must be worn correctly at all times, including the home-to-school and school-to-home times. In particular, boys' shirts must be tucked into their pants/ trousers and boys' socks must be

pulled up and not worn around the ankles.

**Reminder...**The only sandal permitted to be worn at Hebron Christian College is the **McKinley Black Safari** sandal. They can only be worn in Terms 1 and 4 and only without socks.



## COMMUNICATION

I endeavour to communicate with the parent body as regularly as possible and therefore publish a newsletter **every Friday afternoon**. This year, the newsletter will be emailed to all families, - NOT given out in paper form, in order to save money. The weekly newsletter can also be downloaded from the school website and can be located at: [www.hebron.ac.nz/newsletterterm1.htm](http://www.hebron.ac.nz/newsletterterm1.htm) . Families who don't have internet/email facilities can obtain a paper newsletter from the school office each Friday afternoon for a small charge. Please complete the attached Database questionnaire and return to school so that we can have email addresses to send the newsletter.

## ORCHESTRA

Mrs Rauch, our primary music teacher, is keen to start up an orchestra in the school. Children who have learned (or are learning) to play a brass or woodwind instrument should register their interest by completing a form on a recently distributed "Music Theatre Tuition" newsletter and return the slip to the school office. a copy from the school office.



## FRIDAY – “WHEELIE DAY”

Friday is "Wheel Day" - the day in which pupils can bring skateboards, roller blades or scooters to school. Monday to Thursday are "Wheel-free Days".

## INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS

Student photos will be taken **next Friday 13th February**. Families will be given a photo pack for each child and invited to purchase the photos or else return the pack to school. (Cost: Individuals: \$20 or \$52 for 3 or more siblings, )

### Secondary ID Cards

Secondary students require an ID card which will double as a library card. **\$5** needs to be handed into their home room teachers next week to pay for it.

### Sibling Photos

Phone the school office (846-2159) on Monday morning before 9:00am if you want a **sibling** photo taken. These photos will only be taken IF TIME ALLOWS. There will be NO family (inc Mum & Dad) photos this year. Sibling photos: \$30 for 12 photos

## HEBRON CHEFS HEAD FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION



In October 2008, 50 schools were auditioned for a Television Cooking Competition and Hebron Christian College was selected to be one of the 16 schools to compete in Wellington next week. Three Year 11 students will represent our school... (l to r) Clarence Molinyawe, Dawn Chen and Kirsten Whittington will fly to Wellington on Sunday night with our Cooking teacher, Mrs Barbara Hart to take part in the competition which will screen on TV around June. All the best Hebron chefs!

## MISCELLANEOUS

### LYNFIELD HONEY SALE

My honey is still available but I have sold out of the smaller pots. The 1kg pots are available in the foyer. Cost for 1 kg to Hebron families is **\$6.00** which includes a \$1.50 discount. Profits go to the New Life Foundation orphanage in Tanzania.



### BIKES & SPORTS GEAR FOR SALE

Brand new bikes and sports gear (can be viewed at school main entrance) are being sold though the school to raise money for the Africa mission. They will be on display this week and next week. Check out the amazing prices, buy some goodies and support the mission.



Have an enjoyable Waitangi Weekend with the family.

*Geoff Matthews*  
**Principal**