



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 2010 school year. Our roll is **276**. The New Year has got off to a good start and classes are already churning out some great work including the 6 New Entrants starting school for the first time in Mrs Seah's New Entrant class (right).



NEW STAFF

We welcome two newly appointed staff members to our school:



Mrs Rachel van Polanen (left), mother of Elise in Year 11, takes up a small German language teaching role with our Junior secondary students, a position vacated by Mrs Illingworth who has moved to Australia.

Mrs Jenny Clague (right), mother of Douglas (Y12), Thomas (Y10), Jason (Y9) and Emily (Y7), has been appointed to a teacher aide position vacated by Mrs Sherrie Ravlich who has moved to a full-time position at Mt. Roskill Grammar School.



RETURNING...



We have two staff members whose school start has been delayed a little. **Mrs Mabel Mathew** (left), our secondary maths and science teacher, had to organise a rush trip to India to visit her seriously sick father. She will be back with us on Monday. **Mrs Debbie Airey**, our Junior School teacher aide, had to travel to Christchurch to support an ailing mother but she will be back with us on Monday too.



RECOVERING...

Mr Grant Richardson (right), our Year 5 class teacher, is recovering in Auckland Hospital with 4 or 5 broken ribs and a fractured scapula after falling off his bike on the way to school yesterday morning. Mr Pederson is relieving in his class in the meantime.



SHORT DEPARTURE...

Mr Christian Stafford (left), our secondary music teacher, will be away for the next two weeks attending a family wedding and reunion in Australia. A music reliever will take his classes next week.



GET-TOGETHER FOR NEW FAMILIES

A special evening is being planned for new Hebron families on **Wednesday 10th 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 – Y8)

Start 8:45am Finish 3:00pm (On Thursday, Y7 & Y8 will finish at 3:15pm)

Secondary (Y9-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

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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.

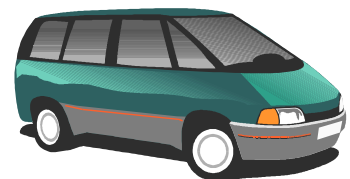
ABSENCES

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** (8th 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.

NEW UNIFORM SHOP HOURS ARE:

Monday 8.30 - 9.30

Tuesday 2.30 - 3.30

if Monday is a public holiday, the shop will open on **Tuesday morning and afternoon.**

PE GEAR

The P.E. gear have arrived, these can now be purchased from Monday onwards.

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: <http://www.hebron.ac.nz/newsletter/> . Families who don't have internet/email facilities can obtain a paper newsletter from the school office each Friday afternoon.

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 12th February**. Families will be given a consent form today in which they consent to/consent NOT to have a photo pack produced and hand out for purchase consideration (no obligation to buy) Cost: \$25 per pack or a maximum of \$65 for 3 or more packs.)

Secondary ID Cards

Secondary students (Y9-13) require an ID card which will double as a Hebron library card. **\$5** needs to be handed into their home room teachers next week to pay for it.

JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT

Hebron Christian College will again host a visit by 23 Japanese high school students from 21st-31st March. The students, 10 boys and 13 girls, attend Hannan University High School are around 15 years old. They will receive English language tuition in our school during mornings and will integrate with our classes on four afternoons during their stay.



HOMESTAYS NEEDED

We now need to book up 23 Hebron families who could billet the students during their stay. Homestay families will be paid **\$300** for the 10-night stay and will also receive **\$56** for preparing 8 weekday lunches. Families will need to provide a bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner, wash clothes and assist with transport to and from school (bus/train fares paid by Japanese student). The student will stay with the family for the weekend during the visit (27/28 Mar) and you are welcome to take them to church, etc. If you can assist with billeting or would like more information, fill out the form which accompanies this newsletter and email back to me (principal@hebron.ac.nz) or hand into the office.

MINIBALL COMPETITION

The **Basketball Auckland Miniball Competition** at the **UNITEC Stadium** starts **next week** on Wednesday afternoon and will go through to 2nd December. (Miniball is a junior version of basketball played with lower hoops, smaller ball and less emphasis on technical rules). There will be 3 "leagues" during the year (see dates below). Each league will be approx 10 games.

The 26-min games will be played between **4pm and 6pm** on **Wednesday afternoons** for both **primary and intermediate teams**.

Dates & Costs:

Summer League	2 March – 21 May	\$60 per player
Winter League	8 June – 10 Sep	\$60 per player
Spring League	21 Sep – 17 Dec	\$60 per player

Uniform:

Years 5 & 6 School PE uniform, sports shoes & supplied bib
Years 7 & 8 School PE uniform, sports shoes & supplied bib



Training No basketball experience required. Lunchtimes and after school. Days and times to be advised when teams are formed.

Transport to Stadium & Home Parents of players will need to arrange transport to the stadium and from the stadium to home at the end of the game.

Please complete the slip below and hand into the school office by Monday 15th February to be considered for selection.

MISCELLANEOUS

LYNFIELD HONEY SALE



I have started harvesting my honey crop and the new season's honey will be available from Monday. Interestingly, the honey is very white this year being predominantly Pohutakawa honey. The 1kg pots are available in the foyer.



Cost for Hebron families will be:

500g Pot \$4:00 (inc 50c discount)

1kg Pot \$6.50 (inc \$1.00 discount)

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

NO FACILITIES FOR HEATING CHILDREN'S LUNCHES

The school has no facilities for heating children's lunches and for safety reasons, staff are instructed NOT to supply boiling water for children's noodle pottles, etc. Children should only bring cold lunches to school.

WANTED

The Soft Materials Technology classes are always in need of good pieces of fabric, buttons, trimmings, motifs, zips etc. If you can help with any of these, Mrs Hart would be most grateful to receive them from you

Have an enjoyable Waitangi Weekend with the family.

Geoff Matthews
Principal

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Student's Name(s) _____ Year Level ____ Boy/Girl _____

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Yes, my son(s)/daughter(s) would like to play in the Miniball Competition for...

Summer League

Winter League

Spring League

Yes, I am willing to be a game scorer.

Player fee(s) enclosed: \$ _____

Please pass into the office by Monday 15th Feb