



HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

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Dear Parents

I type this newsletter for you in Wellington where I am attending the annual New Zealand Christian Schools Association Leadership Conference. 105 Christian school principals and senior leaders have assembled to hear keynote speakers from Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand speaking about Christian school governance, management and leadership.

Brian Cox, CEO of the ISP chain of Christian schools in Jakarta, Indonesia challenged all of us to:

- Have our students from youngest to oldest read the Bible itself, rather than just books and helps about the Bible
- Don't emphasise character development with little attention to Christ who alone can develop true Christian character in our students
- Practise **KFC**...1. **Knowledge** of God 2. **Faith** in Christ...3. **Christian character** and in this order. (Note: same order as our school motto).

David Ismerai, Principal of Heights Christian College, Rockhampton, Queensland has been talking about "Holding to the Vision" – making sure your school or institution remains faithful to the original vision of the founders and does not become obsessed with reputation, success in the eyes of the world, etc. He pointed out that a large number of large US and UK institutions that are completely secular today started out as Bible-based, God-believing institutions when they were first started but the second and third generation stakeholders did not carry on the original intent of the founders, remaining faithful to God and Christian beliefs. Tomorrow we will learn how to safeguard the vision, become "keepers of the gate".

HEBRON HAPPENINGS

MAGGI KITCHEN SHOWDOWN

Our 4 Year 8 girls faced the TV cameras this week on Tuesday as part of the Maggi Kitchen Showdown competition. They were filmed in front of the school assembly on Tuesday morning then had to prepare a dish in the cooking room while being filmed the whole time. You will be able to see this on the Maggi and TVNZ websites shortly and even get the chance to vote our school into the semi finals



Mothers Day Craft Night

Report from organiser...Monique Douglas...



Thanks to Debbie Airey and Sandy Miller, our very talented mums who helped us create some wonderful crafts for our mothers last Friday (see photo). Over 20 mums and daughters gathered at Rahiri House and enjoyed lots of laughter, creativity, fellowship, fudge and of course dessert. Thanks to Suzanne Berry for assisting me and all those who helped with supper and the clean up – it was lovely to be able to take some time, relax and have a great night out.

COMING UP...

PETER PAN MUSICAL

Two Hebron students, Hayley Matthews & Rachel Salim, will be performing in the National Youth Theatre Company's production "Peter Pan" at the Aotea Centre in late May. Hebron NE-Y8 children and their parents are invited to view the production at a school matinee performance on **Friday afternoon 21st May**. We will be travelling to the show by bus, leaving the school at 11:30am and arriving back at school at around 2pm (tbc).

Entry for adults and children: **\$7.50ea** (\$35/\$30 for the public performances) and a bus charge of **\$6ea** is required for all attending students and adults. If you and/or your child/ren is/are keen to attend, complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher or hand into the school office

TEACHER-ONLY-DAY – FRIDAY 4th JUNE

Hebron families are reminded that **Friday 4th June** will be a teacher-only-day and school will not be open for instruction. All the staff will be involved in professional development training throughout the day.

PASTORS OPEN MORNING

We are planning an Open Morning for Pastors on **Wednesday 9th June** from **9:30am to 11:00am**. Every child in the school (NE-Y13) has been given an invitation to give to their pastor and/or Youth Leader, Sunday School teacher, etc. Can you remind your children to pass this/these invitation(s) to your church Pastor AND other leadership folk as soon as possible so that they can come along to school on this morning and see a Christian school in operation (many have never stepped into a Christian school) and catch up with their "church children" at their school. We will start at 9:30am and finish with a lovely morning tea at 10:30am. Also, please endeavour to get back the RSVP and return it to the school office to help us with catering on the day. Many thanks

SCHOOL GALA

LOLLIE NECKLACES

Preparations are underway for the school gala and **we need your help!** To make this gala successful we need to have a goal each week. To start off, this week we ask that each family brings a big bag of individually-wrapped hard lollies to make lollie necklaces for the Sweets Stall.



A box will be placed in the school foyer outside the school office for you to put the lollies in. We will organise a lunch time for parents and children to make the lollie necklaces together.

Thank you so much for your participation in this school gala. It will be successful because everyone helps out. God bless.

Next week we're collecting items for the lucky dip.
These must be new, nicely wrapped and clearly identified for boys or girls.
No more than \$5 per parcel. Items from the \$2 shop are fine.

CALLING ALL CRAFTSPEOPLE...

We NEED YOU to ...

- Help sell our goods
- Make some handsewn crafts – Christmas decorations
- Decorate boxes to sell sweets in
- Make some preserves

Items we NEED are...

- Preserving jars
- Bags of sugar

Please hand items into the office or contact
Sandy Miller, 624 2254 or 027 440 6668

ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2011

The Aspire Scholarship is a Government scheme which provides assistance for low income families towards the costs of private secondary schooling. The scholarship will contribute up to \$15,000 per year towards the tuition fees of a private school for the duration of a student's attendance at this school. It will also include a yearly allowance of up to \$1,500 for course related costs (uniforms, camps, stationery, etc). The scholarship does not cover boarding fees, and cannot be used at state or state-integrated schools. The Aspire programme was introduced this year, and over 120 students are now enrolled at private schools with an Aspire Scholarship.

Eligibility criteria

A student is eligible for a 2011 Aspire Scholarship if:

- they will be in Year 9 or 10 in 2011
- their primary caregiver(s) have a joint annual gross income of \$65,000 or less

- their primary caregiver(s) have a combined net worth of \$150,000 or less
- they, or their primary caregiver(s), are not beneficiaries of any trusts (*exceptions will be made on a case by case basis*)
- they are a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of New Zealand

Applications are now open for the **2011** school year for students who will be in **year 9** and **year 10** in 2011. To apply, email aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz if you would like the application pack emailed or posted to you. Application must be received in hardcopy at the Ministry of Education National Office by 5pm on **17 May 2010**.

IRONMEN BIBLE STUDY

Hebron Fathers Ironmen Devotional/Bible study group

With so much change, trouble and turmoil going on in the world, it's good to know that the Word of God lasts forever. The Hebron Fathers "Ironmen" devotional/bible study group will have their next meeting on 19th May, Wednesday night at 7pm. Come along and meet other Dads and be encouraged and strengthened as we emphasize being better Fathers, Husbands, Sons and Brothers. The Bible reads – "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another".

When: Evening Meeting Wednesday 7 - 9pm 19th May 2010

Where: Hebron Christian College; Rahiri Mansion (Staff Room)

Host: George Douglas george@ironmen.org.nz or 0274724663

Web: <http://www.ironmen.org.nz/>

Geoff Matthews

Principal

PETER PAN MUSICAL ATTENDANCE FORM

- Yes, our child/ren _____ will attend the Peter Pan Show
- Yes, I/We would like to attend the Peter Pan Show as an accompanying adult. No. _____
- Yes, please invoice our account for: \$ _____ (\$13.50ea for students and adults)