



# HEBRON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

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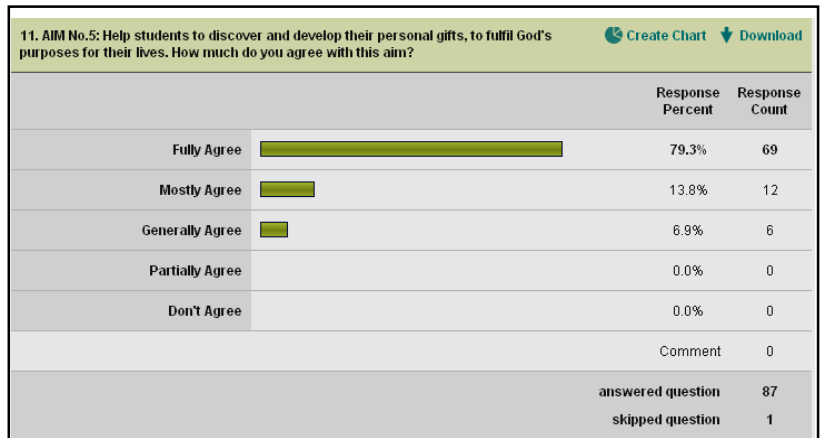
Dear Parents

I thank all the 88 Hebron families who completed the Hebron Christian College Mission Statement & Aims Survey, the results of which are attached to this email as a PDF file.

Overall, the survey shows the huge majority of the school community agrees with the Mission Statement and Aims and the way in which the school achieves these aims.

Written responses to some of the survey questions have been very insightful and I plan to discuss the implications with relevant staff and/or the School Board in order to implement some of the suggestions or modify our practices for the betterment of the school. Other statements need an explanation and I am happy to do that through this newsletter.

The aim that was not seen to be so well achieved in the school was **Aim No.8 : The School will provide quality facilities and equipment as resources permit**. Only 61% thought this was being achieved Extremely Well or Quite Well and 17% thought it was achieved Not So Well or Not Achieved at all. This is no surprise to me and the staff (and the school Board). We have all struggled to upgrade buildings, grounds and equipment **as resources permit** but often through lack of funds, dropping Government subsidies, increasing inflation and limited fundraising we have had to attend to the urgent and very needful areas of the school rather than the ideal! In saying all this however, the following has been achieved over recent years:



- Exterior renovation of the Rahiri mansion
- Building of an Astro Turf sports court
- Complete upgrade of the science laboratory
- Recent upgrade of the Fire Alarm system
- Front carpark remodelling & paving
- New Junior adventure playground
- Re-roofing of the primary block verandah
- Swimming pool heat pump & seating
- Purchase of 4 data projectors & HD screens
- Constant upgrade of school computers
- New vinyl flooring in many rooms and corridors
- Computerised telephone PABX system

An obvious answer to improving school facilities in a speedier way is to increase fees but this would cause families with lower incomes to leave the school and make Christian education more expensive for everyone. Or...get EVERYONE enthusiastically behind this year's Gala and triple the anticipated income!



**COMING UP...**

## MONDAY HOLIDAY

Monday is a public holiday as you may well know and therefore school will be closed for the day in honour of the Queen's birthday.

## WEDNESDAY - PASTORS OPEN MORNING - 9:30am-11:00am

Responses to our invitations to Pastors and Church Leaders to come to our Pastor's Open Morning on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June have been slowly dribbling in but we only have 15 confirmed attendances from:

- New Testament Church
- Ranui Pacific Island Presbyterian Church
- Auckland Chinese Methodist Church
- Shalom Celebration Centre
- St.Georges Church
- Auckland Chinese Presbyterian Church
- St.Johns Presbyterian Church
- West Harbour Christian Missionary Church
- Auckland Christian mandarin Church
- Zion Church
- Kelston Community Church
- Oratia Combined Church
- Greenlane Christian Centre
- House of Praise
- Cityside Baptist
- Mt.Albert Baptist
- Auckland Christian Assembly
- Royal Oak Baptist Church
- All saints Anglican Church
- Tongan Bible Church of NZ
- Seventh Day Baptist Church
- Mountside Lutheran Church
- Mairangi Bay Community Church
- Apostolic Church
- Auckland Bible Church
- Church of Christ (NZ)
- Auckland Bible College
- Auckland Assembly of God

**We have still not heard from Pastors and church leaders from the other 23 churches represented in our school if they are able to attend...students, parents...please endeavour to have your Pastor or someone in your church attend. We have planned a lovely programme for them a scrumptious morning tea!**

## 40 HOUR FAMINE

So far **\$1,371** has been handed in by 13 students and 1 teacher (plus a fantastic effort by Room 11 who held a bake sale and a car wash). Another **\$1,480** has been raised in online sponsorship. But we still have 100 Famine books outstanding! These need to be handed in to Mrs Finn next week. As 40 Hour Famine booklets are an official document containing tax receipts, they must be handed in whether or not the student completed the Famine, and any stray or lost books must be found.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thanks to all those families who have purchased or sold an Entertainment Book. Can all other families endeavour to buy or sell their book this weekend and either return the money or any unsold books to the school foyer early next week. Many thanks



## SPORTS RESULTS

### NETBALL

The scores of the Secondary games were as follows:

Y5 & 6            Won    v St.Dominics 9-0  
                      Won    v Cornwall Park 8-0  
Y7 & 8            Drew   St.Therese 3-3  
                      Won    Waikowhai 6-0  
Y9 and 10:        Lost    Auckland Girls Grammar No.4 4-18  
Y11-13:            Won    Epsom Girls Grammar No.12 56-0 Ouch!

### CRICKET

#### HCC vs. Tunasit Sunday 30 May

With several of our players committed to studying for exams, we fielded a team that was not quite up to strength. Batting first, one of our partnerships failed to get runs on the board while our top scoring partnership made 41 runs. We lost 16 wickets, some of them quite needlessly, on our way to making 104 runs. The opposition went on to top this with 166 runs while losing 10 wickets in the process.

May your long weekend be enjoyable and blessed.

*Geoff Matthews*

Principal